



12th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. We have had a fantastic start to 2017 with the introduction of our new topics. The children have settled in well and are fully engaged with their learning, which is great to see. To help our children progress to the best of their abilities, please continue to support your child at home by reading at least three times a week and practicing those number bonds or times tables.

I would just like to draw your attention to a few issues that are slowly becoming bad habits and it is quite often not the child's fault.

School Uniform and PE Kits: - I would like to thank you for your continued support with our uniform policy. Please could I remind you that all children should be wearing black school shoes and not coloured trainers. Every child has been provided with a free PE Kit and this should be kept in school throughout the school term. We still have a few children who have not returned or lost their kits. Please can you ensure your child has their kit in school so they are able to participate in their PE lessons with the rest of their class.

Labelling of clothing and lost property: - Please could I ask that all clothing is clearly labelled so in the event of an item being mislaid, we can very quickly return it to the correct child. At Beacon View, we encourage our children to be independent and responsible for their own property. Therefore, there may be an occasion when they 'forget' where they left their coat or hat and scarf. If this occurs, please let your class teacher or school office know as soon as possible so we can quickly locate the item and return it to the correct child. To help us with this process, it is always helpful if all clothing is clearly labelled. We do have a few unnamed coats and jumpers in lost property that are unclaimed. I would hope that all our families appreciate that we do our very best to avoid items going missing and endeavour to do our best to solve the issue as soon as possible.

Jewellery and Nail Vanish: - For the safety of your children, they should not be wearing jewellery to school. This includes necklaces, bracelets and hooped earrings. Stud earrings and watches are perfectly acceptable. Nail vanish and fake nails are not appropriate for school.

Use of Facebook: - Please could I request that if you have a personal concern regarding your child, please use the correct channels and communicate with the school first so you have the correct information. I have recently had to speak to a number of parents who have used Facebook to vent their frustrations. This is not helpful for you, your children or the school as quite often, the information you are sharing with the public is inaccurate. I will always talk to anyone to help solve or prevent an issue.

School closure due to snow: - In the unlikely event of the school closing due to heavy snow, all families will be informed by text. Please ensure that the school has your latest contact details. All children should have warm outdoor clothing to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Thankyou for your continued support.

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