

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

That is a wrap, as they say! I can't believe another year is over and apologies for the fact this is arriving in the first day of the holidays, as a team we spent yesterday training, moving and organising ready to welcome everyone back in September, but first you have the summer holidays.

It has been another successful year and together we have achieved so much. Attendance and reading outcomes have both significantly improved, EYFS continues to hit above the National Average and we have sent off to secondary a group of fantastic Year 6 children who have all achieved in their own way this year, whether that is academically, as prefects, eco warriors or digital leaders, as people, they have all made their contribution to Beacon View and we wish them well for the future.

This newsletter is a celebration of the last two weeks and also a reminder of bits for September. We will send a newsletter in the last few days of August to remind you of key information so that you have it handy for September. Thank you for all your support this year and have a safe and enjoyable Summer break, see you on Wednesday 4th September at 08.40 am via either Marsden Road or the Alleyway Gate, between Allaway Avenue and Cheltenham Road. Please remember that the Cheltenham Road entrance will be for staff cars only – please see more information within the newsletter.

Kind regards

Sally Hodgson
Principal

Attendance and Absences

From the 19th of August 2024, the new National Framework for issuing fines for absence from school will apply, please see below for more information, or visit <https://bit.ly/46cnoRz>

1 FIRST OFFENCE
£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days will result in a prosecution.*

2 SECOND OFFENCE
A 2nd notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 yrs of the first notice will be charged at:
£160 per parent per child to be paid within 28 days (there is no reduction for this)*

3 THIRD OFFENCE
A Penalty Notice will not be issued, the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines up to £2,500.**

*Unpaid Penalty Notices after 28 days will result in a prosecution
**Cases found guilty in the Magistrates Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

NEW NATIONAL THRESHOLD
(from 19 August 2024)

A penalty notice must be considered by all schools once 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week school period has been reached by a child.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absences.

The 10-week school period can span different terms or school years.

EXAMPLE FINE

2 parents taking 3 children out of school for a leave of absence in term time would incur 3 penalty notices for each parent.

S.576 Education Act 1996 defines a parent as all natural parents, not a natural parent but has parental responsibility, or has care of a child.

You do not have to live with your child or be the one taking them out of school to still receive a Penalty Notice.



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 Garrison Class who achieved 97.2%

**TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL
02392 375302 OPTION 1**

Access to school

Fingers crossed next week we will be able to begin the development of the playgrounds at the front of the school, therefore from now until a minimum of October half term we will only have two access points to the school – Marsden Road and the alleyway gate, half way between Allaway Avenue and Cheltenham Road. Cheltenham Road will be vehicle access for staff only and will be closed from 8.15 until 3.30 pm. From 08.50 am (ten to nine), the only access will be via Marsden Road gates. Anyone coming to the school will need to come to Marsden Road and use the arrow on the intercom to select Reception, then press the bell. You will then be able to talk to Reception and come past the EYFS gardens and round to main Reception. On the way out, you will have to do the same again, use the arrows to select Reception and then press the bell and then the team will let you out. Please ensure that there are no children around you when you open the gate. **Please be aware that due to OPAL taking place, there will be no access to main reception between 12 and 1 pm each day.**



Please use Marsden Road or the alleyway gate, half way between Allaway Avenue and Cheltenham Road to get into school.

Pre-school Open Morning



On Tuesday 24th September we will be opening up our pre-school for visitors. We have seen this year the massively positive impact of having a teacher within pre-school and therefore we are looking to fill the class as soon as possible to give our children the best possible start to their education at Beacon View. If you have a child who is 3 already, or know someone who has a 3 year old and would like to come to Beacon View please let them know about this opportunity.

Great 8 Bronze Awards

Congratulations to all our winners!

