

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of this new academic year. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely summer holiday despite the 'not so good' weather!!! It has been a joy to welcome everyone back to school this week to a school that is looking so bright, clean and tidy. Mr. Hellend and his team have worked so hard to make the school and the school grounds look so inviting. All the teachers have provided exciting and well prepared rooms for the children. The children look so smart in their school uniform and we will encourage them to look after it. Our new Pre-School opened on Wednesday morning along with the Breakfast Club and After School Club, we welcome Mrs. Annette Milburn and Miss Kayleigh Thompson who will be working in the new unit.

A very special welcome to our new reception children, Morgan, Lucy, Grace, Dylan, Rohan, Shona, Emma, Harrison, Chloe, Kacey, Oscar, Luke, Daisy, Ralf, Ben, Millie, Samuel, Harry, Emily, Thomas, Madison, Piers, Ria, Kenzie, Paiton, Branden and Grace.

Welcome also to William, Emma, Thomas, George, Josh, Kirsty and Felicity who have also joined us further up the school. We welcome all these new children and their families to our school and hope that they will settle in quickly and enjoy being with us.

Clubs: Will be starting in week beginning the 14th September except **Gym** which will start on **Thursday 10th September**. All the clubs are listed on a separate sheet, please read this through with your child/children and decide which clubs they would like to join. Complete and return the slips stating which clubs your children wish to join as soon as possible. We expect that if children join a club they will be committed to it for at least a term. Clubs are open to children from Year 1 onwards.

Inset Training: We spent our inset training day on Tuesday looking at data, setting targets and planning for the year. Our next Inset Training day on 28th September will be led by a county literacy consultant on the subject of Talk for Writing. We will be looking at strategies to encourage children to talk in sentences and to recite traditional fairy stories as preparation for writing. This will be a joint training day with other local schools and will be followed up by two evening meetings later in the year.

Y5 Trip to Kilve: There will be a meeting next Tuesday 8th September, starting at 6 pm in Y5 classroom for the parents of children going to Kilve for their residential trip in November. At this meeting there will be a lot of information given out about the visit, the accommodation and the activities that will be undertaken. For more information about this meeting and the trip please see Mrs. Ayers.

Y6 Trip to Great Wood: There will be a meeting on Tuesday 22nd September, at 6 pm in Y6 classroom, for the parents of children going to Great Wood in October. For more information about this trip and the meeting please see Mrs. Knife.

Berrow School Association: BSA: will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 22nd September in school starting with coffee and biscuits at 7.00 pm. All parents are very welcome to attend. We will be looking for your views on how to spend the funds that have already been raised and what type of fund raising activities and social events we want to hold throughout the year.

Permission Slips: In order to cut down on some of the paper work, I have attached a separate letter asking parents to give permission for a number of different things. This permission will last for the whole of the school year.

Breakfast Club/After School Club: If you need any information about these facilities or would like to use it on an ad hoc basis please pop in and see Mrs. Milburn at any time.

Berrow Pre-School: We will be holding an official opening ceremony later on in the term, but if you would like to pop in and look around please do so and spread the word to your friends and family.

Tax Credits on Childcare: Information on help with the costs of childcare is being sent out separately, if you want more copies please contact the office.

If you would like to receive these newsletters by e mail, please send your e mail address to the office, this will save paper and ensure that it doesn't get lost on the way home!!

If you have any questions or concerns at any time please make an appointment to talk to your class teacher or me; we are all here to work in partnership with you to provide the best possible education for your children.

Heather Hector (Mrs.)
Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

BSA: AGM 22nd September 2009
Inset training day: Monday 28th September

