

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after what I hope has been an enjoyable holiday despite the somewhat mixed 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 check ParentMail (if you have already signed up) and your child's Book Bag each day for letters and other important information.

Congratulations Badshot Lea

At the end of the summer holiday we learnt that we have successfully gained the International Schools Award. A huge thank you and well done to everyone in the school community who helped us gain such a prestigious award. Brilliant news! Well done everyone.

Organisation for the Autumn Term 2010

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 Miss Copping	Mrs Morris Mrs Cottrell (p/t)	Reception (EYFS)
Mars	Mrs Strachan	Mrs Craven Mrs Wells (p/t)	Younger Year One
Sun	Mrs Mansfield	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 Drobig (p/t)	Mrs Turner Mrs Kersley Mrs Lall Mrs Cooper 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. 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 their own 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.

School Uniform

It was lovely to see everyone in their smart school uniforms on our return from the summer holiday. 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 is:

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

School Dinners

For those children having school dinners they have enjoyed a real treat this week - excellent meals cooked by our new Chef in our lovely new kitchen. During the summer break our old 'servery' was turned into a brand new kitchen, where Chef now cooks the most fabulous meals.

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, £10 per week, or £68 from Monday 6th October until the October half term 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.

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 which will be distributed shortly.

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.

Help!

We are currently collecting: shoes boxes (preferably with lids, but that is not essential); circular plastic margarine tubs; gold or bright yellow pieces of fabric and fir cones for a variety of art activities. We would be delighted to receive any of the above. Thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 21 st September	The Friends of Badshot Lea meeting at 8pm - details to follow.
Friday 24 th September	Gardening Afternoon - details to follow.
Tuesday 28 th September	Farnham in Bloom Awards at Squires Garden Centre at 4.30pm.
Thursday 30 th September	Rev Carol will be visiting school to take assembly today.
Monday 4 th October	We will be CLOSED for children whilst the staff engage in professional development and training.
Tuesday 5 th October	Weyside Confederation Reading Workshop from 7.30pm - details to follow.
Monday 11 th October	We will be taking the children to St George's Church for our Harvest Festival Service.
Tuesday 19 th October	The School Photographer will be with us for the morning - details to follow.
Friday 22 nd October	We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.
Monday 1 st November	We return to school today for the second half of term.
Tuesday 9 th November	The Friends of Badshot Lea AGM at 8pm - details to follow.
Thursday 18 th November	Christmas Shopping Night kindly arranged by The Friends - details to follow.
Saturday 27 th November	Christmas Bazaar - please put this date in your diary!
Tuesday 21 st December	We finish at 3pm for the Christmas Holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir
Headteacher