

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families,

This week, we welcomed children from St Paul's Primary to join us for the Little Voices singing session. The children sounded fantastic and had a good time. Please say well done to them.

Next Thursday is World Book day. We are expecting to be fully open, despite the regional strike action in other schools, so this will go ahead as planned. Please, please, please don't feel that you have to buy something. This year I will be Professor McGonagall, from Harry Potter, for the fifth year in a row – it is okay to wear the same thing as last year. The following characters wear normal clothes and could also be a good choice; Matilda, members of the Midnight Gang, the boy in Gangsta Gran, Harry and his bucket of dinosaurs, Jack and the beanstalk and any muggle or child in the holidays from Harry Potter. There is no charge or donation needed for this. Please remember the "Decorate a toilet roll as your favourite book character".

Advance warning – we will be doing Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March 2023. The children can wear anything they like, that is appropriate for school, and we will be asking for a donation on this day. At the end of the school day we will be having a cake sale in aid of the air ambulance, as they have been so lovely when they have had to land in school. If you would like to make a cake/biscuit donation, we would welcome these being brought to school from Thursday 16th March. There will be stands at both ends of the school at the end of the day with donations being taken for this.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you ready to start learning at 08.40 am on Monday.

Kind regards

Sally Hodgson
Principal

Teacher Strikes

What is happening at Beacon View?

Thursday, 2 March

All year groups will be open.

Staff are allowed to change their minds about whether they will strike or not, right up to the day of striking. Therefore, there is a small possibility that even on the strike day the situation will change. As we may need to make last minute changes to the plan, we are asking all parents to keep their eye on communications on Thursday morning.



Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day!

Please dress up as a book character and bring your favourite book in to school to share with your class

There is no need to buy a costume, be creative with what you have at home!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
2 MARCH 2023

World Book Day Competition

This year, you are challenged to decorate a **toilet roll** to look like a book character!



Future Dates

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day

Friday 17th March

Comic Relief

Wednesday 29th—31st March

Year 5 Residential

Friday 31st March

Inset Day—School Closed

Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April

Inset Day—School Closed

Sports Camp

During Half Term, Coach Ash ran our first Sports camp for Years 3&4 Monday and Tuesday, and for Years 5&6 on Wednesday and Thursday. The children were able to enjoy a range of activities, and lots of fun was had.



SEND - Did You know?

There are four broad areas of need for SEND:

Communication and Interaction

This includes autism, and speech and language difficulties.

Cognition and Learning

Where children have difficulties with literacy and numeracy or if their levels of attainment are significantly below age-related expectations. This includes specific learning difficulties, moderate learning difficulties, severe learning difficulties and profound and multiple learning difficulties.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health difficulties

Children with SEMH can display signs of this in a variety of different ways, some may be withdrawn and prefer to be alone or show signs of anxiety, whilst others may be hyperactive and find it difficult when concentrating on tasks.

Physical and/or Sensory Needs

Examples of sensory and physical needs include: hearing impairment, visual impairment, and sensory processing difficulties.

Many children and young people have difficulties that fit clearly into one of these areas; some have needs that span two or more areas.



CHANCE TO SHINE STREET



FREE GIRLS STREET CRICKET

A weekly opportunity to learn how to play cricket and make new friends!

Miltoncross Academy
Milton Road, Milton, Portsmouth, PO3 6RB

Mondays 5-6pm
Beginning Monday 6th March

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GIRLS AGED 9-15 WELCOME
ALL ABILITIES
WEAR WHAT YOU WANT
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To secure your place, please contact Sam Moss:
sam.moss@ageasbowl.com | 07384 115633



Garden Volunteer Day 4th March St Michaels and All Angels Church Paulsgrove

“Hi, me again, Louis from St M’s, Paulsgrove. I am just sending out a little reminder to let you know that on the 4th March we will be hosting our first garden open morning of the year. We would love it if you could join us in getting the garden back ready for planting some crops for



the spring and summer – even if you don’t consider yourself to be green-fingered just come along, you never know – you could learn a thing or two.

We look forward to seeing you from 10-2, there will even be coffee and doughnuts and you’ll get to meet our new priest, Father Hugo”



Learn how to become a teaching assistant in Portsmouth

If you would like to help your own children at school, come along to Teach Portsmouth's information event at Portsmouth Central Library (third floor) from 10am on Tuesday 28 February. Watch short presentations and hear inspirational accounts from support staff. If you need to gain a specific qualification or want training, local providers will be on hand to talk all things apprenticeships as well as other routes into the classroom.

There will also be an opportunity to view learning support vacancies and speak to the Teach Portsmouth team about progressing in the sector. Attend one of two sessions (10am - 11:45am) and (12pm - 2pm). Visit www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/TA and get your free ticket today!



Parents and Carers SEND Survey

Portsmouth City Council is asking for feedback from parents and carers of young people aged 0 - 25 with SEND about the services and support available in the city and would like your help. The survey can be completed online or on paper Please can you share this text via emails to parents and young people and let us know if you would like paper copies of the survey for completion with help from you. The SEND survey is open until 4pm Sunday 26 March and you can complete the survey [online](#). If parents require a paper copy we can provide this if you are unable to print copies



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 Vigilant who achieved 97.8%

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL

02392 375302

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