

# Badshot Lea Village Infant School

## Newsletter Number 1

6<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Dear Parents, Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been an enjoyable holiday. 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 extend a warm welcome to new families joining the school and of course to Miss Holder our new teacher in Mars Class. When you have a moment do please introduce yourself to her. We all wish Miss Holder every success and happiness at Badshot Lea Village Infant School.

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 check ParentMail (if you have already signed up) and your child's Book Bag each day for letters and other important information.

### News

I am sorry to be the bearer of some bad news. Unfortunately, during the summer holiday a considerable amount of lead was taken from the school roof resulting in flooding in the hall and Sky Class, with damage to the ceiling and carpet. You will therefore see some areas of the school covered in blue plastic sheeting, whilst we wait for full repairs to be carried out.

### Organisation for the Autumn Term 2011

A list of classes, teachers and teaching assistants for this term can be found below.

Class Name	Teacher	Teaching Assistant	Year Group
Sky	Mrs Lee Mrs McMahon	Mrs Morris Mrs Wells (p/t)	Reception (EYFS)
Mars	Miss Holder	Mrs Craven Mrs Wells (p/t)	Younger Year One
Sun	Mrs Strachan	Mrs West Mrs Wells (p/t)	Older Year One and Younger Year Two
Star	Mrs Fisher	Mrs Cook (p/t) Mrs Langley (p/t) Mrs Wells (p/t)	Older Year Two
Rainbow	Miss Falconer	Mrs Kersley Mrs Lall Mrs Cooper Mrs Campbell Mrs Hamilton (p/t)	Reception (EYFS) Year One Year Two
All Classes	Mrs Lever (p/t)	Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Lawrence	Reception (EYFS) 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 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. A member of staff will be on duty in the playground, so please leave your child once they are through the playground gate. 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 their own belongings away. If the weather is poor, the children will be told by the adult on duty to go straight to their classroom from 8.50am. Fingers crossed for fine weather, and certainly better weather than today, 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.

## School Car Park

For the safety and well-being of our school community parents and carers must not drive into the school car park at the beginning or end of the school day. The only exception is if parents or carers are issued with an authorised car park pass and then only in exceptional circumstances. We recognise that the village of Badshot Lea becomes congested at the beginning and end of each school day. However, our concern is one of safety on the school site.

There were one or two dangerous instances last term in the school car park when children were being collected from after school clubs. We will carefully monitor the use of the school car park at these times and if we feel that parents and carers are not parking considerately we will have to take the decision to close the school car park to parents and carers at the end of after school clubs.

Finally, a reminder to all families. Please use the pedestrian gate on Lower Weybourne Lane at all times. Please do not walk across the school car park. Thank you.

## Scooter Park

Our Scooter Park was in a state of disrepair at the end of last term and has been dismantled. We have ordered another Scooter Park, which hopefully will be installed in the next couple of weeks. We will let the children know when the new Scooter Park is in place and ready for use.

## Trim Trail

A reminder that the Trim Trail is not to be used before or after school by any child at school, younger or older siblings or any other child on the school site.

## School Uniform

It was lovely to see everyone in their smart school uniform on our return from the summer holiday. You will be aware that we expect all our children to wear our school uniform, which can be purchased on-line via [www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com) or through school if you do not have access to the internet. As the weather is so unpredictable it is extremely important that your child brings a suitable coat to school each day. In addition, your child must have appropriate, clearly named, PE kit (red shorts, white 'T' shirt with the school logo and plimsolls) in school at all times.

## Jewellery

It would appear that a number of children have had their ears pierced during the summer holiday, so now would be a good time to remind you that for reasons of health and safety children are not allowed to wear any jewellery, including ear-rings, during PE. The Surrey County Council guidance is very clear: NO jewellery is to be worn during PE lessons. If your child has pierced ears please ensure they are not wearing ear-rings on PE days. Alternatively, if your child is able to remove and replace ear-rings by themselves, they may do so for PE lessons. However, we cannot accept any responsibility for loss of jewellery if it is worn to school and then removed for PE.

The indoor PE Timetable for this term is:

Monday: Sky and Sun  
Tuesday: Mars and Star  
Wednesday: Rainbow and Sky  
Thursday: Mars  
Friday: Star and Sun

## School Dinners

If your child would like to have school dinners do please talk to Mrs Stairs in the school office. Dinner money for the week must be paid in advance each Monday morning. Alternatively you may wish to pay for the half term. At £2 each or £10 per week they represent great value. Dinner money must be paid in cash or by 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.

If you think your child is entitled to free school dinners, please talk to Mrs Stairs in the school office in absolute confidence.

## Morning Snack

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 full 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. Classroom drinks must be water only please.

## 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 some of which will be distributed today in your child's Book Bag.

## SOS Little Build!

The Play House on the school field is in need of a bit of love and attention (a panel needs mending, staples need removing and new hooks are required). If anyone has a couple of hours to spare and is willing to help renovate the Play House please let Mrs Stairs or myself know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## 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. Please contact Mrs Stairs in the school office for more details.

## Money in School

As we deal with money for a variety of activities, events and purchases please can we ask that you always place cash and cheques in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name, class and activity, event or purchase on the front. Thank you.

## Dogs

A reminder that for reasons of health and safety dogs, other than helping dogs, are not allowed on the school site.

## No Smoking

As with all educational establishments our entire school site is designated No Smoking.

## Home School Link Worker

Just to remind you that Sue, our Home School Link Worker, is available to support you and your family in times of need. She may be contacted through school or by telephone on 07806757587. Sue is keen to hear from any families that would welcome her support and is happy to meet at school or if you prefer at home, or indeed in the community.

## Art Project

We would welcome donations of any bright, glitzy pebbles, gems, glass beads or old costume jewellery that you no longer require for an Art Project. Please send your donations to the school office. Thank you.

## Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	The Friends of Badshot Lea Welcome Meeting at 7.30pm.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	The School Photographer will be with us - details to follow.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Tea kindly hosted by The Friends - details to follow.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	We return to school today for the second half of term.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	We will be CLOSED today whilst the staff engage in professional development.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	We will be CLOSED today whilst the staff engage in professional development.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	The Friends of Badshot Lea Meeting at 7.30pm.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Shopping Night kindly hosted by The Friends - details to follow.
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Bazaar - please put this date in your diary!
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	We finish at 3pm for the Christmas Holiday.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	We return to school today for the beginning of the Spring Term.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	We return to school today for the second half of term.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July

We finish at 3pm for the Easter Holiday.

We return to school today for the beginning of the Summer Term.

We will be CLOSED today for the Public Holiday.

We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.

We will be CLOSED today whilst the staff engage in professional development.

The children return to school today for the second half of term.

Farnham Carnival.

Sports and Party in the Playground.

The children finish at 3pm for the Summer Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir

Headteacher