

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

Newsletter Number 2

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations Badshot Lea!

I am really delighted to report that we have won The Farnham in Bloom Tallest Sunflower Competition! We were up against lots of other schools in Farnham. We have also received a Highly Commended certificate for the delightful Hanging Baskets. Both certificates were presented at an Award Ceremony held at Squires Garden Centre last week. Brilliant news and many congratulations Badshot Lea!

Gardening Afternoon

A huge thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who so generously gave their time (and energy) to empty the compost bins and distribute the gloriously rich soil, prune the taller plants, tidy the Sensory Garden and weed the raised flower beds during our Gardening Afternoon last Wednesday. It was a wonderfully sunny afternoon and a huge amount was achieved. Well done! Thank you so very much for your help and support.

Autumn Term Consultation Meetings

The Autumn Term Consultation Meetings will take place directly before the half term holiday during the week beginning 17th October. Please make sure you sign up for a meeting with your child's class teacher - sign-up sheets will be available later this week, outside your child's classroom. At the meeting you will have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in their new class and ask any questions. If you are unable to come into school to make an appointment to meet your child's teacher please telephone Mrs Stairs and she will do her very best to arrange a convenient time for you. This service is only available for parents and carers who are unable to get into school to sign-up themselves. We would expect all parents to meet with their child's class teacher each term. For parents of children in Rainbow Class Miss Falconer will write to you with dates.

Bring and Buy Sale

The children are really looking forward to their Bring and Buy Sale tomorrow, during afternoon school. Donated items for the Bring and Buy Sale may be brought in to school in the morning. Please remember your child will need to bring some money with them in a named envelope or purse in order to purchase items from the Bring and Buy Sale. Items will cost 50 pence, £1, £1.50 or £2, so coins to those values would greatly help. Thank you.

School Uniform

Please, please, please can you make sure every item of school clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. With almost 150 red sweatshirts, PE tops and shorts and 300 socks and shoes to manage as well as trousers and dresses it can be very difficult reuniting children with their school clothes after changing for any physical activity, if it is not named. In addition, do please make sure your child has full PE kit in school at all times.

School Meals

If you think your child might be entitled to free school meals do please talk to Mrs Stairs in the school office in absolute confidence. Even if your child does not have school lunch it is important that we have information about eligibility for free school meals as part of our school income is based on the number of children eligible for free school meals.

If you are in receipt of:

- Child Tax Credit with an annual household income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190;
- Income Support;
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance;
- National Asylum Seekers Support Scheme;
- Guaranteed Pension Credit;
- Employment Support Allowance;

and your child does not already have free school meals please make sure you contact Mrs Stairs as soon as possible.

Swimming at All Hallows

If you would like your child to enjoy swimming lessons at All Hallows School during the half term holiday do please ask Mrs Stairs, in the school office, for further information and an application form.

Car Park

Just a reminder that unless you have authorisation parents and carers are not allowed to park in our school car park. In addition, please do not walk across the car park at any time but use the pedestrian gate on Lower Weybourne Lane. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 5 th October	Bring and Buy Sale - children to bring money in to school today to purchase items from the Bring and Buy Sale.
Monday 10 th October	We will be taking the children to St George's Church for our Harvest Festival.
Tuesday 11 th October	Year two children in Star Class and Sun Class will be visiting William Cobbett for the morning. Please make sure that all permission forms are returned to Mrs Stairs as soon as possible. Thank you.
Wednesday 12 th October	Sky Class Open Day - details to follow.
Friday 14 th October	Healthy Lifestyles Wow Day for all the children.
Monday 17 th October	Consultation Week.
Tuesday 18 th October	The school photographer will be with us for the morning - details to follow.
Wednesday 19 th October	Harvest Tea Afternoon kindly hosted by The Friends.
Friday 21 st October	We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.
Monday 31 st October	We return to school for the second half of the Autumn Term.
Friday 4 th November	Our school will be CLOSED for children whilst the staff engage in professional development.
Monday 7 th November	Our school will be CLOSED for children whilst the staff engage in professional development.
Wednesday 9 th November	Divali Wow Day for all the children.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir