

# Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

## The New Beacon View

Welcome to the October edition of our school newsletter!

We have now been in the new building for almost two months and are beginning to find our rhythm; the children are settled in and early problems are now being resolved. The children have been working hard within their lessons and we are beginning to get more work up on display to show off their achievements.

We hope everybody made the most of the sessions for parents and carers to come in and have a look around. There will be other opportunities coming up if you haven't yet had the chance, so look out for these.

Thank you to all of our parents that have signed up to join the parent committee, I will be getting in contact with you soon to arrange our first project.

**Please remember that this week the children are only in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as we have teacher training during the INSETs on Thursday and Friday.**

Thank you for all of your support and positivity about the new Beacon View.

Mrs Rebecca Mitchell

Head of School

## School Opening

The system involving the children coming into school straight away in the mornings is working really well.

This half term, the school has opened early at 8:30am to allow the children to come in and get settled. Now that everyone knows where they are going, after half term we are going to go back to our usual opening time of 8:40am every morning.

**This will mean that the gates will open between 8:30 and 8:35 every morning and the school doors will open at 8:40am to allow the children to come into the building.**



## Stay in touch

The school now has an Instagram account as well as a Twitter account. Follow us on social media to get regular updates on what is going on in school.

#thenewbeaconview

*Please be aware that you need to be 13 or above to have a social media account.*

## Harvest Festival

Last week, the school held a Harvest Festival Assembly. In this assembly, Father Ian from St Michael's church came in to talk to the children about the meaning of Harvest and the children shared some art work they had created.



Unfortunately, because of the small size of our new hall, we could not invite parents in for this assembly. There will however, be class and year group assemblies that you will be invited to later in the year.

### Winter Weather

Please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school now. The rain and cold is probably here to stay and there are still some children in school who do not have a coat!

If your child has a coat that is too small for them and you no longer need it, please feel free to donate it to the school and we will make sure another family gets it.

### Applications for Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6 you must complete your Secondary Transfer application by 31st October 2019. If you are unable to access the online application system, a paper copy is available from the office (unfortunately you will need to post it to the Local Authority yourself as we no longer have an internal mail system).

### Quick Reminders:

#### Mobile Phones

The school cannot accept any responsibility for mobile phones brought onto school site so please think carefully about whether or not your child really needs one on the way to and from school. Any phones brought into school must be turned off and handed to the class teacher at the beginning of the day.

#### Water Bottles

Please remember that the children need a labelled water bottle in school with them. They will bring this home every week for a good wash and they will be able to fill it up each day with lots of lovely fresh water.

#### Bags

We are still getting some rather large bags being sent into school. Please remember that this school is much smaller than the old one. Book bags are all your children need and these have now arrived in school!

#### Phone Calls to School

We are getting lots of phone calls into the school office with messages for children. Please be aware that the office do not have time to be delivering messages to children unless it is an emergency. Any messages must be given before the start of the school day.

#### Suggestion Box

If there is anything you would like more information on, please add a note to our suggestion box in reception to let us know.

### Healthy Lunch Boxes

We have noticed that several children are having lunchboxes filled with unhealthy snacks only, such as sausage rolls, crisps, chocolate bars and cakes.

It is vitally important that the children receive a healthy lunch box even if they are not keen on this. Some good ideas for lunchboxes include: a sandwich filled with meat or cheese; some fruit or vegetables such as carrot sticks and a handful of grapes; and then a bag of crisps and a yoghurt.

If we notice your child is having repeatedly unhealthy lunchboxes, please do not be offended if we come and talk to you about healthy choices!

### Armed Forces Day

We are going to have an armed forces day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November in honour of all of the men and women who work in the armed forces now and in the past. This will fit in really nicely with Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November and with the naming of our new KS2 classes, which are named after Royal Navy ships and submarines.

On this day, the children can come dressed up as a member of the Armed Forces i.e. someone in the army, navy, air force or marines. Absolutely no weapons, (even pretend ones) are allowed in school. We trust you support that decision!

### Important Dates

This year, the Year R, 1 and 2 Nativity will be held at St Michael's Church on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

On the same day at 9:30am, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will hold a carol concert at the church. Come along to one or both and help us get into the festive spirit!



### Saying Goodbye

Before the end of half term we will be saying goodbye to three members of our team who are moving on to bigger and better things.

They are our school receptionist, Mrs Woolston. Vigilant Class' TA, Miss Saunders and our IT technician James Chapman. I know you will join us in thanking them for all of their hard work and wishing them every success in the future.