



Beacon Hill Primary School

Beacon Hill Primary School Newsletter October 2011



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Dear Parents,

Due to the recent warm weather, the children are still enjoying being able to play on the field and in the woods during breaktimes, and using the outside learning environment for some lessons. It is sometimes easy to forget that our children have such wonderful facilities and opportunities. I hear many enthusiastic and very positive comments about the children and the school from the prospective parents I show around and it always a lovely reminder of how much the school provides in terms of excellence and enjoyment.

I would like to thank the teachers for continuing to provide clubs in their own time again this year for the children and we will continue to try to increase the variety of clubs, including outside providers, to link in with their interests. Street Dance is very successful this term and the routine the children are working on is starting to look very polished. I hope all parents now recognise and know about the amount of PE/ sport opportunities that are on offer at Beacon Hill. The quality and provision is far greater than most schools in Surrey, and being a small school our children get more opportunity to be involved in competitive sport. on a more regular basis. With the two hours of curriculum PE, and extra curricular clubs, we are very proud to say that our children are offered 7 hours of sport every week plus matches and tournaments which is a fantastic achievement.

Music in the school is a real strength and the Year 4 children and the Year 5 children can be seen carrying their violins and trumpets home after their Music lesson every Thursday. It has inspired many children to enjoy learning something new. The Harvest Service at St Albans church was also wonderful with poems, a story and songs that resonated around the church. Our thanks to Reverend Bodle for leading a very enjoyable celebration of Harvest.

Finally, I would like to thank the many parents who are coming into school during the day to support the learning in classes and becoming more involved with the school. The parent/child progress evenings will be held just before half term and we hope that you and your child will come together to talk about their work and the targets set for them. The class teachers will ensure that you receive a copy of the notes taken at the progress meeting which will help provide a good home school liaison regarding progress.

We look forward to a very busy and happy term.

Best Wishes

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PTA

The PTA committee members are very busy organising the Firework display on 5th November and the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December. Thank you to all the parents who have already offered help- when everybody supports the PTA by offering something, be it a prize, or an hour of their time running a stall, each event is always guaranteed to be a great success. Children do love to see their parents involved with their school too so please look for the PTA flyers or e-mail beaconhillpta@hotmail.co.uk. All the money raised is spent on your children.

GEOGRAPHY MARK

The school has been awarded the Bronze Geography Mark and we would like to thank Mrs Bowerman who worked with a team of teachers to achieve this last term. We will continue to develop and improve our History and Geography provision under the guidance of Mr Cole, and ensure the learning is relevant and the knowledge gained is linked to enable the children to develop their skills.

BOOKTIME 2011

Booktime 2011 book packs will soon be on their way! Booktime is the national free books programme for reception-aged children and delivers a free book pack for every child aged 4-5 years to share and enjoy with their family and friends. Booktime is back this autumn with Why Elephant has a Trunk, part of the Tinga Tinga Tales series created by Claudia Lloyd and Face Painting by Monica Hughes

The school has also been chosen to be one of 150 primary schools to be part of the evaluation of this project and this will be led by Miss Hill and her team in Reception. The parents of reception children will be invited to complete two surveys about their reading attitudes and behaviours, one in November and one in February/March and more information will be given nearer the time.

COMPLETE A QUESTIONNAIRE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL

We are continually striving to improve the school and every year at this time we ask for your views. We know that we have more parents involved in the life of the school each day hearing readers and supporting other areas of the curriculum. We have been told that Parentmail is working well and that together with the communication meetings each half term, the suggestion box, meeting the teacher sessions, Open sessions each month and the daily availability of the staff, many parents feel that there is now good communication between home and school. It is common practice for an Ofsted team to quote some positive comments from parents about the children and the learning in the school and to help us with this we are asking you to complete a questionnaire and return it to school by Friday 21st October. There is a questionnaire for every parent who has a child in the school, so we look forward to your valuable feedback which we can use to move the school forward.

THE WORLD OF WORK

We would like our children to have to opportunity to find out more about the many different jobs that people do. If you are willing to spend 15 minutes in a class talk about your job and then answer questions from the children, please can you contact Mrs Miller on 01428 605597 or info@beacon-hill.surrey.sch.uk. We have had some offers already and would like to start talks in every classroom once a term if possible from January 2012. If you work at home for a company please volunteer to enable our children to gain more knowledge about the vast opportunities in the world of work.

OPEN SESSION

The next Open Session will be Monday 7th November. These are held on the first Monday of each month and give you another opportunity to look at your child's work and talk to the teachers between 3.15 - 3.45 p.m.

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL

If you wish to enter the school, please use the main front door and report to the office so you can sign in and receive a visitors badge. As part of our safeguarding procedures, there should not be any adult in the school unless they are signed in at the office or accompanied by a member of staff.

To enter school please push the intercom button at the side of the front door or the double door by the hall. This will connect you to a telephone in the office which will be answered by staff. Please speak into the intercom to identify yourself to the office staff and they can release the door and it will open for you. A camera is also in operation by each door so the member of staff in the office will be able to see you on their computer screens.

ENGLISH CURRICULUM EVENING - Thursday 10th November 2011

You are warmly invited to a curriculum evening about how we teach reading and writing in the school. It will be led by Mrs Miller who is English Co-ordinator and there will be a presentation followed by a question and answer session. It starts at 6.30p.m. in the hall.