Year 1—Polly, Summer, Kayda, Arla

Year 2—Jesse B, Toby W, Brooklyn

Year 3—Keele-Marie, Violet C

Year 4—Demi F, Kasey, William,
Danielle RH, Florence J, Weston W,
Henry

Year 5—Tiani, Layla O, Delilah W

Year 6—Lola-Rae



Competition time

Over the holidays we are taking delivery of a badge making machine and therefore we are looking for designs for the following pupil leadership roles;

- Eco-warriors
- Digital Leaders
- PUPs (Preloved Uniform Prefects)
- Fort Captains
- School Council

Designs should be circular and on a circle with a diameter of 5 cm (they will be shrunk to 2.5 cm wide for the badges). They can be done by hand or on a computer. Entries can be brought in to Mrs Hodgson by Friday 6th September at which point we will choose a winner from each who will get a prize. Good Luck and enjoy being creative!

Meet the Teacher

On Monday 9th September between 3.20 and 4 pm, you will have the chance to visit your child/ren's classrooms and to have a look around the school building as we have tweaked again and changed some rooms usage. This means that from September we have a music/sensory circuits room, "The Talent Space" and we have an Art/DT room, "The Creative Space". The reset room has been relocated and will now be known as "The Lighthouse" and will provide a more classroom like environment. We look forward to your children being able to show you around.



Trips information for parents

We have been working hard to organise the trips for next year and have tried to secure full or partial funding for an many of them as possible. To help you plan, we are letting you know how much the trips will be and what we have planned.

From Monday 2nd September, these trips will be on Arbor, and you will be able to pay in full or in parts. For residentials, there will be a limited number of places, and these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis with both needing a non-refundable £20 deposit to secure a place. We will write to you again in the last week of August to remind you when Arbor will open for payments.

Year Group	Trip/visit 1	Trip/visit 2	Trip/visit 3	Cost
Reception	March 2025 Goodwood Farm			Total = £10
Year 1	September 2024 Trip to Hilliers Gardens	February 2025 WW2 Bus visit to school	Post box visit	Total - £10
Year 2	October 2024 Marwell Zoo	Visit from the Fire Brigade		Total = £10
Year 3	14 th - 16 th October 2024 YHA residential	Gardener Visit March 2025	Winchester Science Museum July 2025 TBC	Total = £65 (£55 FSM) (or £10 only trip)
Year 4	Winchester Science Museum Feb 2025	July 2025 Southsea Castle		Total = £10
Year 5	September 2024 Mary Rose Visit	25 th – 27 th April 2025 Sailing Residential on Isle of Wight		Total = £105 (£95 FSM) (or £10 only trip)
Year 6	October 2024 Saxon Experience at the Sustainability Centre	November 2024 D-Day Museum Visit	July 2025 Inflatables	Total = £10

All children will also be invited to the following events:

Event	Cost if applicable
Science Dome All year groups - dates to be confirmed	No cost
Christmas School Disco	£2 per child (includes squash and small snack)

School Lunch Changes

As the size of the school is decreasing we are making changes to our lunch arrangements in September – these will enable us to have more adults supporting OPAL, it will also ensure that children can take as much time as they need to eat, whilst those who eat very quickly don't have to wait for their peers. Therefore from September we will have Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 go straight into lunch from class, whilst everyone else goes out to OPAL. When children in the hall are finished and have cleared away, they will be able to put their hand up and an adult will send them out to OPAL. When there is enough space in the hall the next group of children will come in and the pattern repeats. We will be reviewing how this works across the first few weeks back in September and would love to have your feedback (including the positives). We believe this will improve lunchtimes for everyone.



Uniform

UNIFORM



We will again be having a big push on uniform in September. Based on parental feedback via the School Family Advisory Group, we have made one tweak which I have put in bold below and will hopefully keep costs down. We will be following up uniform in September and have attached a chart showing the steps for you.

- BV school uniform is a dark blue sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece, **preferably with the school logo on (stitched or ironed on)**, white polo shirt and dark grey trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Dark grey pinafore or blue and white checked dresses are also acceptable.
- Shoes should be completely black, they can be all black trainers.
- On PE days, children should wear the same sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece with a white round neck t-shirt and dark tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts (ideally with no logos).
- On PE days, any trainers are fine.
- Children can wear a simple set of stud earrings in their ears, there should be no other piercings, jewellery, fake eye lashes, nail varnish, acrylic nails or make up. Please keep this for home.
- Hair should be of a natural colour and tied back as needed.
- Children should bring a coat whenever rain is forecast, as they will still go out for OPAL at break and lunchtime as much as possible. They can bring their own wellies in as well, if they wish to.

