



Beacon Hill Primary School

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## Newsletter July 2011



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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another academic year, we would like to say thank you to our present Year 6 children who will be leaving us soon. They have contributed a fantastic amount to the school and we will miss them. Teacher assessments have recorded the great progress they have made and these will be passed on to their secondary schools together with their SATS results. We wish them well in their future careers and I hope they will stay in contact. We also have other children in other year groups moving on and we wish them and their families well in the future too. We will welcome many new families to the school in September.

We have enjoyed having five students from local secondary schools working with us this week on work experience and some of them are ex-pupils of Beacon Hill. They have said that they have enjoyed working with the children and have been amazed at all the changes that have taken place since they last saw it.

There will be several projects taking place during the Summer holiday. The school hall will be decorated and the hall floor sanded down and varnished; Year 2 classroom will be decorated and a new carpet laid and there will be lockers installed for Year 2 and Year 5 children.

On behalf of all the staff, I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 6th September at 8.45 a.m. Monday 5th September is an Inset Day.

Sue Walker

### **Open session-Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

Reports go out on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July and there is an open session for you to come into school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. If you wish to meet with the class teacher to discuss anything in your child's report during this time please arrange a time with the teacher.

### **Frank Huntingford Assembly**

This term the Certificate Assembly will be held on Tuesday 19th July at 10am. During this assembly the children will be presented with attendance certificates and Frank and Joan Huntingford certificates. Frank Huntingford was a governor at the school and in his memory the school awards certificates to three children from each class who have done well during the term. These certificates are for achievement, effort and thoughtfulness and care. At the end of the summer term one child from each class is awarded an overall certificate for their work during the whole academic year.

## Meet the Teacher- Monday 12th September 2011

The children in Reception class and Year 1 have been getting to know their new teachers from September because Miss Clark who will be in Year 1 and Miss Greenfield who will be in Year 2 are spending the week with us. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July all the children will spend an hour in their new classroom with their new teacher for September.

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September there will be a class meeting for each year group at 3.30 p.m. where the teacher will talk about the learning for the term, school visits and events as well as answer any general questions you may have. If you have a question specific to your child, please see the teachers separately after school or arrange an appointment time through the office as normal.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, there will be an Open Evening for parents and prospective parents and you are very welcome to come and look around the school, and talk to teachers.

## Security and Fire Safety

As part of our safeguarding procedures, please can all parents use the main door to enter school and sign in at the office if you wish to enter the school working area through the library. If you need to drop something off for your child, please leave it with office staff and the item will be taken to the classroom.

Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 children know they should use the children's entrance near the hall at the start and end of the day and that they should not use the main entrance door. Year 6 children enter and leave the school through the door at the back of their classroom.

Both entrances have cameras so the office staff can see who is at the door, and these procedures are in line with our Health and Safety Policy which is available for you to see in the office.

## Lockers - Year 2 and Year 5

Children in Year 2 and Year 5 will return to school in September and find they have lockers instead of pegs for their coats and PE bags. The lockers have been designed to be large enough for two children to share one locker and they have been seen in use in other schools. The lockers are not however designed for large rucksacks or bags on wheels which are too big to hang on our existing pegs and will not fit into a locker. Please can you ensure that your child has a book bag, PE bag and coat in school so all their belongings fit into their locker and we will buy lockers for other year groups over the next two years.



## **Letters, notes and payments from September 2011**

### **Year R, Year 1 and Year 2**

From September, all letters, reply slips and payments will be given to the class teacher or teaching assistant at the start or end of the day as normal. If and when parents feel their child is ready to gain some responsibility/independence, they can be given to your child to hand in to the teacher or teaching assistant. Letters, reply slips and payments should no longer be left in the office at the start of the day and this will help us to collate all the different correspondence into school more efficiently.

### **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6**

From September, all letters, reply slips and payments need to be given to the class teacher or teaching assistant by the children who are more independent and should be given the responsibility of handing in an envelope to the class teacher or teaching assistant at the start of the day. Letters should no longer be handed into the office at the start of the day and this will help us to collate all the different correspondence into school more efficiently. We will support the children who can be forgetful to gain this independence and develop an awareness of responsibility.

## **School Lunches**

Thank you to all the parents who came to lunch with the children on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and I have passed on your lovely comments to Wendy and the School Council.

From September, please can you ensure you order and pay for school lunches in advance. All meals being served in a week should have been paid for by the Friday in the week before. There should be one weeks notice of lunches booked and on a few occasions this term Wendy, our cook, has provided a lunch for some children who came to school with no packed lunch saying they were having a school lunch. Wendy orders fresh food to be delivered throughout the week to enable her to provide a delicious lunch for the children and the quantity is determined by the lunches booked and paid for in advance. If a child accidentally leaves their lunch at home or on a taxi, we will telephone to ask if you can bring in their lunch or in an emergency, provide a lunch with the cost being met by the parents.

We will continue with the Wednesday roast and Fun Friday option which is well supported where you can order lunch for these two days very week as a regular order. In the Autumn term we also have a jacket potato option. If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinner or vice versa, Wendy needs one weeks notice please so she can change her order for fresh food.

