

# Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

We are already at the half way mark for the school year which seems crazy and with the second half of spring and the whole summer terms to come we look forward to getting outside and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible. We wish you all a very enjoyable half term. We have been sending out information about free activities that are happening over the break so we hope this will have given you some extra ideas.

We know that there has been a couple of illnesses going around which have impacted attendance, we really hope that everyone will get better between now and the start of the new term. There are a few changes happening after half term which are in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 ready to start learning at 08.40 am.

Have a lovely break.  
Sally Hodgson

## Kindness

I am sorry to say that we have had a few children making unkind comments to other children about their weight as well as other things. Kindness is a key part of our school culture with our kindness bear being given to a child who has been nominated by their peers every week. Whilst we will be picking up on this, alongside the different values after half term, we would appreciate you talking about this with your child/ren to further support this.



## School Family Advisory Group

Thank you to the parents/carers who put themselves forward to be part of the school family advisory group. We met this week for the first time and I really appreciate their time. As we make changes in school we will meet as a group to discuss the tweaks we are making to get a parents/carers perspective, especially around the communication of changes. There is a clear remit for this group. If you would like to be part of this, please drop an email to [school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk](mailto:school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk)



## PE Days changing for GARRISON and TALENT ONLY

The new days for the above classes will be:

**Garrison**—Tuesday and Wednesday

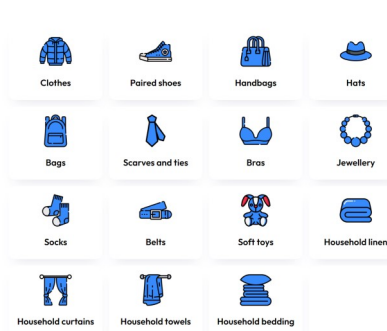
**Talent**—Monday and Thursday



## Bags2school—Collection day is Tuesday 20th



After February half term we will be doing the Bags2School Fundraiser. All children will be given a bag for putting clothing etc in. In case you are having a clear out, we thought it would be useful to share with you the things they will and won't take so you can put them into a black bag until the bags2school books arrive.



## Half Term—Free/Low cost Events

If you are looking for things to do this half term, there are lots of free or low-cost activities happening in Libraries and museums in and around Portsmouth. Check out the SLS parent newsletter sent out on Thursday and all other information is attached to this newsletter.





**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
7 MARCH 2024

# READ YOUR WAY!

UNLEASH YOUR READING SUPERPOWER...

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

This year we are celebrating **Reading for Pleasure**, encouraging children to just enjoy reading! There is **no** need to buy or make a costume - although, you can if you want to - children can just come in their comfy clothes and enjoy a range of activities to grow their love of books. This year, you can complete a piece of bunting, telling us what you enjoy reading, and how you enjoy it. Below are the books you can buy with your £1 voucher.

**RED NOSE DAY IS BACK FOR 2024!**

Friday 15 March 2024. Do Something Funny for Money.

## half term community group news

Dad's group - Monday 9-10  
 Families group - Thursday 1-2:30  
 Get Set Go - Friday 10-11:30

**are open during the half term break**

All as normal at Beacon View Primary. Please use the Marsden Road entrance. Siblings welcome.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Half Term**  
Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February

**Bags2School day**  
Monday 19th February - drop off (collected Tuesday 20th February)

**SATS Books Order Deadline**  
Friday 23rd March

**World Book Day**  
Thursday 7th March

**Comic Relief**  
Friday 15th March

**Year 5 residential**  
Wednesday 20th March—Friday 22nd March  
(Full balance due by Friday 8th March)

**INSET days**  
Thursday 28th March  
Monday 15th April

**Easter Holidays**  
Friday 29th March—16th April

GART OF The Parenting NETWORK

### Dadzclub STAY 'N' PLAY

FREE

9am till 10:30am

Monday 12th Feb

Just for dads & kids!

