



Beacon Hill Primary School

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## Newsletter September 2011



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term and a special welcome to the new families who have joined the school this term. We hope that you have had a good Summer. We also welcome our three new members of staff, Lisa Clark in Year 1, Rachel Greenfield in Year 2 and Claire Broatch in Year 4. We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Cooper following her maternity leave.

It has been a busy Summer holiday and the learning environment in school continues to be improved. The school hall has been decorated and the hall floor has been sanded down and restored so it looks like new and shines. Year 2 classroom has been decorated and a new carpet laid and the lockers for Year 2 and Year 5 children have been installed.

At Browns, we have extended the grass area behind the climbing area which had become very overgrown and we will be able to set up the football goalposts as soon as the grass seed has grown.

We are looking forward to an exciting term.

Best Wishes

Sue Walker

### **Open session-Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011-3.15-4.00 p.m.**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September there will be an opportunity to look around your child's classroom and meet their teacher. 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. We hope you will also look around the school too.

### **Open Evening -Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011 -4.00 -6.00p.m.**

There will be an Open Evening for parents and prospective parents on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September and you are very welcome to come and look around the school, and talk to teachers. Mrs Walker will give a presentation at 5.30pm in the hall.

### **Quiz Night to raise funds for The Nyabondo School-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

More details to follow. Please can parents from each class put together a team of 8 to compete? Each class can have more than one team. Mr Crew is recruiting a staff team. There will be food and wine/beer and lots of fun. It will cost £10 per person and all the proceeds will go to help put a new roof on the nursery classroom at The Nyabondo School which cannot be used at the moment, and leaks badly when it rains.

## **Communication**

Class meetings are held each half term to discuss any issues or comments that parents wish to raise. One Governor has a particular link to a class in the school to help parents and staff. They can be contacted through the school office or at these meetings.

The dates this term are:

- Year R ( Governor is Richard Bodle ) - Monday 10th October at 2.30 p.m.
- Year 1 ( Governor is David Cooper ) - Tuesday 11th October at 9.00 a.m.
- Year 2 ( Governor is Jo Taylor ) - Tuesday 11th October at 2.30 p.m.
- Year 3 ( Governor is Kester Buckland ) - Wednesday 12th October at 9.00 a.m.
- Year 4 ( Governor is Nicky Chubb ) - Wednesday 12th October at 2.30 p.m.
- Year 5 ( Governor is Peter Garrett ) - Wednesday 12th October at 2.30 p.m.
- Year 6 ( Governor is Kris Shipway ) - Friday 14th October at 9.00 a.m.

A suggestion box is in the main entrance for parents and children to make written suggestions at any time and the suggestions can be discussed at these meetings and actions reported back to parents.

Following suggestions from parents last term, the school has implemented the following:

There is a homework system throughout the school from Year 2. Homework will be given twice a week. A yellow Homework book will be sent home on Monday to be returned on Thursday. A red Homework book will be sent home on Thursday to be returned on Monday. Homework is ticked off in class record books by homework monitors or staff. In Year 1 a yellow Homework book will be sent home on Friday to be returned by Wednesday.

A suggestion to change the date of bikeability came through the suggestion box. We have been fortunate to be able to do this and Year 6 start their bikeability training on Monday 26th September. We will try to book the Autumn Term every year if possible.

Although some ideas may not be achievable we are looking at other ideas suggested too. Thank you to all parents who have shared their ideas and suggestions, and who are so positive about the school.

## **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 at the front of the school have cameras so the office staff can see who is at the door, and these procedures are in line with our Health and Safety and Safeguarding Policies which are available for you to see in the office.



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

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

All letters, reply slips and payments should 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**

All letters, reply slips and payments should be given to the class teacher or teaching assistant by the children who are more independent and responsible. 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**

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. If a child accidentally leaves his/her lunch at home or in 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 every week as a regular order. This 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 week's notice please so she can change her order for fresh food, which is delivered throughout the week to enable her to provide a delicious lunch for the children.

## **Fantastic Music Opportunity**

This term, Years 4 and 5 children will be learning to play a musical instrument, with teachers from Surrey Arts Southwest, in their weekly music lessons.

Starting on Thursday 22nd September, two music teachers will be teaching the violin to Year 4 children, and 2 teachers will be teaching the trumpet to Year 5 children.

All the children will receive an instrument and we hope they will enjoy this exciting opportunity to learn something new. All costs are being met by the school.

## **Clubs at Beacon Hill Primary School**

There are many exciting clubs this term for the children and a clubs list is attached. Some will be at lunchtime and some will be after school between 3.20p.m. and 4.20 p.m. Most clubs will start from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September and finish week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Parents will need to sign a permission slip for children attending after school clubs. These need to be returned to the teachers before they can attend the after school clubs.

Breakfast Club (7.45-8.45am) and After School Care Club (3.15 - 6.00pm) is available every day.



### **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](mailto: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](mailto:head@beacon-hill.surrey.sch.uk)

### **Family Assemblies**

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

Year 5 - Thursday 29th September

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.

## DATES FOR DIARY

### September

- Monday 12th Spring born Year R children start  
Tuesday 13th ActivKids taster day for Years 1,2 and 3  
Monday 19th Summer born Year R children start  
Wednesday 21st Year 6 - Junior Citizenship  
Monday 26th to Friday 30th - Year 6 Bikeability  
Thursday 29th Year 5 Family Assembly - 9.15am  
Friday 30th Roald Dahl Dressing up Day

### 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  
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  
Friday 14th Year 6 - Class Meeting - 9 am  
Quiz Night - Nyabondo - details to follow  
**Monday 24th to Friday 28th October - Half Term**

### November

- Thursday 3rd Year 4 Family Assembly  
Saturday 5th PTA Bonfire Night  
Friday 11th Year 6 Family Assembly - Remembrance Assembly - 10.20am  
Sunday 13th Remembrance Service at St Albans  
Thursday 17th Year 2 Family Assembly - 9.15am

### December

- Saturday 3rd Christmas Fair  
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

### 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: 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