## **Allotments**

Beacon Hill Focus Group is a group of villagers, councillors and supporters who meet once a month to help support initiatives in the village. The village sign, village noticeboard and street lights are an example of work undertaken in the past. In a village meeting two years ago, many villagers spoke about the need for a second youth group for older children in the village and this has been set up (please see 'Awesome'). Requests for allotments was also raised and Beacon Hill Focus Group may be able to help if they had the names and addresses of people who would like an allotment. Please telephone the office on 01428 605597 and leave details for Sue Walker, if you know someone who would like to have one.

## **Sport**

During recent conversations, I have been made aware that some villagers and perhaps some parents do not know about all the sport that takes place at Beacon Hill. Being a small school our children get plenty of opportunities to represent the school and take part in sports clubs. All children in Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 have taken part in inter school sport this year. 30 children across KS2 have taken part in an inter school rounders tournament and 57 children from KS2 took part in athletics events in Confederation Sports. 20 children from KS1 took part in athletics events in Confederation Sports and 49 children will take part in District Sports. Children in KS2 play football, netball and cricket tournaments and matches.

We have two hours of PE and Sport in curriculum time and we have a designated Sports teacher, Mr Paddington. We have tennis coaches teaching Year 2 and Year 3 for one hour each a week on a Monday. We have a cricket coach from Grayshott Cricket Club teaching Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 for one hour each a week on a Tuesday.

Sports clubs after school enable children to increase their sport activities up to seven hours a week. This term - tennis on Monday, cricket on Tuesday, athletics on Wednesday, gymnastics on Thursday, PGL or rounders on Friday.

Our sports are football, hockey, rugby and netball in the Autumn and Spring terms and we hope to introduce basketball. In the Summer term we concentrate on cricket, tennis, rounders and athletics.

This provision is outstanding in a small school and it shows our commitment to provide the best education and opportunities for our children. It would be wonderful if you could show this to anyone who is interested in our sport provision.

### **KS1 Confederation Sport**

Well done to all the KS1 children who took part in Confederation sports on Monday this week. The children who took part in the competition showed good sportsmanship and the result was incredibly close. The children came second.

### **KS2 Confederation Sport**

Well done also to the 57 children who took part in the KS2 Confederation sports yesterday. Mr Paddington was particularly delighted that the mixed relay team involving all year groups came 1<sup>st</sup> and beat teams from much larger schools. Congratulations to the children who came third overall.

### **Cricket**

We have one more match to play in our cricket competitions which have been taking place all this term. The Year 6 team are in joint 1<sup>st</sup> place and the Year 5 team with two Year 3 children are also in joint 1<sup>st</sup> place. The final matches take place next Monday and we wish both teams plenty of runs and lots of good luck.

**'AWESOME'** Youth Night for 14-17s. Fridays 7-9pm - now every 2 weeks! St Alban's, Hindhead Music/sports/table football/games consoles/pool/films/football/DJ workshops/ activities at PGL/ archery/ bowling/ food/a place to go...

**July 8th**

**July 22nd**

**Aug 5th**

**Aug 19th**

**Sept 2nd**

**Sept 16th**

To find out more try: [stalbanshindhead.org.uk](http://stalbanshindhead.org.uk) or Facebook Richard Bodle 605 305 or Sasha Brooks 607161/07867 917982

Run by Beacon Hill Focus Group and St Alban's Church



## DATES FOR DIARY

### July

Thursday 7th	Year R trip to Blue Reef, Portsmouth
Friday 8th	District Sports, Charterhouse 1.30-4.30pm Year 6 Induction Day, Bohunt
Wednesday 13th	Summer Production 6.30pm
Thursday 14th	Summer Production 6.30pm
Friday 15th	Report to parents
Monday 18th	Year 5 & 6 Cricket Match 3.30-5.15pm
Tuesday 19th	Certificate Assembly - 10am
Wednesday 20th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 9.15am Report Summary back to class teachers
Thursday 21st	Term ends at 1pm Rounders Match Year 6 v staff

**Summer Term ends Thursday 21st July 2011 at 1pm**

### September

Monday 5th	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 6th	Term begins Autumn born Year R children start
Monday 12th	Spring born Year R children start
Monday 19th	Summer born Year R children start
Wednesday 21st	Year 6 - Junior Citizenship

### Inset Days - School Closed

Friday 22nd July 2011

Monday 5th September 2011

Monday 19th December and Tuesday 20th December 2011

Friday 1st June and Friday 20th July 2012

### Term dates for September 2011/2012

**All holidays are expected to be taken in school holiday time**

Autumn Term : Tuesday 6th September to Friday 16th December 2011

Autumn Half Term: Monday 24th to Friday 28th October 2011

Spring Term: Tuesday 3rd January 2012 to Friday 30th March 2012

Spring Half Term - Monday 13th to Friday 17th February 2012

Summer Term: Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July 2012

Summer Half Term - Monday 4th June to Friday 8th June 2012

We hope you have a wonderful Summer  
and we will see you on

Tuesday 6th September at 8.45am