

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations Badshot Lea

Earlier this week Mrs Mansfield, Mrs West, myself and a band of Badshot Lea Gardeners visited Squires Garden Centre in the village to attend the Farnham in Bloom Awards Ceremony. I am very pleased to report that our school was awarded: *Commended* for our delightful hanging baskets and *Silver* for the School Garden Category, with a prize of £40 worth of garden vouchers. The children were delighted to receive certificates and the vouchers from The Mayor of Farnham. Unfortunately, we missed out on first place for the girth of our pumpkin by 1cm. So, if anyone knows of a particular method of growing enormous pumpkins please let Mrs Mansfield know as soon as possible and we will try even harder next year!

Bring and Buy Sale

Next week we will be holding a Bring and Buy Sale to raise funds for Water Aid to support the relief efforts in Pakistan. Our Harvest Festival theme this year is Water and we will be thinking about all the things we use water for and how difficult it would be if we did not have access to clean water.

All the children, in turn, will be invited to visit the Bring and Buy Sale during afternoon school on Thursday 7th October. Please make sure your child brings money with them on that day sealed in a clearly named envelope or purse. Items for sale will cost 50 pence, £1, £1.50 or £2 each.

We would welcome good quality, clean, second-hand toys, games, dolls, construction kits, books or soft toys together with DVDs or CDs that your child no longer wants or requires for our Bring and Buy Sale. Items from older brothers or sisters would also be welcome. We are happy to accept donations for sale from Tuesday 5th October.

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their services for all, or part, of the Bring and Buy Sale. The more helpers we have, the easier it becomes for children to purchase items from the sale. Do please add your name to the list on the notice board outside the school office if you can spare a couple of hours to help. We hope to start setting up from shortly after 12.45pm.

Inset Day

Just a reminder that we will be CLOSED for children on Monday 4th October whilst the staff join colleagues from William Cobbett, Folly Hill and Weybourne for training. So, a long weekend just right for having a Bring and Buy Sale 'sort out'.

Halloween Extravaganza

The staff are busy organising the Halloween Extravaganza for children in years one and two. There will be lots of activities including arts and craft, face painting, games, dancing and most importantly food. If your child would like to attend please purchase your child's ticket, priced £5 each, from the school office. Money raised from this event will support the work we are doing with our link school in Nepal.

School Lunch

Thank you to all those parents who came to our school lunch taster days over the last couple of weeks. We hope you really enjoyed sitting with your child and eating one of Chef's delicious meals. You will shortly be receiving a brief questionnaire from the School Council asking about your experiences during the school lunch taster session. Do please reply to the School Council as they, and Chef, are very keen to learn your views on school lunch at Badshot Lea.

If your child currently brings a packed lunch to school and would now like to have school lunch, 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 and £10 per week they represent great value for money. 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.

Parent Governor Vacancies

You may recall I wrote to you earlier this term to let you know that we have vacancies for Parent Governors at our school. If you are considering becoming a Parent Governor and would like to find out more about the role of Governor do please contact me, or any member of the Governing Body through our Clerk Mrs Tanya Payne. Being a Parent Governor is an excellent way of supporting our school. We look forward to receiving your nomination by next Tuesday, 5th October.

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4 th October	We will be CLOSED today.
Tuesday 5 th October	Weyside Confederation Reading Workshop at 7pm at Potters Gate Primary School - details already circulated.
Wednesday 6 th October	Year 2 pupils will be visiting William Cobbett Junior School for the morning, leaving school shortly after morning register and returning in time for lunch. Extra smart school uniform please. Number Bag Workshop for parents of children in years 1 and 2 at 2.30pm.
Thursday 7 th October	Bring and Buy Sale - please remember to put your child's money in a named sealed envelope or purse.
Monday 11 th October	We will be taking the children to St George's Church for our Harvest Festival Service. Workshop for year R parents at 7.30pm in the school hall.
Wednesday 13 th October	Number Bag Workshop for parents of children in years 1 and 2 at 2.30pm.
Thursday 14 th October	WOW Day - Fun Fitness Workshops for the children.
Monday 18 th October	Workshop for year R parents at 7.30pm in the school hall.
Tuesday 19 th October	The School Photographer will be with us for the morning - details to follow. Autumn Tea kindly arranged by The Friends.
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. Autumn Term Consultation Meetings will be held this week.
Tuesday 9 th November	The Friends of Badshot Lea AGM at 8pm.
Thursday 18 th November	Christmas Shopping Night kindly arranged by The Friends - full details to follow, but do put this date in your diary.
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