

# Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families

As the summer holidays come to an end, we wanted to remind you of some of the key information before returning to school. Please read the information carefully to ensure that you have all the information you need.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to school. For some pupils who had a letter at the end of term, this will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 2pm and for everyone else this will be at 8:40am on Wednesday 4th September. We can't wait!

Enjoy the last few days of the holidays and we will see you soon. We believe that the next academic year will be the best one so far.

Kind regards  
Sally Hodgson

## Attendance and Absences

Being in school is important to children's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

There is evidence to suggest that regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. The new National Framework for issuing fines for absence from school now applies, 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.

portsmouth.gov.uk/attendance

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### Access to school

The development of the playgrounds at the front of the school have begun, therefore from now until early December 2024 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.**



### Competition time

Over the holidays we have taken 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 6<sup>th</sup> September at which point we will choose a winner for each category, who will get a prize. Good Luck and enjoy being creative!

### Meet the Teacher

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September between 3.20 and 4 pm, you will have the chance to visit your child/ren's classrooms, meet their teacher and to have a look around the school building as we have changed some rooms usage. We now have a music/sensory circuits room called "The Talent Space" and we have an Art/DT room, called "The Creative Space".

The reset room has been relocated, adapted and will now be known as "The Lighthouse". This will provide a more classroom like environment. We look forward to your children being able to show you around.



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### Trips information for parents

As we let you know at the end of term, we have been working hard to organise the trips for next year and have tried to secure full or partial funding for as 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
<b>Reception</b>	March 2025 Goodwood Farm			Total = £10
<b>Year 1</b>	September 2024 Trip to Hilliers Gardens	February 2025 WW2 Bus visit to school	Post box visit	Total - £10
<b>Year 2</b>	October 2024 Marwell Zoo	Visit from the Fire Brigade		Total = £10
<b>Year 3</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 YHA residential	Gardener Visit March 2025	Winchester Science Museum July 2025 TBC	Total = £65 (£55 FSM) (or £10 only trip)
<b>Year 4</b>	Winchester Science Museum Feb 2025	July 2025 Southsea Castle		Total = £10
<b>Year 5</b>	September 2024 Mary Rose Visit	23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 Sailing Residential on Isle of Wight		Total = £105 (£95 FSM) (or £10 only trip)
<b>Year 6</b>	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)

### Pre-school Open Morning



Calling anyone who has a 3 year old, or knows someone with a 3 year old, who would like to get them into a pre-school. We currently have spaces.

On Tuesday 24th September we will be opening up our pre-school for visitors from 10 - 11 am.

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.



## 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.

## Key Dates For School

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – INSET days – Staff only

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Everyone returns – ready to start at 08.40 am (twenty to nine)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** – Meet the Teacher 3.20 until 4 pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>/Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 5 Trip to Mary Rose

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Pre-school open morning 10 until 11 am

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 1 Trip to Hilliers

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>/Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Year 6 Trip to Sustainability Centre

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 3 Residential

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 2 Trip to Marwell Zoo

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of term for children

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET day (School restarts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November)

## Parents/Carers Evenings – Advance Notice

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>/Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Autumn Term

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – Spring Term

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Optional Summer Term

## Arriving at and leaving school

Year groups	Drop off	Pick up
Pre-school, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Via Classroom doors	Via Classroom doors
Year 3 and 4	Via East Stairwell	At the East Stairwell (Siblings can go to classes as their class comes down stairs)
Year 5	Via West Stairwell	From the hall doors on the North side of the building
Year 6	Via West Stairwell	From the West Stairwell side of the building
Year 5 and 6 siblings		Will come down with their classes and out of the building to meet family at an agreed location – this could be waiting with the teacher or walking around the outside to a siblings class

Please note that you will only be able to access the school grounds via Marsden Road and the gate half way between Allaway Avenue and Cheltenham Road.

## Price Increases from September

### **Taylor Shaw/School Dinner Price Increase**

From September Taylor Shaw have increased their lunch prices to **£2.52**

**Water Bottles** - From September water bottles will increase to **£1.50**

### **Wrap-around care**

Timings	New BV Price	Comparison
Breakfast Club from 8 until 8.35 am including breakfast	<b>£3 per child</b>	From 7.15 am - £7.25
Afterschool Club from 3.15 until 4 pm	<b>£3 per child</b>	£11.50 per child regardless of how long (includes food)
Afterschool Club from 3.15 until 5 pm and	<b>£6 per child</b>	
Afterschool Club from 3.15 until 6 pm and including tea (proposal)	<b>£9 per child</b>  <b>Must be booked a minimum of 24 hours in advance</b>	

We are looking to run afterschool club until 6 pm, as you can see above, this will be charged at £9 and will have to be booked at least 24 hours in advance. If this is something that is of interest to you, please contact us by email [school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk](mailto:school@beaconviewprimary.co.uk) to be added to the waiting list for more information.

### **Contacting wrap-around care if there is a problem after 4 pm**

If your child is attending wrap-around care and you need to contact school after the main office closes, please use the school mobile number which is **07563 605425**.

## Extra-curricular clubs for the new term

We will be putting extra-curricular clubs on Arbor in the first week back - please keep an eye out on Facebook and emails for detail on when these will open !

### **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 individual 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.



## **Choir Club@ St Michaels**



Does your child enjoy singing? Then join the new Choir Club@St Michaels, a new, friendly (and free) after school singing club (with pizza), meeting at St Michael's Church each Friday in term time from 3.30 until 4.30.

We'll even walk your child down to the church – and then you can hear what they've been learning when you pick them up!



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