

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

I am always excited to see how our school community comes together and this week has seen lots of different events where this has happened. The children and staff have gone all out today to raise money for Children In Need. Our community champions across the three cluster schools, BV, The Victory and Castle View hosted our first stay and play session this week in the sunflower room at Beacon View. It was lovely to see so many people joining in these sessions which will be a weekly event moving forward. Please join us on the sofa out in the community for a sofa selfie and have your say about what you would like to see being developed for the community by our schools.

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday

Sally Hodgson

Christmas plans

As we move towards Christmas, Nativity rehearsals etc. have already started. We know a number of adults are hoping to book time off to attend events in school so here are the finalised details.

Nativity (involving Year Reception, 1 and 2) will take place on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 10.15 am and 2 pm. This will be a tickets only event and we will let you have details nearer the time.

Christmas videos (involving Year 3 and 4) are already being rehearsed and will be shared with BV families across the final week of term via Facebook and over email.

Christmas Carol Service (involving Year 5 and 6) will take place at St Michaels and All Angel's church, on the green, on Wednesday 13th December at 10.30 am. This will be a tickets only event and we will let you have details nearer the time.

Winter Fayre (all years) will take place on Thursday 14th December. This will take place across the school so that we have more room this year. As for other fayres, everyone will be able to buy raffles tickets to spend at the various stalls. Classes will be making double the amount they made last year to ensure there are plenty of Christmas treats to go around.



Big Christmas Jumper Swap

As part of their work for this year, the school eco team are organising a big Christmas Jumper Swap. As usual the children are all invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on the final Wednesday of term and to support this the children are asking you to donate any Christmas jumpers that are too small for children in your house. They will look after them until the week before the Christmas jumper day and will then make them available for any children who would like a new to them jumper.



Prefects and their contributions to school life

Our pupil leadership team are building up their responsibilities in school. A group of them did an amazing job of showing prospective parents around last week and they will also be writing pieces for the newsletter.

"Its been an exciting week for the pupils at Beacon View. Our wonderful students have been working hard on showcasing their resilience this week. Our stars of the week have shown resilience particularly when it gets tough. Well done children." (Scarlett M)

All our Stars of the week are published on Facebook weekly

EYFS/KS1 Nativity

The timings of the Nativity performances this year will be 10:15am or 2:15pm. Tickets will be issued for the performance requested.



Football Muga in mornings

We know that a number of Year 5 and 6 children are going to play football at the Muga behind the community centre in the mornings. This morning they were late getting into school. Please can you ensure that you know if your child is doing this and that there is a plan for them getting to school still on time.



SPaG Monsters

This website is free to use and will give the children additional practise with all their spelling and grammar work. <https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/spag-monsters?v=parent>



There is no cost and like TTRS the children collect points which they can use to purchase different items on the website. The more they complete, the more points they get, the more they can decorate their monster.

Year R Supertato

We have been reading Supertato by Sue Hendra and the children made some super vegetables. Well done Year R.



Debutots® Imagination takes you everywhere...
"Sleigh & Play" Festive Family Fun Day
Saturday 16th December 2023
10am-3pm
Highbury Community Centre, Cosham
Christmas themed story-time, activities, and crafts!
Plus lunch from Jackets Required!

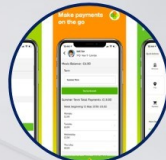
Please note: this is a family event, and at least 1 adult ticket must be included for each booking

Your chance to win!

Thank you to everyone using the Arbor App - **73%** of families so far!

We are committed to our green promise and moving away from paper communications. As part of this we are increasing the use of Arbor. Next week we will use Arbor for you to book parents evening (further notifications will be sent next week on when these open). We also plan on using the Arbor in-app messaging going forward.

We will be running a prize draw for all families signed up to the Arbor app with a chance to win a £30 shopping voucher - sign up before the 24th of November to be entered. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance with accessing the app.



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.

Congratulations to Astute Class who achieved 96.3%

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL

02392 375302

OPTION 1

Community conversations.

You may have seen us sofa surfing around Paulsgrove. We are using this to talk to people about what it is like to live in Paulsgrove and how we can all work together to develop community spirit. Come and take a sofa selfie!



How do we teach



in Year R?

Would you like more information about how we teach maths in Castle class?

Would you like some tips and ideas for helping your child at home?

On **Wednesday 29th November at 9am**, Mrs Hogan will be hosting a short maths talk at school for the **Year R parents**. She will introduce you to the maths curriculum, show you the resources we use and give you ideas for maths games to play at home.

Come and join us in the **sunflower room**, near Marsden Road. We will be providing hot drinks and will answer any questions you may have.

Mrs Hogan will also give a brief phonics update to show how phonics has moved on from the beginning of term.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Year R Coffee Morning

At the Year R breakfast, some of you said that you would like the opportunity to meet other Year R parents in a relaxed atmosphere.

Therefore, we will be hosting a Year R coffee morning on **Friday 8th December** in the Sunflower Room.



Come along, have a cuppa, and chat with other parents/carers of children in Castle class.

This is a great opportunity to get to know other parents and carers.

When: **Friday 8th December**

Time: **9am**

Where: Come to the Marsden Road gate and we will buzz you through to the Sunflower Room

**Please feel free to bring along younger siblings who aren't in school*



Lost Property

We have lots of Lost Property in the main reception already. Please please please can names be put in children's belongings. Thank you.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates for your diary

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Tuesday 21st November—Meet the Author Year 1/2/3

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November — Parents Evenings

Wednesday 6th December— Christmas Disco

Tuesday 12th December — EYFS/KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December—Year 5 and 6 Carol Service (TBC) Whole school Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 14th December 2023 – Winter Fayre

Friday 15th December 2023—End of term

Friday 22nd December 2023 – Beacon View hosts the 2nd Annual Community Christmas lunch.

Fort Points Competition

Children don't have to enter, however we hope that lots will choose to. Entries must have the child's name, class and fort on them please.



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Autumn 2 - Fort competitions

Early years and Key Stage 1 – A Christmas or winter collage



You can use any colours or medium to create an interesting Christmas or winter collage. This needs to be no bigger than A4.

Years 3 and 4 – A Christmas or winter model



Create a 3D model of an item that is linked to Christmas or winter. You could use paper mâché, clay or recycled materials.

Years 5 and 6 – A Christmas or winter scene in a shoebox



Using a shoe box, create a 3d scene that depicts Christmas or winter. You can add small models or decorate with pictures.

For both competitions, we will give prizes.

- Each entry will be awarded a fort point.
- The fort with the most entries across the school will receive an additional 100 fort points.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners within each phase will receive a prize.
- Please include your name, class and fort on your entry.

All entries need to arrive in school before Monday 4th December (please pass to Mrs Ward, in Guildhall).