



Beacon Hill Primary School

# Beacon Hill Primary School Newsletter May 2011



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Dear Parents

On behalf of Mr Crew, Mrs O'Byrne and myself, I would like to say thank you to all the Year 5 children who had a great week at PGL Osmington Bay in Dorset last week. The residential visit consolidates the learning in Year 5 with field studies and the children found many fossils on the fossil hunt, lots of creatures when studying the rock pools and the crab that got away gets larger every time the story is told. It certainly climbed out of the net!!! The children were complimented by the PGL team and the coach driver for their politeness and behaviour and were a delight to take away.

Best Wishes

Sue Walker

## Open Sessions

The next Open Session for parents and families to come into classrooms between 3.15 - 3.45 p.m. is on Monday 6th June 2011. These sessions are usually 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.

## Isle of Wight

Well done to all the Year 6 children who have worked so hard and done their best when they completed the SATS papers this week. The results will be available in July.

Next week the Year 6 children go to the Isle of Wight for the week and are consolidating their learning across the curriculum. It is an action packed week and Miss Butcher, Mrs Collman and Mr Crew are taking the children to Carisbrooke Castle, Amazon World, Alum Bay, Blackgang Chine and Osborne House to name a few of the activities..

## Art Competitions

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes were won by three children from Beacon Hill in the Owl Ice Cream Competition.

Congratulations to Sam Hockley. who won first prize, Elliot Woodward who came second and Harry Stokes who came third. All three children have collected their prizes and had their photograph taken by the Haslemere Herald.



### Can you help?



Thank you to the parents who have offered their help in the Library. We would like to have a Librarian every afternoon to support the reading and changing of Library books. If you have two hours to spare for one afternoon a week from 1.00-3.00 p.m, please can you telephone the office or contact Mrs Miller.

### Family Assemblies

There will be four Family Assemblies this term from Years R, 1, 2. These will start at 9.15 a.m.

Year R—Thursday 30th June 2011

Year 1—Thursday 16th June 2011

Year 2—Thursday 7th July 2011

Year 6 Leavers Assembly— Wednesday 21st July 2011 at 9.15am.

All parents and family are welcome to visit classrooms after the Assembly.

### Sainsburys Vouchers and Tesco Vouchers

Thank you for all the vouchers which are being brought into school. We are looking to use them to replace the gymnastics mats in the hall. Please continue to bring Sainsbury's vouchers into school, as the closing date is 31st May 2011. Tesco closing date was 8th May and we have received 9280 vouchers. Thank you.

### Life Education Bus

The Life Education Bus will be visiting Beacon Hill School on 23rd & 24th May. It provides a series of age appropriate health educational programmes designed to encourage children to take a positive attitude towards health.

Themes include:

Year R - All About Me

Year 1 - My Wonderful Body

Year 2 - Feelings

Year 3 - Meet the Brain

Year 4 - It's Great to be me

Year 5 - Friends

Year 6 - Decisions

It's great fun, and we have been told that Harold the Giraffe can't wait to meet all his friends again!

### Summer Term

The weather was exceptionally hot in April and hopefully the good weather will continue.

**Water bottles** - please can you ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school.

There is drinking water in every classroom so they can be topped up during the day.

**Shade** - There is plenty of shade on our field, but please provide your child with a hat and suntan cream if you think they need it.

**Sport**

The school is continuing to expand the sporting opportunities for the children. We are using the expertise of several sports coaches again this term. Mr Paddington who is our sports teacher and coach with many qualifications continues to take all classes for one hour PE each week as well as Athletics and Rounders Club. On Monday Tennis Together are taking Year 2 and Year 3 for one hour of tennis in the afternoon during their curriculum PE time.

We are also delighted to be part of a cricket coaching scheme organised by Grayshott Cricket Club and every Tuesday Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 receive one hour of cricket coaching from Grayshott cricket coaches and they also run the cricket club after school on a Tuesday. We have many cricket tournaments booked on a Monday night and this week the Year 6 team won convincingly and the Year 5 team which includes some talented players from Year 3 lost by 2 runs. Thank you to all the parents who are driving the teams to the venues and supporting them.

**Sports Day**

Sports Day is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June with a reserve date of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. KS1 Sports is in the morning on the field and starts at 11.00 a.m. with KS2 children watching and KS2 Sports starts at 1.30 p.m. with KS1 children watching so brothers and sisters can see each others races.

Whether you are coming to KS1 or KS2 or both, all parents, family and friends are invited to have lunch with the children on the field during the lunchtime break from 12.15 - 1.15 p.m. We will be finished by 3.15 p.m.

**Communication**

A letter will be coming out next week with some of the findings from the parent and children questionnaires that were completed and analysed for us by a company called NFER. Most parents were happy with the communication in the school but there a few parents who would like better/ more communication. The questionnaires were anonymous so we do not know who to talk to in order to improve communication for these parents.

We are therefore going to hold class communication meetings every half term where any parent can pop in for a class meeting with me and to talk about things that are good and have made a difference and also ways to improve what is being offered for each year group. It will not have an agenda so anything will be open for discussion.

The first meetings will be held on the following days this term and during this meeting we can change the day and times for the following meetings if needed:

- Year 5 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 a.m.
- Year 6 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 a.m.
- Reception Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 p.m.
- Year 1 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 p.m.
- Year 3 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9.00 a.m.
- Year 2 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 p.m.
- Year 4 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 p.m.

If parents are unable to come at the times above and would like to make a suggestion to add to the discussion, please write it down and place it in an envelope and put it in the suggestion box in the office. Please sign it too so we can talk to you about your idea or suggestion. Thank you.

**DATES FOR DIARY**

**MAY**

- Monday 9th - Friday 13th Year 6 SATs and School Assessments
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th Year 6 Residential - Isle of Wight
- Monday 23rd Life Education Bus
- Monday 23rd Cricket match Yrs 5 and 6
- Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th - Year 6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 24th Life Education Bus

**Friday 27th May - Inset Day - School Closed**  
**Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2011 - Half Term**

**JUNE**

- Monday 6th Full Governors Meeting
- Wednesday 8th Year 2 rugby festival
- Thursday 9th Induction Afternoon for new Reception Children
- Friday 10th Induction Afternoon for new Reception Children
- Monday 13th Cricket match - Yrs 5 and 6
- Wednesday 15th Year 2 trip to Wisley
- Friday 17th Year 4 trip to Haslemere Museum
- Monday 20th Class Photographs - Stanley Baker Studios Ltd
- Monday 20th June Skipping Workshop
- Tuesday 21st am - KS1 Sports Day  
pm - KS2 Sports Day
- Thursday 23rd Kwik Cricket Tournament
- Thursday 23rd Year 6 trip to Albury Estates
- Thursday 23rd Teddy Bears' Picnic for new Reception children & Yr 5 children
- Saturday 25th Summer Fayre - 12.30 - 3.30 pm
- Monday 27th Rounders Festival, Woolmer Hill School
- Monday 27th Cricket match - Yrs 5 and 6
- Tuesday 28th Induction Evening for new Reception
- Wednesday 29th Induction Day year 6 - Woolmer Hill School
- Thursday 30th Year 1 trip to Lookout Centre, Bracknell

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

**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 : Monday 5th September to Tuesday 19th 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

