

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

Welcome to 2024. Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who joined us or volunteered at the Community Christmas meal, between us we served over 200 meals and ranged in age from a couple of months old to 96 years old. We have already put a date in the diary for this year, Monday 23rd December 2024 and hope that lots more people will be able to join us. Even Father Christmas visited complete with presents and sweets for everyone. Thank you to those who helped make it happen with donations and contacts shared including PCC, COOP Funeral Care Paulsgrove, St Michael's and All Angels church, the International Food Centre and Liz Malo who co-ordinated it all.

The New Year has brought frosty days and it is great to see children bringing scarves, hats and gloves, along with their coats to keep them warm. We will always try and get them outside to get some fresh air and enjoy the new equipment that school council chose last year which will be available next week.

Have a great weekend and stay warm.
Sally Hodgson

Railway safety

Each year too many people are killed on our railway tracks. Often these incidents start with children playing on the tracks because they don't realise how unsafe it is. We have included below links to both the KS1 and KS2 designed safety videos.

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS1 <https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS2 <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>



Celebrating birthdays at Beacon View

We really enjoy seeing the children on their birthdays, so we can all celebrate with them. If you are not able to or have forgotten, we do have birthday badges, hats and headbands they can wear for that day.

If you would like to bring in birthday treats for the class we would suggest a small bag of sweets rather than cake due to potential allergies.



Thank a School Superhero

Teach Portsmouth are collecting thank yous for people who go over and above in schools in Portsmouth to give them a special thank you. There are some postcards in main reception that you can complete and they will be returned to the team on your behalf, or alternatively you can visit their website www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/thankyou on complete an electronic version of the postcard. In June 2024 they will be sent to the school.



Opportunities for parents

Post COVID, we are really pleased to see parents/carers/adults volunteering at Beacon View again now. There are a variety of things that are already happening from leading and supporting parents groups through our community work, to supporting with the gardening project and reading with children. If this is of interest to you, please pop and see us. You can speak to Sally Hodgson on the gate and she will go through a volunteer form with you or alternatively collect one from main reception. We are currently looking for volunteers to read with children, to be Parent Governors, to support projects like the edible garden, and to be involved in our community outreach.

We are also looking for a group of parents/carers/adults to work with us when we want to consult on various things in relation to school. This group will have a clear remit around advice and suggestions. If you would like to be part of this group, please email me directly on sally.hodgson@beaconviewprimary.co.uk

Road safety



Please can we ask everyone to help with keeping our children safe at the start and end of the day. When the weather is particularly bad, like last week, we are aware that more parents than normal drive to school. We ask that you do not drive through the Cheltenham Road entrance when dropping off or picking up, this is potentially dangerous for children who are walking through and causes problems with our neighbours at the Family hub and the Schools Library Service.

Please can we ensure that we are all keeping the children safe and thinking about the traffic. In assembly this week, we shared this image as a reminder for all.

Drop off and pick up points

Please can you drop off and collect children from the following places.

At pick up we have noticed a number of parents picking up directly outside the East Stairwell doors. Please can we allow the staff to dismiss classes from their designated areas (as outlined below), this will allow the staff to safely return the children to their adult :

EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Landport

From their classrooms on the ground floor.

Valiant and Year 4

In through the East Stairwell and pick up from the playgrounds.

Year 5 and 6

In through the West Stairwell and pick up from Marsden Road

The greeting your child receives when they arrive in school is really important, therefore please don't be offended if your child is greeted first, before you on the classroom doors.

If your child is on the play equipment before school, you must supervise them. They are not supervised by the school until they walk through the doors. Please ensure you are keeping your children safe.



 We Collect

Bags2school

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, like me, you can put them into a black bag until the bags2school books arrive.



Clothes



Paired shoes



Handbags



Hats



Bags



Scarves and ties



Bras



Jewellery



Socks



Belts



Soft toys



Household linen



Household curtains



Household towels



Household bedding



Spring 1 - Fort competitions

Chinese New Year 2024 will fall on February 10th 2024, starting a year of the Dragon. The competitions this half term will be based on this.

Early years and Key Stage 1 – A dragon picture



You can use paint, crayons or collage to create a picture of a dragon. This needs to be no bigger than A4.

Years 3 and 4 – A poster for the year of the Dragon



Create a poster to inform us of Chinese New Year and the importance of the Dragon. It needs to include pictures and key information. This needs to be no bigger than A4.

Years 5 and 6 – A poster for the year in which you were born



Create a poster to inform us of the Chinese New Year for the year you were born. It needs to include pictures and key information. This needs to be no bigger than A4.

For all competitions, we will give in school 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 Friday 2nd February (please pass to Mrs Ward, in Guildhall).