

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

Newsletter Number 1

Friday 5th September 2008

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been an enjoyable holiday despite the rather gloomy weather. It was lovely to meet everyone at the beginning of what promises to be an exciting Autumn Term and hear all the holiday news.

We look forward to lots of exciting activities for children and parents during this term. Regular newsletters will keep you informed of events - do please remember to look in your child's book bag each day for letters and other important information.

Organisation for the Academic Year 2008 / 2009

I thought you might welcome a list of classes, teachers and teaching assistants for this academic year.

Class Name	Teacher	Teaching Assistant	Year Group
Sky	Mrs Lee Mrs McMahon	Mrs Morris Mrs Casey (p/t)	Reception
Mars	Mrs Robinson	Mrs Craven	Year One
Sun	Mrs Mansfield	Mrs West	Older Year One and Younger Year Two
Star	Mrs Fisher Mrs Lever (p/t)	Mrs Cook (p/t) Mrs Cooper (p/t)	Older Year Two
Rainbow	Miss Falconer Mrs Drobig (p/t)	Mrs White Mrs Turner Mrs Kersley Mrs Lall Mrs Cottrell Mrs Hamilton (p/t)	Reception Year One Year Two
All Classes	Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Lawrence		Reception Year One Year Two

Start of the School Day

A reminder that school starts promptly at 9am, when the registers are called. Morning routine is so important to set the learning tone for the day. Once the inner gate is opened at 8.50am, children will go straight into the playground through the gate between Star Class and the car park fence. They will take with them all their belongings - we are making a huge effort to help our children become responsible for their own belongings. Once in the playground you may leave your child, as a member of staff will be on duty. When the children hear the bell they will gather up their belongings and line up ready to walk into school with a member of staff. The children will then put all their belongings away.

If the weather is poor, the children will go straight to the school hall from 8.50am. Fingers crossed for fine weather, so we can all enjoy an early morning play before school starts!

A reminder that a member of staff will have the 'going home / message' book at the inner gate each day for you to pass any 'social calendar' messages on to your child's class teacher. Please do use this facility to make sure we know who your child will be going home with at the end of the school day if it is not yourself or usual child minder.

Dinner Money

For those children having school dinners it is really important that parents inform Mrs Stairs as soon as possible please. Dinner money for the week must be paid in advance each Monday morning. Alternatively, you may wish to pay for the half term. Our school dinners are really good, with child friendly healthy options and excellent portions. I would really recommend them to you. At £1.80 each, £9.00 per week, or £66.60 until the October half term they represent great value. Dinner money may be paid by cash or cheque (made payable to Surrey County Council). Alternatively, if you have access to the Internet you may prefer to pay on-line. Please ask Mrs Stairs in the school office if you would like to use this facility.

School Uniform

It was lovely to see everyone in their smart school uniforms on our return from the summer holiday. A reminder that you can purchase uniform through the school office. Please ask for a School Uniform Order Form. Uniform will be dispatched via your child as soon as possible after receiving a completed form and full payment.

Infant and Junior School Admissions

If your child is five years old between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 you will need to apply for a school place before the end of this half term, for next academic year. In order to receive the Surrey application form, please ensure you register your child with us as soon as possible. The Surrey form and related information will then be sent to you later this month. Please tell your friends and neighbours.

Later this month, parents of children in year two will be receiving details, via pupil post, of how to apply for junior school places for next year (September 2009).

Morning Snack

A reminder that as part of the Government's Healthy Lifestyle Initiative a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable is available for your child to eat each morning at break time. We very much hope you will encourage your child to take advantage of the free fruit or vegetable each day. If your child brings a snack from home it must be fruit or vegetables - no biscuits or crisps please.

If your child brings a drink from home for morning snack, please ensure it is in a suitable container, with a leak proof lid and that it is clearly named. Children must not bring drinks in glass bottles or containers. We consider healthy drinks or water to be most appropriate.

Helpers in School

An important reminder that, should you wish to help in school, in any capacity (including helping in the classroom and going on a school visit) you will need to have successfully completed a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. If you have not already done so, and you think you may help in the future, it is extremely important that you start the process of CRB clearance as soon as possible.

It can take up to six weeks for clearance. Please contact Mrs Stairs, in the school office, for more details.

Clubs

Clubs will be starting again soon. If your child is in year one or two, and you would like to find out about the range of extra curricular activities, please watch out for further details which will be distributed shortly.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are always interested in hearing from parents who would like to become lunchtime supervisors. Becoming a lunchtime supervisor is a great way to get back to work! Do please contact Mrs Payne, in the school office, if you would like to find out more.

Dates for your Diary

A copy of the term dates for this academic year can be found on the next page.

Friday 12 th September	Garden Tidy-up with parents at 3pm - details already distributed.
Monday 29 th September	We will be taking the children to St George's Church for our Harvest Festival celebrations.
Monday 20 th October	Consultation Week - details to follow.
Tuesday 21 st October	The school photographer will be with us - details to follow.
Friday 24 th October	We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.
Monday 3 rd November	The school will be CLOSED today for children.
Tuesday 4 th November	We return to school for the second half of term.
Thursday 13 th November	Evening Shopping Event kindly arranged by the Friends - please put this date in your diary now!
Saturday 29 th November	The Winter Bazaar - please put this date in your diary now!
Friday 19 th December	We finish at 3pm for the Christmas Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir
Headteacher