

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

Newsletter Number 5

Friday 17th October 2008

Dear Parents,

Infant and Junior School Admissions

We look forward to receiving all fully completed application forms for admission to infant school for next academic year by Thursday 23rd October and transfer to junior school in September 2009, first thing on Friday 24th October 2008.

School Photographs

The School Photographer will be with us during the morning of Tuesday 21st October (next Tuesday). If you have not already done so, please could you complete the School Photograph form, returning it to school on Monday morning at the latest. Thank you.

Parent Governor Election

Ballot papers for the election of a new Parent Governor must be returned to school by Friday 24th October please at the very latest.

Fair Processing Notice

Attached to this newsletter is a 'Fair Processing Notice' concerning the storage of personal data. I hope you find the information useful.

Farnham Firework Fiesta

Farnham Firework Fiesta will take place on Saturday 8th November. The torchlight procession starts from Farnham Central Car Park at 6.15pm, with fireworks at 7.30pm and the lighting of the bonfire at 8pm. Tickets for the fireworks and bonfire will be available to purchase at school. If we can put forward the names of two adults to act as marshals for the evening Farnham Round Table will donate 50% of the money we collect from ticket sales to the school. Do please let Mrs Stairs know if you can act as marshal for the festivities. Thank you.

Guy Competition

Thank you to all those year two children who took part in the Guy Fawkes Competition. It was extremely difficult to decide on which design should be made into a life-sized 'Guy' as our school entry for the Farnham Round Table Competition on 8th November 2008. However, after much deliberation, I am pleased to announce that Louis Lindsay in Star Class won with his design. Congratulations Louis! Your design will be made into a life-sized 'Guy' to be displayed at The Bush Hotel Courtyard on Saturday 8th November, where judging for the town 'Guy' will take place at 9.15am.

Consultation Meetings

A reminder that Consultation Meetings for parents of children in Sun Class, Star Class and Rainbow Class will take place next week. If you have not already signed up to meet your child's class teacher, there is still time. For those parents that do not regularly come into school and are therefore unable to sign the appointment sheet themselves please telephone Mrs Stairs who will be happy to arrange a convenient time for you to meet your child's class teacher.

Library Books

We would be very grateful if all families could have a very careful look for school library books that might still be at home. Approximately half of the dinosaur books, together with many story books, are currently missing which means that our children have a limited choice of books to take home. If you find a library book that was brought home some time ago (last academic year), do please give the book to Mrs Stairs. Thank you.

Literacy Workshop for Parents of Children in Year R

Just to remind parents of children in year R in both Sky Class and Rainbow Class that a Literacy Workshop will take place on Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm at school. At the Literacy Workshop you will have the opportunity to find out about speaking and listening, phonics (including Big Cat Phonics), reading and writing. There will be a pack of information for you and lots of ideas to use at home. If you have not already signed up to attend the Literacy Workshop, there is still time. Just let Mrs Stairs in the school office know that you would like to attend and she can add your name to the list.

Number Equipment for year R Children

Parents and children in year R we hope you are already enjoying using the apparatus and ideas in the plastic zipped 'number' envelope you received this week. The pack is for you to keep at home to share with your child. Little and often is the best policy!

Water Bottles

You will know that we are working very hard to maintain our Healthy Schools status. Please remember that plastic drinking bottles for the classroom may only contain water. All year R children have been issued with a water bottle kindly paid for by The Friends of Badshot Lea Village Infant School. These are to be used for water only. If your child also brings a bottle containing juice this must be left on the class lunch and juice trolley and is not to be taken into the classroom.

We have for sale new water bottle tops. If your child's water bottle top has become unusable, do please see Mrs Stairs in the office. Priced 50 pence for a new top, or £1.50 for a complete water bottle, they represent great value.

Children in Need

The annual Children in Need fund raising day is set for Friday 14th November. We will be supporting Children in Need by wearing spotty bandanas in exchange for a pound coin.

Christmas Decorations!

If you, or any member of your family, are considering having a clear-out of unwanted Christmas Decorations we can help you be environmentally green by recycling them for you! We would be very happy to accept your unwanted Christmas Decorations (baubles / greenery / character or cake decorations / plastic Christmas flowers or holly / candle rings) to use for Christmas art activities. If you can help, please send your unwanted Christmas Decorations to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Surprise Room

Just to remind you that we are very happy to accept items for the Surprise Room (where children may purchase Christmas gifts for their parents and grandparents) at any time. Another brilliant opportunity to recycle, we would be delighted to receive unused, unwanted, good quality items for the children to purchase at the Winter Bazaar. Items might include: cosmetics; bubble bath; jewellery; ornaments; vases; bags; writing paper; pens or pencils; socks; ties; photograph albums or frames; gloves; scarves; mugs; chocolate or sweets; candles; cookery books or kitchen items; aprons or oven gloves; together with car accessories including car wash and sponges. Do please help by donating your unwanted, unused items. Thank you.

Inkjet Printer Cartridge Recycling

Another opportunity to recycle! If you have used Inkjet cartridges we would be happy to recycle them for you. Please use the small green flip-lid bin outside the school office to recycle your used Inkjet cartridges. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 20 th October	Consultation Week.
Tuesday 21 st October	The School Photographer will be with us this morning.
Wednesday 22 nd October	Farnham Assembly Team to take Assembly this morning.
Thursday 23 rd October	All Infant Admission Forms for 2009 to be completed and returned to school by today.
Friday 24 th October	All Junior Admission Forms for 2009 to be completed and returned to school by today. All Parent Governor Ballot Papers to be returned to school by today. We finish for the Half Term Holiday at 3pm today.
Monday 3 rd November	We will be CLOSED for children as the staff engage in professional development and training.
Tuesday 4 th November	We return to school for the start of the second half of the Autumn Term. Literacy Workshop at 7.30pm for parents of children in year R.

Saturday 8 th November	Farnham Firework Fiesta!
Monday 10 th November	Pattern 'wow' day for all the children.
Thursday 13 th November	The Friends Shopping Night - not to be missed!
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need Day.
Tuesday 18 th November	The Friends of Badshot Lea Village Infant School A.G.M. at 8pm.
Thursday 20 th November	We will be welcoming Rev'd Carol to Assembly this morning.
Monday 24 th November	Christmas Art Club Special for all year 2 children and parents.
Saturday 29 th November	Winter Bazaar - not to be missed!
Friday 19 th December	We finish for the Christmas Holiday at 3pm today.
Monday 5 th January 2009	We return to school for the start of the Spring Term.
Friday 13 th February	We finish for the Half Term Holiday at 3pm today.
Monday 23 rd February	We return to school for the start of the second half of the Spring Term.
Friday 3 rd April	We finish for the Easter Holiday at 3pm today.
Monday 20 th April	We will be CLOSED for children as the staff engage in professional development and training.
Tuesday 21 st April	We return to school for the start of the Summer Term.
Monday 4 th May	We will be CLOSED for the Public Holiday today.
Friday 22 nd May	We finish for the Half Term Holiday at 3pm today.
Monday 1 st June	We will be CLOSED for children as the staff engage in professional development and training.
Saturday 27 th June	Farnham Carnival - not to be missed.
Saturday 4 th July	Sports and Summer Fair - not to be missed.
Tuesday 21 st July	We finish for the Summer Holiday at 3pm today.
Wednesday 22 nd July	We will be CLOSED today.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir
Headteacher