

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

It has been a very busy week at school this week. It has included; children representing the school at the Remembrance Day Service in Portsmouth, odd socks day to kick start anti-bullying week, school photos, Pudsey, the Living Willow Dome being installed and the first training session for our Year 5 Peer Mediators to name a few. Again our visitors have commented on how amazing our children have been, how they have participated with enthusiasm and demonstrated our school values. Elaine and Ganesh commented that this was one of the best schools they had been to. I am so glad that the rain didn't dampen the event.

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.
Kind regards

Sally Hodgson

Might you be entitled to Free School Meals?

During December PCC will be working with the school to arrange a single £70 voucher for each FSM child. This will be the only additional payment between now and March 2023. If you think you might be eligible or want to check, please get in touch with us, complete the application online [here](#) or type "PCC free school meals" into a web search. We are here to help. We also have access to foodbank vouchers if you need them, please ask a member of staff and we can discretely organise one for you.



Childcare vouchers

We are now able to accept childcare vouchers as part/full payment for our breakfast and afterschool clubs. If you wish to use this method of payment please select Beacon View when claiming these vouchers from your provider. If you have any questions about this, please contact the office. The next element for us to sort is the online payments.



Date(s) Reminder

Wednesday 23rd November — Flu Immunisation

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th December — Parents evening

Wednesday 7th December 2:30pm — Read, Write Inc Reading Information Session

Friday 9th December (From 3:15—4:15pm) — Winter Fayre

Tuesday 13th December — Nativity afternoon and after school performance (EYFS and KS1)

Wednesday 14th December (To be confirmed) — KS2 Carol Service

Wednesday 14th December — Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December — Last day of term

Friday 16th December — Inset day

Friday 23rd December (more details to follow) — Community Christmas Lunch

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 Victorious with 94.3%

Feedback box in reception

Thank you to those parents who have popped comments into the box in reception. We hope that the new menu will address the request for more options at lunchtime. With regards online payments, we have taken the first step to this by introducing child care vouchers as a method for payment of breakfast and afterschool clubs. Training is now happening to get all of our payments online as soon as possible. When we have further information on a timeline for this I will update everyone. Thank you for your patience.



Peer Mediators

Year 5 Peer Mediators – Congratulations to those listed below who have begun their training this week with the team from Portsmouth Mediation Service. They will get their badges once they have completed this. Congratulations also to the other 14 children who also indicated an interest in becoming Peer mediators, we will keep this in mind as other opportunities come up within the school.

Year 6 – Amber K and Summer-Rose M

Year 5

Nikita McD
Clara-Mai M
Aimee W
Jack-James G
Nathan T
Tobias (TJ) H
Dylan E
Lottie-Lou L
Dolly J
Evie McG

Read Write Inc.

Read, Write Inc Reading Update

As you know the children have started to do phonics with Fred the frog, through Read, Write, Inc. And we would like to invite you into school on Wednesday 7th December to talk you through the programme and how you can help your child.

In the information session we will aim to cover:

- The structure of the phonics session
- The vocabulary we expect the children to use
- The progression and assessments
- How you can support your child at home

The meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th December 2.30pm in the afterschool club area.

As part of the programme, children bring home reading books to share their learning and progress with you. It is important that these books are returned to school every day so that they can be changed for new books and for other children to use.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of the brand-new books either lost or damaged whilst at home since the start of this year. It is essential that we replace these books so that they are ready for other children. We have sent out individual letters this week to arrange replacing these book/s. Please look at home for any outstanding books and return to school as soon as possible.

Our Willow Dome Build



Children in Need





Young Carers at Beacon View

Caring can be broken down into three types:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Taking responsibility

Who is a young carer?

Young carers are young people between the ages of 5 to 18 who care for a family member with:

- Long term illness
- Physical disability
- Learning difficulties
- Mental health condition
- Substance misuse issues

Who does a young carer help look after?

- Parent or step-parent
- Sibling(s)
- A grandparent



If you feel your child falls into any of these group the perhaps you would like your child to join our Beacon View young carers group.

Please let your class teacher know or a member of the office team and Mrs Jones will be in contact with you to give you further details.

FISHCAKE FRIDAY

EVERY FRIDAY from Nov 11th until Xmas

3.30 - 5.30pm

with a little help from the ARMY
(The Catering Department of 12 Air Defence Regiment RA)

The St M's team are cooking and giving away for FREE homemade fishcake suppers

Just come by St Michael and all Angels church and collect some rations.

AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

Parent Survey

We would like to thank all those who completed the Ofsted survey recently. United Learning would also welcome your feedback and you will be emailed a link to complete a survey

Important Information

- Neither the school or United Learning will be able to identify you or your child from your response, unless you write something in one of the free text boxes that identifies you or your child by name.
- If you have more than one child at the school, complete the survey with your eldest child in mind. You are welcome to complete the survey for each child if you would like to.
- It is possible for more than one parent/carer wishes to complete the survey for a child.
- If you have any problems completing the survey or need any help, please contact us.

The deadline for completion is **Friday 2nd December**.

Your views are important to us, and your feedback will help us understand what you value most about Beacon View and to identify areas for improvement.



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WE ARE TURNING THE CHURCH INTO A HEAT HUB

EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY THROUGHOUT THE WINTER FROM 10AM - 4PM

Our heat hub (aka Paulsgrove Lounge) is a FREE space open to all locals offering hot coffee, comfy seating, wi-fi, board games and a warm welcome, and we have some delicious after school HOT CHOCOLATE to pick up on your way home as well.

WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS

TO FIND OUT MORE OR GET INVOLVED CALL LOUIS ON M: 07468889790 OR JUST DROP BY, WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOU



Winter Fayre

We will be holding a Winter Fayre on **Friday 9th December** from 3:15 to 4:00 pm

To help make items for the fayre, we would welcome donations of:

- Ribbons
- Buttons
- Glitter
- Old Christmas cards

Please can children bring **donations** into class as from Monday **14th November**.

From **Thursday 8th December**, we would also welcome any **cake donations**

Thank you!



Lunch Time Reminder

Any drinks provided in lunch boxes should only include either plain water, milk (semi-skimmed), unsweetened fresh fruit juice, diluted fresh fruit juice, fruit or dairy based smoothies. No cans please - they can pose a safety risk.

Please can you also ensure that your child's pack lunch does not include anything containing nuts as some members of the school family have nut allergies.

