

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

Well, it has been an odd first week back at school and we are glad to have come through Storm Ciaran safely. Thank you for working with us through this week. This week we welcomed Vikki Gidney, who used to be Assistant Head at The Victory, to our new Cluster Community Officer role. Over the next few weeks Vikki will be out and about in the community with our listening sofa to hear what you would like to see more of in Paulsgrove. Follow our social media posts to see where we will be and when.

In the meantime, if you are having fire works this weekend, please stay safe and we will see you on Monday at 08.40 am. Have a lovely weekend.

Sally Hodgson

Attendance

Since COVID attendance in school has become even more of an issue. There is lots of evidence that show that if a child is not in school this impacts the grades they achieve and therefore the amount of money they earn in later life. We want to work with you to ensure your children are in school as much as possible. We are expected to follow up repeated absence with letters requesting medical evidence, to issue warning periods notices and ultimately fines if your child isn't in school. Whilst we don't want to do this, we are expected to use every tool we have to ensure your children are in school. For Thursday – all children will be marked as not required to be in school – so this won't impact attendance.

We know that for some parents the formality of the letters we send can appear scary, this is because there are legal elements we have to include. We would much rather work with you to support you in ensuring your child attends, so please talk to us if you have concerns. We are always happy to share your child's attendance certificate if you want to have a copy printed to see how they are doing. Shout if you need some help.



Remembrance Day

On Monday our assembly will be in relation to Armstice Day. We are already selling poppies and other Royal British Legion items in main reception for cash donations. Thank you in advance to those staff and children who will be attending the main Portsmouth Service of Remembrance and laying a wreath on behalf of Beacon View, this is much appreciated and shows our respect for all of those who have served and continue to serve.



Lunchbox food

We have been reviewing what happens in the canteen to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible. Therefore, from Monday children with packed lunches will be expected to bring as much of their lunchbox rubbish home as possible, with the exception of fruit left overs and yoghurt pots.



Coats everyday

Now that the weather has turned, please ensure that your children have coats, gloves, hats etc. (all named) as appropriate for each day. If you need support with a coat, please ask us. Thanks to donations of pre-loved coats from our school family, we have some that we are able to pass on.



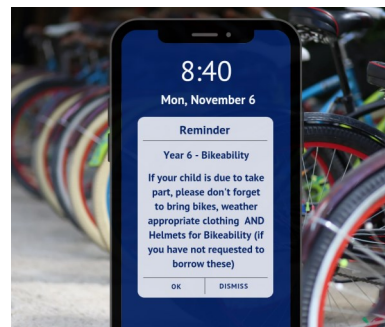
Children in Need and Odd socks day

In a couple of weeks' time we have both Odd socks day and Children in Need. On Monday 13th November the children can wear their normal school uniform with odd socks (no donation required) and then on Friday 17th November for Children in Need they can wear anything they like as long as I can't see up, down or through it. Footwear needs to be appropriate for school and all children will still need a coat, especially if the rain continues. Please make your donations for Children in Need on arrival in school.



School discos

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the school disco later in the term. We are also looking for a disco who can do us a good deal on the costs. Please email us if you can help on school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk Without some parents, we won't be able to have any refreshments.



Take a sneak peek at Beacon View Primary Academy!

We are welcoming new families to take a tour of the school this autumn.

Join us on
Monday 6th
and
Friday 10th
November 2023

at the following times:
9:00 – 10:00am
10:00 – 11:00am
11:00 – 12:00pm

You can meet our dedicated Reception team and take a tour of the school.

Please bring children along so they can see a snapshot of life at Beacon View Primary

TO BOOK A PLACE:
Call our school office on 023 9237 5302
or email: school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk

We are also holding an **OPEN EVENING** on **Thursday 9th November** 4:00 – 6:00pm
Call the school office to book



Beacon View Primary Academy
The best is everyone!

St Michael's, Hempsted Road,
from 9 until 11am
every Friday
and Saturday

PAULSGROVE BATHROOM BANK

Can't make ends meet?
Come and take six bathroom items

contact Father Hugo
on 02392 387339 and
fatherhugodeadman5@gmail.com

Like to help?

call Michelle
on 07592 122020

or Mandy
on 07983 089617



GROVERS HELPING GROVERS

FROM
FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

A Thank you from The Rowans Hospice



Receipt No: 1479887

Dear Ms Hodgson

23 October 2023

Our Living Well Centre provides a 'drop-in' service of support, therapeutic interventions and group activities for anyone affected by life-limiting illness and is dedicated to helping people from the first point of diagnosis. For those who need to stay with us for their care, our In-Patient Unit offers a haven of rest and recuperation, and for those patients wishing to remain in the comfort of their own home, our Hospice at Home nurses provide the same medical care, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our care focuses on helping people live every moment to the full for as long as that may be, in comfort and with dignity.

The Hospice has been supporting people from Portsmouth and South East Hampshire for some 29 years and your gift of £500.00 in respect of your coffee morning in celebration of Lisa Barron is so very much appreciated and will help us enormously to continue our services into the future. If you or anyone else from Beacon View Primary Academy would like to explore other ways in which you can support our fundraising efforts please do not hesitate to contact us at fundraising@rowanshospice.co.uk

Rowans Hospice provides a wonderful, caring environment for so many people, thank you for your support and belief in the work we do.

Yours sincerely

C. Milner

Carol Milner
Director of People Services & Income Generation

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 Defender Class who achieved 98.6%

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL

02392 375302

OPTION 1

Portsmouth Dockyard

Portsmouth Historic Dockyard will be offering 30% off Ultimate Explorer annual passes for people who live in SO and PO postcodes. This offer is running for a limited time only—follow this link to get the discount:

https://historicdockyard.co.uk/local-discount/?f24_pid=c4c08dd4-404f-4c3f-9d81-036852098916&utm_campaign=PHD%20L&L%202023&L%202023&utm_source=force24&utm_medium=email&utm_content=textlink



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Dates for your diary

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Monday 6th November (All week) - Year 6 Bikeability

Tuesday 7th November—Nasal Flu Spray

Thursday 9th November 2023 4pm-6pm — Open Evening for Reception places

Monday 13th November — Year 3 and 4 bedtime stories session

Wednesday 15th November — Individual school photos

Friday 17th November — Children in Need

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— Winter Fayre

Friday 15th December — End of school term and

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.



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).