



Beacon Hill Community School

Beacon Hill Community School Newsletter December 2011



Dear Parents,

The children and staff are really enjoying the school activities in the run up to Christmas. On Sunday 27th November Olivia MacKenzie, who is the youngest child in the school, switched on the village Christmas lights before we had some wonderful carol singing in the front playground. This was followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the hall. Thank you to Olivia and her family for helping to make the occasion so special.

We hope you were able to come to 'Puss In Boots' last week. The children gave us three wonderful performances and lots of our younger children took to the stage like professionals. Our thanks go to Miss Butcher for producing and directing the Christmas play.

Thank you to the PTA and the parents, children and staff who helped to run stalls at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December. It is a Fayre which is very much enjoyed by the children and it is great for them to see their parents supporting the school. Together with the money raised on Bonfire Night, the PTA with the support of parents have raised over £5000 for the children this term which is a magnificent achievement.

On Friday 9th December, the children had their Christmas lunch which is a wonderful time with a traditional lunch with crackers from the PTA, party hats and Christmas songs. The staff looked very festive in their tinsel and their singing party hats. Many thanks to Wendy and Britt, who cooked an amazing first class lunch which was enjoyed by all.

The parties start this week !!

Finally, all the staff and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th January 2012.

Best Wishes

Sue Walker

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Carol Service-Tuesday 13th December-2.00 p.m.

The Carol Service will take place at St Albans Church on Tuesday 13th December at 2.00 p.m. and our thanks go to Reverend Bodle who will lead the Service. The children from Reception class will be performing The Nativity and there will be readings from some of the older children. All parents are very welcome and children can be collected at the end of the service to be taken home. Please ensure that your child's teacher knows that you have taken them. All remaining children will return to school and can be picked up at school as normal.



MUSIC, DANCE AND SPORT

Music, Sport and Performing Arts are a real strength in the school and Year 4 and Year 5 continue to make excellent progress in their music lessons. We look forward to hearing Year 5 play their trumpets next term.

Violin Concert

As you know, all Year 4 children are learning to play the violin and on Thursday 2nd December, the children performed a concert to their parents to show the progress they had made. It was fantastic to see all the children play simple tunes after ten weeks of tuition and we look forward to continuing this wonderful opportunity again next term.

Dance Concert

The children who took part in the Streetdance Club on a Tuesday after school, performed their dance routines to their parents on Tuesday 29th November to show what they had been working on during the sessions. Fantastic rhythm, improvisation and synchronised dance routines were on display and this was very much enjoyed by the children and their parents.

Woolmer Hill Christmas Concert

Thank you to the children in the choir who performed at the Christmas Fayre. On Wednesday 14th they will be performing to the residents of Springkell and on Thursday 15th December at 7pm they will be performing at Woolmer Hill as part of a Christmas Concert celebrating music.

Inter-House Football Competition

On Friday 2nd December, Mr Paddington took the house football teams to PGL to play for the House Cup. This will be presented by Mr Grimes, our Chair of Governors, on the last day of term. Lots of extra house points were awarded for skill, good sportsmanship and good manners on the way to and from PGL; these extra points will be added onto the totals at the end of this week. Our thanks go to PGL for lending us their Sports Hall.

The result of the football tournament:

1st place- Spring with 14 points

2nd place- Winter with 8 points

3rd place- Autumn and Summer with 7 points

Swimming

The last swimming session this term, for the Year 5 children who go, is this Wednesday (14th December). Please remember to bring in your swimming costume and towel. Year 4 will be swimming next term and a letter will go out in the first week of next term.

Open Sessions

The next Open Session for parents and families to come into classrooms between 3.15 - 3.45 p.m. is on Monday 9th January 2012. These sessions are held on the first Monday of each month and give another opportunity for you to look at your children's work and talk to teachers.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Monday 14th to Friday 18th May 2012 is Year 6 SATs week and Year 3, 4 and 5 Assessment week. No holidays will be granted at this time.

GOOD REVISION WEBSITE

The BBC has a very good revision site called BBC KS2 Bitesize Revision. It is easy to use and uses a quiz format and has explanations if children do not understand. The website is www.bbc.co.uk/revisewise

School Meals

School meals are due for payment in advance and remain at £2 per day per child. A letter will be sent by ParentMail later this week with the full amount for the Spring term.

Parsons Lane

We would like to remind parents not to drive up Parsons Lane to drop their children off at Browns. Please either park in the British Legion Car Park or park in the car park behind the shops and walk through the main school playground.

Online Payment

We would like to remind parents that you are now able to pay for school trips online via the Beacon Hill School website (www.beacon-hill.surrey.sch.uk). Before half term, each child was sent home with a letter containing a unique code enabling you to set up an account for your child. If you require another letter, please contact the office. Payment online is preferred, however we are still able to receive cheques made payable to "Beacon Hill School".

Reminder about how to contact staff

The Headteacher and teachers are available in the playground on most days.

The school telephone number is 01428 605597 and there is an answering machine.

E-mail - All staff including all teachers can be contacted on info@beacon-hill.surrey.sch.uk. Teachers will receive your message through the school system and contact you.

E-mail - I can be contacted on head@beacon-hill.surrey.sch.uk





DATES FOR DIARY

December

Monday 12th	Year 2 Christmas party
Tuesday 13th	Carol Service at St Albans - 2pm
Wednesday 14th	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party
Thursday 15th	Year R and Year 1 Christmas party at Brows
Friday 16th	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party
	Term ends at 1pm

January

Wednesday 4th	Term Starts
Tuesday 24th	Peter & the Wolf—Puppeteers
Friday 27th	PTA Disco (details to follow)

February

Thursday 9th	Quizma Competition—Woolmer Hill
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Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2012—Half Term—School Closed

Inset Days - School Closed

Monday 19th December 2011
Tuesday 20th December 2011
Friday 1st June 2012
Friday 20th July 2012

Term dates for 2011/2012

All holidays are expected to be taken in school holiday time

Spring Term: Wednesday 4th January 2012 to Friday 30th March 2012
Spring Half Term - Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2012
Summer Term: Monday 16th April to Thursday 19th July 2012
Summer Half Term - Monday 4th June to Friday 8th June 2012



Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year