Please can all items been labelled.

Well Done Beacon View

We are thrilled to announce that Beacon View Primary Academy has achieved the **School Games Gold Mark Award** for the 2023/24 academic year!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, that recognises schools for their commitment to fostering competition within the school and community. We are proud to have our dedication and efforts recognised with this prestigious award.

A huge round of applause to our amazing children and staff for their enthusiasm and dedication to school sports.

A heartfelt thank you to **Coach Ash** for his incredible support and leadership in making this achievement possible!

We are excited to aim for the Gold Mark again in 2025!



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**IMPORTANT
REMINDER**

Year R Learning

Reception have been following the topic called 'We are Scientists' they learned about volcanoes and used mentos mints and cola in an experiment to explore how lava erupts from them.



50 things to do before your Five

With the summer holidays fast approaching, don't forget to promote the fantastic free app and website - 50 things to do before you're five. It's packed full of no cost or low cost activities which support learning. 50 things will help to develop and expand vocabulary, give families a focus for learning and playing together and make taking part in activities around the city fun! It's not just for the under fives - the whole family can get involved!

This summer, why not try #26 'Splish, Splash, Splosh', #30 'Yummy Picnic', #48 'Natural Art', #49 'Grass Gazing' and #50 'Sea and Sand'. These could be focus experiences to share with parents over the summer holidays.

You can [download the app](#) and [view the website](#). Please share the [50 things to do before you're five flyer](#) with families.

Keep an eye on the Family Information Service social media and do share their posts with your families! You can follow them on [Facebook](#) or on [Instagram](#).

[Social media asset - Splish, Splash, Splosh](#)

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Cyber Choices webinars for parents/carers

A series of **Cyber Choices** webinars are being held for parents, looking at how we can help to safeguard young people from committing computer misuse offences, and why this needs to happen.

These sessions last around an hour, are free to attend, and previous webinars have received positive responses. They are aimed at parents/carers of a wide range of children/young people, from KS2 pupils (7-8 year olds) right up to college/university students (18+).

Each webinar covers the same material, so they need only sign up for one of them. Places can be booked via [Eventbrite](#).

Cyber Protect are also running webinars for parents and carers, with a focus on protecting children from online threats. These sessions, also free, can be booked via [Eventbrite](#)



Key Dates For School

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – INSET days – staff only

Wednesday 4th September – Everyone returns – ready to start at 08.40 am (twenty to nine)

Monday 9th September – Meet the Teacher

Thursday 19th/Friday 20th September – Year 5 Trip to Mary Rose

Tuesday 24th September – Pre-school open morning

Thursday 26th September – Year 1 Trip to Hilliers

Tuesday 1st/Wednesday 2nd October – Year 6 Trip to Sustainability Centre

Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th October – Year 3 Residential

Tuesday 15th October – Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo

Thursday 24th October – Last day of term for children

Friday 25th October – INSET day (School restarts on Monday 4th November)

Summer Community Dates

Monday 29th July @ CVA

Family Fun Day (with uniform give away)

Monday 5th August @ TVPS

Family Fun Day (with uniform giveaway)

Monday 19th August @ BV

Family fun Day (with uniform giveaway)

Parents/Carers Evenings – Advance Notice

Tuesday 3rd/Wednesday 4th December –
Autumn Term

Wednesday 19th/Thursday 20th March –
Spring Term

Wednesday 16th July –
Optional Summer Term

🎉 What a great Year 6 fest! 🎉

We hope everyone had an amazing time at the celebration, enjoying the fantastic weather and good vibes. A big thank you to everyone who made this happen. We wish Year 6 all the best for what comes next, have a great Summer. We are so proud of the young people you have become.

