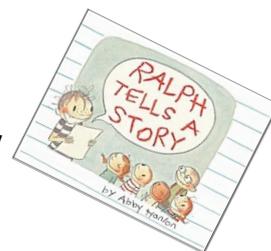


Beacon View Primary News

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy week at Beacon View. Last Friday I was able to join our Year 1 at the sand park. As I arrived I could already hear them laughing and chatting. They had a wonderful time. We are very grateful to the sand park for the work they did to ensure they were ready for our visit. This trip was planned to support Year 1's writing this week about their experience, which ties in with the book they are reading, 'Ralph tells a story'.



We also had a bumper book vending machine session on Friday, celebrating everything we love about reading at Beacon View. Whilst we have a library just around the corner from school, we wanted to be able to make books even more available to our children. This week we have opened the doors of our community library. There is now a shed near the Marsden Road gate which is full of children's books. Please feel free to borrow books from here; if you love them and want to keep them, you can—but ideally replace any book you keep with one you don't want any more. If you want to donate books that you no longer read, that are in good condition, you can. All that we ask is that everyone who uses it leaves it tidy afterwards. We will try and keep it stocked with books as much as we can.

Next week's edition of the newsletter is a chance to celebrate the things our children do outside of school. So if your child takes part in sport, if they enjoy crafting, cooking or something else and you would like to see them included in next week's newsletter please send a picture to us school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk so that we feature them. We will also be sharing things that you can do over half term free of charge. Please send us your ideas.

Have a good weekend and we will see you next week for the last week of this term.

Behaviour

We are currently reviewing our behaviour policy. As a group, all United Learning schools have a similar policy which we have adapted for Beacon View. This has been uploaded onto our website from Monday for you to have a look at. To help you, I have changed the text to green for those elements that are under review. At the back of the policy is a form that you can complete and print or email back to school. Alternatively, please feel free to catch me on the gate or book an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you.



Food vouchers over half term

Portsmouth City council have confirmed that they would like to use some of the new Household Support Fund to provide a voucher worth £15 for each child eligible for free school meals. This will be done through Edenred. We are awaiting confirmation details at the moment. If you think that your child/children might be eligible for free school meals, please pop into the office and we will check or use this link to check <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/schools/school-meals/> For every child who is eligible, the school is given additional money to support their learning in school, so this makes a difference for our children in school too.

Attendance Statistics

We aim for all children to be in school every day. Each week a certificate for the best class attendance will be given out. Last week the class with the highest attendance was

Valiant with 98.7% attendance. Well done Valiant!

Updates and reminders

Uniform update

Every day when I go into classes I can see the improvements in uniform. The children are so proud of how smart they look. Thank you for all you have done to make this happen. For those of you who are waiting for the badges they are due on Thursday 21st October and we will be having our two ironing sessions on Friday 22nd between 3 and 4pm and on the INSET day on Monday 1st November between 3 and 5pm. For each child, the first badge will be free and then additional badges will be £1. You can either iron on the badges at home or come and visit one of the sessions above to have it put on for you. There is no charge for this service. We will however, be accepting donations towards the Year 6 uniform stall as Year 6 are raising money for their end of year celebration.

Beacon View Reception Admissions

If you have children in Pre-school and want to get your application in early to join Beacon View Reception classes in September 2022 applications open on Monday 1st November and we will be having an open event after October half term.

Secondary Admission Deadline

Year 6 parents should already be aware that the application process for applying to secondary schools has already opened. You can find all the information you need here <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/schools/admissions/school-admissions-booklet/> and many of the secondary schools are holding open evenings over the next few weeks. **Please remember that the deadline for applications is Sunday 31st October 2021.**

School Lunch

Join us on Wednesday 20th October for our **Beacon View Roast Dinner Day.**

Enjoy our roast of the day with ice cream for pudding. Jacket potatoes and picnic bags will still be available.



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Reminder: To report an absence call 02392375302 option 1

Future Dates

Just want to help ensure you are ready for upcoming events.

Friday 15th

Year R Photographs (The News)

Friday 22nd October

Last day of Autumn Term 1

Monday 1st November

INSET day for staff only

Tuesday 2nd November

Children return for Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 16th November

Open Evening for Sept 2022 Starters

Wednesday 10th November

Parents evening

Monday 22nd November

School Photographs

Tuesday 30th November

Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation

Non—uniform Days

Friday 12th November

Children in Need

Thursday 16th December (Last day of Term)

Christmas Jumper day

There will be another three dates in 2022, we will update you on these in the New Year.

All term dates are on our school website which can be accessed [here](https://www.beaconviewprimary.co.uk).

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