FUN LEARNING COMMUNITY

**Beacon View Primary School**  
Access via the Marsden Road Gate

### Attendance

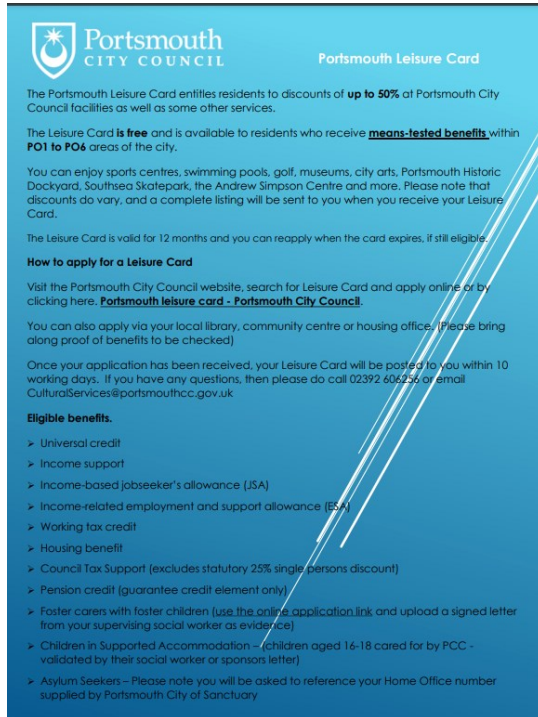
We are aware that there have been some stomach bugs and coughs etc. going around. As soon as the children are fit again, please can we get them back into school. If a child has a slight cough or cold, they can come into school. It is really important that we teach our children really good attendance as early as possible so that when they get to their working lives this is the norm for them. Thank you to everyone who is already supporting this expectation.

**Please ensure that you call the school sickness line or email us to inform of any absence before 9am.**

Thank you.

## Leisure Card

You can find the application form for applying attached with this newsletter.



**Portsmouth CITY COUNCIL** Portsmouth Leisure Card

The Portsmouth Leisure Card entitles residents to discounts of up to 50% at Portsmouth City Council facilities as well as some other services.

The Leisure Card is free and is available to residents who receive **means-tested benefits** within PO1 to PO6 areas of the city.

You can enjoy sports centres, swimming pools, golf, museums, city arts, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Southsea Skatepark, the Andrew Simpson Centre and more. Please note that discounts do vary, and a complete listing will be sent to you when you receive your Leisure Card.

The Leisure Card is valid for 12 months and you can reapply when the card expires, if still eligible.

**How to apply for a Leisure Card**

Visit the Portsmouth City Council website, search for Leisure Card and apply online or by clicking here. **Portsmouth leisure card - Portsmouth City Council.**

You can also apply via your local library, community centre or housing office. (Please bring along proof of benefits to be checked)

Once your application has been received, your Leisure Card will be posted to you within 10 working days. If you have any questions, then please do call 02392 606226 or email CulturalServices@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

**Eligible benefits.**

- > Universal credit
- > Income support
- > Income-based jobseeker's allowance (JSA)
- > Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- > Working tax credit
- > Housing benefit
- > Council Tax Support (excludes statutory 25% single persons discount)
- > Pension credit (guarantee credit element only)
- > Foster carers with foster children (use the online application link and upload a signed letter from your supervising social worker as evidence)
- > Children in Supported Accommodation - (children aged 16-18 cared for by PCC - validated by their social worker or sponsors letter)
- > Asylum Seekers - Please note you will be asked to reference your Home Office number supplied by Portsmouth City of Sanctuary

## 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 Valiant Class who achieved 95.7%**

### TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL

**02392 375302**

**OPTION 1**

## Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs for next term will go live on Arbor tonight at 6pm. The booking time will remain open until Friday 16th February.



## Behaviour Review

Following on from our parent and pupil survey, we are making some tweaks to our behaviour policy and introducing some new strategies.

We are delighted to introduce the Values Superheroes Passport ('BV Great 8'). Children will work through four different levels, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond. At the end of each level, pupils will receive a certificate and a wristband to bring home and recognition in assembly. To achieve a level, children need to show evidence of meeting the 8 UL and BV values: **Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Ambition, Creativity, Determination, Enthusiasm and Confidence.**

We really hope this will be an excellent incentive for all children to work towards and great recognition for pupils who make good choices every day.

As with any school, there can be a very small number of children whose behaviour can be disruptive. We are therefore going to be introducing the **Reset Room**. This will be a special area where pupils who are struggling can reset and complete their work so that the rest of our pupils can focus without disruption. We will continue to work with individual parents where behavior is a concern.

We will also be updating our behaviour policy. This will be available on our website for everyone to view [here](#). If you have any questions about these changes, please contact us using [school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk](mailto:school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk) or speak to a member of the leadership team on the gate in a morning.