BONFIRE NIGHT

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER AT HINDHEAD
PLAYING FIELDS

4.30pm -Gates open

5.00pm -Bonfire lights

5.30pm - Firework display

BBQ, Mulled Wine, Hot Chocolate &
Refreshments

Glow items, Bouncy Castle and much more

For more info call: 01428 606761 or email
beaconhillpta@hotmail.co.uk

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

On Sunday 27th November, the Light Brigade have organised for the village Christmas Lights to be switched on by our youngest member of the school. It starts at 4pm and is followed by refreshments and carol singing in the hall.

MUFTI DAY - Friday 18th November

Children may wear their own clothes (something spotty if possible) for a donation of £1 which will be sent to Children In Need.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY—11th November 2011

Year 6 invite you all to a Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday 11th November at 10.20 a.m. in the school hall. This will be followed by a short Service conducted by Rev Richard Bodle and The Royal British Legion on the front playground. The flag will be lowered and the Last Post will be played at 11.00 a.m. with a two minute silence.

THANK YOU FROM MRS BOWERMAN

Mrs Bowerman has asked me to thank all parents and staff for their kind wishes and for the lovely gift she received when she retired last term. She is very much enjoying her retirement and keeping very busy.

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

YEAR 6 BUSINESS PROJECT TOY AND CRAFT FAYRE SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2011 1-3 p.m.

Year 6 will be holding various fund raising events this year to help to raise funds for their residential visit in May. The first event is a Toy and Craft Fayre. All profits will go towards the residential. Please come and support this event as there will be lots of cut price toys just in time for Christmas. Refreshments will be available for stall holders and visitors.

Do you have toys and books in pristine condition that you no longer want?

Do you want to clear some space in your bedroom in case Father Christmas brings you new toys or books?

Do you have an older brother/sister who would like to get rid of their younger childhood toys and books? Does your family want to earn some money for Christmas?

Craft tables -Do you make something you wish to sell - cards, jewellery, toys etc.

You are welcome to book a table to sell your own toys or homemade crafts.

Pay £10 for your table in the hall and keep the profit. Set up from 12 noon.

To book your table please send a cheque made payable to Beacon Hill School or £10 cash to Mr Crew in Year 6 who will pass it to the Financial Director, Charles Brayshaw who is in charge of managing the accounts.

FAMILY ASSEMBLIES

There will be Family Assemblies this term. These will start at 9.15 a.m.

Year 3 - Thursday 13th October

Year 4 - Thursday 3rd November

Year 6 - **Remembrance Assembly - Friday 11th November 10.20am**

Year 2 - Thursday 17th November

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

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Auditions are taking place for the main characters in our Christmas Play, Puss in Boots in the next two weeks and rehearsals will be starting after half term. Every child in the school will be part of the production and we have included an afternoon performance to enable very young children and babies to attend with their parents. We hope the evening performances can be undisturbed by our younger audience, who may find it difficult to listen quietly. The two evening performances start at 6.30 p.m and finish around 7.30p.m. so all our Reception children can perform.

Tuesday 6th December at 2.00 p.m.

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Wednesday 7th December at 6.30 p.m.

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. Some Year 6 may also be involved in Level 6 assessments.

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

Year 2 children are involved in KS1 tasks throughout April and May 2012

DATES FOR DIARY

October

- Thursday 6th Harvest Festival - 10am at St Albans
Monday 10th Year R - Class Meeting - 2.30pm
Tuesday 11th Year 1 - Class Meeting - 9 am
Year 2 - Class Meeting - 2.30pm
Year 5 trip to Hampton Court
Wednesday 12th Year 3 - Class meeting - 9 am
Year 4 - Class Meeting - 2.30pm
Year 5 - Class Meeting - 2.30pm
Thursday 13th Year 3 Family Assembly - 9.15am
Year 1 Interschool Multi Skills at Woolmer Hill
Year 5/6 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne
Friday 14th Year 6 - Class Meeting - 9 am
Quiz Night - Nyabondo
Tuesday 18th Progress Evening for parents and children 3.30pm-6.00pm—whole school
Thursday 20th Hungry Caterpillar Lunch
Progress Evening for parents and children 3.30pm-6.00pm for Reception and Year 1
Progress Evening for parents and children 5.30pm-8.00pm for Years 2,3,4,5 & 6

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October - Half Term

November

- Wednesday 2nd Open Day for future and current parents 9.30-11.30 & 1.30-2.30pm
Thursday 3rd Year 4 Family Assembly
Saturday 5th PTA Bonfire Night—4.30pm gates open
Monday 7th Open Session
Tuesday 8th Year 4 Interschool hockey at Woolmer Hill
Thursday 10th English Curriculum Evening 6.30pm
Friday 11th Year 6 Family Assembly - Remembrance Assembly - 10.20am
Sunday 13th Remembrance Service at St Albans
Tuesday 15th "Guildford Flames" Road Safety for Year R
Thursday 17th Year 2 Family Assembly - 9.15am
Friday 18th Mufti Day for Children in Need
Saturday 19th Toy Fayre 1-3pm —Year 6 Company
Sunday 27th Switching on of Christmas Lights 4.00pm

December

- Saturday 3rd Christmas Fair 12.30-3.30pm
Tuesday 6th Christmas Production - 2pm
Christmas Production - 6.30pm
Wednesday 7th Christmas Production - 6.30pm
Friday 9th Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 13th Carol Service at St Albans - 2pm
Friday 16th Term ends at 1pm

Inset Days - School Closed

Monday 19th December 2011

Tuesday 20th December 2011

Friday 1st June 2012

Friday 20th July 2012