

# Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

It has been a really busy week at Beacon View with Year 5 visiting the Mary Rose and a small group joining a kite taster session as part of the Formula Kite Euros, currently taking place at Eastney Beach. In addition all the after school clubs and interventions are up and running as well. It is fantastic to see the Edible Kitchen project launch this week in partnership with Hampshire Garden Trust and the Forest School provision re-start fully for this year. We are so lucky to be able to offer so many experiences to our children and continue to look at further opportunities for this school year.

Please take time to read this newsletter which has lots of ways in which we can work together to further develop our offer to families in Paulsgrove.

Please get involved where you can and pass on to family and friends.

Kind regards  
Sally Hodgson

## Welcome from Father Hugo, our new Chair of Governors

I'm absolutely delighted to become Chair of Governors at Beacon View – and really look forward to meeting as many of you as possible as soon as possible.

I've loved being the parish priest for Paulsgrove since I arrived in February – even when your children chucked wet sponges at me in the stocks at the School's Summer Fete! And I'm so excited about supporting you and the team at the School to give your children the best start in life.

Please do get in touch if there's anything I can help you with.

Father Hugo



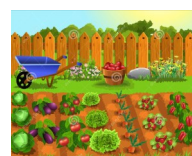
## Edible Garden

We have some wonderful photographs at the end of this newsletter of the children enjoying their first sessions in the kitchen garden. We are so grateful to Hampshire Garden Trust for supporting us. Whilst we have the essential items and a polytunnel on its way, we have created a wish list of other items that we would be grateful to receive. If you, your family or friends can help us, we have created a wish list on amazon which can be accessed here to help us, as well as a couple of non-amazon items: <https://amzn.eu/hS0JGFP>

Also: Hand rakes- 16 eg. <https://www.insportline.eu/49974/plastic-hand-rake-insportline-rastel>

Also : Suttons – e-gift cards so that the children can buy seeds etc.

If you can help, we would love you to put a note with your donation so that we can save these and create a display of all those who have supported this project. We look forward to sharing our seedlings and produce with the local community through the year.



## NHS links

Please use the two links below to keep up to date with head-lice guidance and childhood illnesses guidance.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



## Summer Reading Challenge Celebration

Just a reminder that the annual public library celebration for completers of the Summer Reading Challenge will take place on **SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, at Southsea Castle**. As well as picking up their medals, there are lots of other exciting activities planned for children and their families at this FREE event.



### Beacon View Bedtime Stories

Save the dates for story times:

Year R, 1 and 2: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 4.30-5.30pm

Years 3 and 4: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30-5.30pm

Years 5 and 6: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, 4.30-5.30pm

More information to follow

### Lego and Duplo

Do you have any Lego or Duplo at home that your children are no longer using?

If so, please can you donate this to school. We have staff who have trained in Lego therapies and we are keen to make this as productive as possible.



### The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England.



The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

#TheBigAmbition

### Benefits-related Free School Meals

As you know all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get free meals in school as part of the government commitment. If you are also eligible for free school meals due to benefits, please, please, please apply for these too. Each child who gets benefits-related free school meals bring an additional £1,455 into the school, this enables us to employ additional staff to support the children and to pay towards things like trips and experiences. Adding 15 more children to the FSM list for example, would bring enough for an additional TA. If you think you might be eligible please fill in the form on this link:



<https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/schools/school-meals/>

**TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL**

**02392 375302**

**OPTION 1**

## Rowans Hospice Star Light Walk



Rowans Hospice Charity is inviting children aged up to and including 18 years (accompanied by an adult) to take part in our popular Starlit Walk around the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on Thursday, 26 October 2023 from 17:00 hrs.

Starlit Walk is a sponsored walk of either 1.5 or 3 miles, giving attendees the opportunity to explore the iconic sights of the Dockyard by twilight, while remembering a loved one. There will also be plenty of entertainment before and during the walk, and all participants will receive a special Starlit medal when they cross the finish line.

Fancy dress is encouraged, but not essential. We would love to see you wearing bright and cheerful neon outfits to light up the paths, however, please wear whatever you are comfortable with and ensure you dress for the weather! As there will be very young walkers joining us for the event, please do not dress up in scary costumes.

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## Healthy Living Paulsgrove - Be part of the conversation

The first Community Meeting to discuss the **Healthy Living in Paulsgrove** project with residents has been organised for Tuesday 3 October, 6-8pm at St. Michael & All Angels Church. This is where we'll go through the themes we've identified so far and have more in-depth conversations with residents about what they might like to see more of in Paulsgrove, and how our working group might be able to help. We are asking residents to register their attendance through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/healthy-living-in-paulsgrove-community-meeting-tickets-709410133807>. Mrs Hodgson will be there so please come along and have your say.

## In Memory of Lisa Barron

Friday 29th September

### Non School Uniform Day

During the school day we will be having an extraordinary non-school uniform day. Wear bright and colourful clothes.

### Cake Sale

3:15pm - 4:00pm  
Cake Sale with the proceeds to be split between Rowans and Macmillan donated in her name.



In a world full of people  
be a sunflower

## School Trip—West Witternings

We would love to give families the opportunity on an Inset Day in the Summer term to visit West Wittering beach with support from the team at Beacon View. With this in mind we are currently looking to book coaches and parking at West Wittering and need to know if this is of interest. Please complete the form below if you would potentially like to bring your family—the expectation would be a maximum of 3 children per adult and adults would be responsible for the children they bring with them. BV staff would be at the beach to support with activities etc. We expect to have to make a small charge of £2 per adult and £1 per child towards the cost of the coaches.

<https://forms.office.com/e/gvMiumznWc>

### Edible Garden Photos

