

# Beacon View Primary News

Welcome to 2023. The staff are back in school and we are very much looking forward to the children returning tomorrow morning. This newsletter is a quick reminder of some of the key messages from the end of term and a chance to say a few thank yous from the end of 2022.

We can't wait to see everyone tomorrow morning.  
Kind regards

Sally Hodgson  
Principal

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## Return to school

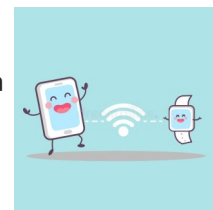
**School Starts at 8:40am** Please can I remind all adults that the school gates don't open until 08.30 am in a morning. The children should be arriving at or after this time, especially if they have permission to travel to school on their own as there is no one to supervise them prior to the school doors opening at 08.38 am. **School finishes at 3:15pm**



## Christmas Presents

We know that some children will be lucky enough to get phones and phone linked watches for Christmas this year. Please can we remind you that only those children who have forms completed to walk to school alone should need to bring a phone to school. These phones need to be switched off when they arrive at school and to be given to the class teacher for storage through the day.

Smart watches that link to phones should not be worn to school. Whilst many of these have a school mode, these do not stop the child from using them to make calls or send messages so even with these settings they are still not able to wear these to school. All classrooms in the school have a working clock at the front of the room so that children can see the time.



## Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 will begin their swimming lessons on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This week you will receive more information about this. Please ensure that your child has a swimming costume (one piece, not bikinis) and a towel ready for this.



## Year 6 pupil meetings

Over the next couple of Mondays Mrs Hodgson will be meeting with all year 6 children to discuss how we are going to get them secondary ready. For some children these meetings will be one-to-one and for others these will be in small groups. Each child will be given a "Ready for Secondary" passport in which they will give themselves specific targets to support their progress towards being secondary ready. If your child has an individual appointment and you would like to join them at their allotted time, you are welcome to do so. If you would like an appointment with your child and they are in a group appointment then please drop an email to the school account.



Over the next two short terms to Easter, Mr Bullen will be joining the year 6 team to give us some additional capacity. He will be working with a small group of students on a daily basis and will be supporting all children through interventions and releasing the other year 6 staff for interventions.

**There are no Extra Curricular Activity Clubs this week**

## Coats

With the weather very unpredictable at the moment please can you ensure your children come to school wearing a coat.



**To report an absence please call  
02392375302 Option 1**

### Lunch Time Reminder

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.

Please **do not** bring in:

- Cans - they can pose a safety risk
  - Energy drinks
  - Electrolyte drinks
  - Prime

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



### Aspirations Week

Across Portsmouth City, every year Aspirations Week is held during the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. During assembly on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January we would like to have between 4 and 6 parents/carers adults to talk briefly about their career and what they love about it, this would be for 3 – 5 minutes. After the assembly, the children would have the opportunity to hear more about your role and the journey of training you went through. We are keen to have a diverse range of roles covered. If you think you might be able to support with this between **1.30 and 3.15 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** to discuss your career, please drop us an email [school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk](mailto:school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk)



### Winter Fayre

It was fantastic to see so many members of the Beacon View school family at our winter fayre. Whilst over £500 was taken on the day, we are currently confirming the profit made which will go towards the resources for the summer fayre.

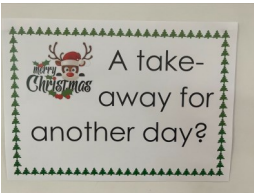
We are already beginning to plan for the Summer Fayre which will happen on the field in June/July. We are hoping to include lots of old-fashioned games like roll the penny, hook the duck etc. if you have any of these games and would be prepared to loan these to us then we would love to hear from you. There will also be an opportunity for community groups to have a stall at the event to sell things if they wish to.

More details will come out in the middle of May.



### A huge thank you

It was wonderful to welcome so many members of the local community to join us on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 for our first community Christmas lunch. I wanted to say thank you to our amazing sponsors; Caterlink, Co-op funeral care, St Michaels and All Angels, The Peace Centre Food hub and the individuals who gave money and/or their time to support the event. Thanks also to Rev. Amy and Dr Amra Bone for joining us and blessing the meal and those who attended. The feedback has been really positive for both those who volunteered and those who attended and we hope to be able to make this a yearly event so please pop Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December into your diaries for next year. If you know someone who might be interested in supporting the event financially next year, please let us know. **Thank you again to every one involved.**



**Penny Mordaunt** @PennyMord... · 2h  
Huge thank you to @BVPAcademy for hosting a free community lunch today. A great initiative which I hope will become an annual event.

