

Badshot Lea Village Infant School

Newsletter Number 9

Friday 7th January 2011

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you enjoyed a festive Christmas Holiday and New Year, despite some families experiencing bouts of illness during the break. This letter is partly a 'catch up' on the activities and events of last term together with more recent news and plans for this term.

It was lovely to hear all the news when we returned to school yesterday. We welcome Mrs McMahon back to school following her maternity leave and look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

Thank You

It was very pleasing to welcome so many parents and family members to our Christmas Performances towards the end of last term. We hope you enjoyed watching the children sing, dance and act. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations at the end of each performance. A magnificent £569.57 was raised to help support Christopher's. Please pass on our very grateful thanks to members of your family who also attended the performances. Another thank you, but this time to the parents, grandparents and child-minders who organised the crèche on several occasions during performance week. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Christmas Lunch was a great success with 120 children enjoying turkey roast dinner and festive biscuit with ice-cream. Well done to Chef and his team for preparing and cooking such a tasty festive meal. Yet another thank you, but this time for all the delicious Christmas Party food. The children thoroughly enjoyed spending the day in party clothes (despite the depth of snow) and eating their party food at lunch time. I am sure you would wish to join me in saying a big thank you to all our lovely Teaching Assistants and Office Staff for arranging the tables and party food so expertly.

Thank you also for your warm wishes at Christmas and all the delightful gifts. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

Carols by Candlelight

During the evening of Sunday 19th December our School Choir performed two Christmas Carols at the Carols by Candlelight Service at St George's Church. The children were delightful, performing their Christmas Carols beautifully in front of a large congregation. Well done to all the families who braved the snow and the cold to attend the service. It really was a delightful start to the Christmas festivities.

Dairy Crest Donation

At the end of last term we were delighted to receive a very generous donation of £750 from Dairy Crest towards an interactive screen for the school hall. We hope to be in a position to purchase and install the equipment during this term. Our aim is for the screen to be used during teaching time, in assembly, at meetings and during wet playtimes. Thank you Dairy Crest!

Federation of South Farnham Junior School and The Bourne Infant School

You may have seen in The Farnham Herald that consultations are currently being held on the federation (merger) of South Farnham Junior School and The Bourne Infant School under the headship of Mr Andrew Carter. Full information about the consultation, which will last until 4th February 2011, can be found at www.surrey.gov.uk.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are always very happy to hear from parents who may be interested in becoming a Lunchtime Supervisor and currently have vacancies for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday each week. If this is something you are considering and would like to find out more please contact either Mrs Payne or Mrs Stairs in the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Severe Weather Conditions

Just a reminder: if the weather deteriorates and it becomes impossible to open the school we will make every effort to inform you through ParentMail. Alternatively, please tune in to Eagle Radio on 96.4 FM or visit their website at www.964eagle.co.uk or tune to County Sound on 1566 MW. You may wish to visit the Surrey County Council website at www.surreycc.gov.uk then select *Learning / Schools / School Closures* for up-to-date information.

If you arrive at school during severe weather conditions please make sure you check with a member of staff that the school is open, before you leave your child.

We will make every endeavour to open the school should we experience severe weather conditions, but I am sure you will appreciate we are unable to open without staff, or if we feel it would be too risky to do so.

Finally

I hope you find the list of dates over the page helpful. With Easter being late this year and the announcement of the Royal Wedding Public Holiday dates for April, May and indeed June appear quite complicated. Please keep the list of dates handy for quick reference.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Weir

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 12 th January	Year One Multi-Sports Festival at All Hallows School.
Thursday 13 th January	Dance Movement Assembly.
Saturday 15 th January	Last day to apply for an infant and junior place at school for September 2011.
Wednesday 19 th January	Drama Workshops for all children during the morning.
Thursday 17 th February	WOW Day - The Astrodome.
Friday 18 th February	We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.
Friday 28 th February	We return to school for the second half of term.
Tuesday 1 st March	Parent Consultation Meetings - details to follow.
Thursday 3 rd March	Parent Consultation Meetings - details to follow.
Friday 11 th March	We will be CLOSED whilst the staff engage in professional development and training.
Friday 25 th March	Farnham Festival - letter out yesterday for year 2 children.
Saturday 26 th March	Farnham festival - letter out yesterday for year 2 children.
Wednesday 6 th April	WOW Day - Victorian Day.
Friday 8 th April	We finish at 3pm for the Easter Holiday.
Tuesday 26 th April	We return to school for the start of the Summer Term.
Friday 29 th April	We will be CLOSED for the Public Holiday in celebration of the Royal Wedding.
Monday 2 nd May	We will be CLOSED for the Public Holiday.
Wednesday 25 th May	WOW Day - whole school visit to the Lookout Discovery Centre.
Friday 27 th May	We finish at 3pm for the half term holiday.
Monday 6 th June	We will be CLOSED whilst the staff engage in professional development and training.
Tuesday 7 th June	We will be CLOSED whilst the staff engage in professional development and training.
Wednesday 8 th June	The children return to school after the half term holiday.
Monday 13 th June	The School Photographer will be with us to take class photographs.
Tuesday 14 th June	Year R Multi-Sports Festival at All Hallows School.
Wednesday 22 nd June	WOW Day - Under the Sea.
Saturday 25 th June	Farnham Carnival - please put this date in your diary.
Monday 27 th June	Evening Induction Meeting for New Parents.
Saturday 2 nd July	Sports and Party in the Playground - please put this date in your diary.
Tuesday 5 th July	Parent Consultation Meetings - details to follow.
Thursday 7 th July	Parent Consultation Meetings - details to follow.
Thursday 21 st July	The children finish at 3pm for the Summer Holiday.
Friday 22 nd July	We will be CLOSED whilst the staff engage in professional development and training.