

The Beacon



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HEADITORIAL

A huge thank you has to go to every child, parent, carer and all members of staff for all their hard work and commitment over this past year. There are still many exciting developments to come, but we should all be proud of what we have achieved so far.

It is also a time where we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils. We wish them all well for the future and look forward to them popping in to say hello with updates of how they are doing in their various new schools.

I hope everyone has a fun, safe and sunny summer. See you all in September.

Mr. Thomas



STAFF CHANGES

We say goodbye to Mrs Emma Lee, Miss Carrie-Ann Cotton, Mrs Michelle Tippett, Mrs Lorraine Pearce and Mr Alan Reese. We shall miss them all and

I hope you will join us in wishing them all well in the future.



SPORTS DAY

We were fortunate to have dry sunny weather for our sports days and all pupils, parents and staff

enjoyed taking part in various events. A big thank you must go to Mrs Joan Crossland and Mrs Janet Noad for providing refreshments for all six events. We raised a massive £149.80 towards school fund. I hope you enjoyed the fun and excitement and competitive edge generated by the games.

Dates For Your Diary

JULY

Fri 25th

SEPTEMBER

Wed 3rd

Thurs 4th

OCTOBER

Fri 24th

NOVEMBER

Wed 5th



Break up school – **End of Year**

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Break for end of term

Children return to school



BARN DANCE

On Saturday 19th FBR hosted a Barn Dance in the Frome Hall. This was such an enjoyable evening and proved a great success with all who came along. We never intended to raise funds from this event but it went so well we made £364.70 profit. Thank you FBR for another worthwhile, fun and rewarding event.



NAMED CARRIER BAG

Please could all pupils bring in a named carrier bag for the last day of term to enable them to bring home any items.



FREE COURSES AVAILABLE

Children's homework got you puzzled?

Do you want or need to brush up on your Maths or English skills?

Thinking of returning to work or education?

Then join free Maths and English classes at Soundwell Centre, City of Bristol College.

Also available:- English with Computers, Maths with Computers, Return to Work – free Beginner, Computers – **small fee**

Day or evening classes available.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Carers all welcome.

Please phone Ann or Sally on 0117 3125708 for more details.



SCHOOL MEALS-PRICE INCREASE

In **September** the price of a child school meal will increase by 5p to **£1.55 per meal.**

1 x £1.55

2 x £3.10

3 x £4.65

4 x £6.20

5 x £7.75

Please send your child's dinner money in to school on a Monday morning in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

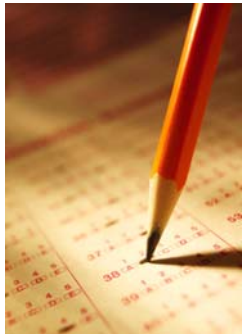
Thank you

£57.35 for Term 1

£51.15 for Term 2

YEAR SIX TESTS

We would all like to congratulate the Year 6 pupils on an amazing set of test results in Science, Mathematics and English. The children's hard work, and high quality teaching across their time at Beacon Rise, has resulted in our highest ever exam results being achieved. The percentage of pupils achieving the national average expectation of Level 4 in Science, Mathematics and English was 100%, 93% and 90% respectively. Most importantly all pupils tried as hard as they could and achieved in excess of the aspirational targets we had set for them.



RESIDENTIAL VISIT

A great time was had by all on the residential visit. The staff were surprised by the sailing, climbing and skiing abilities of the pupils and still have the bruises to prove it. Heavy rain, and more mud than an average Glastonbury, didn't spoil the fun and LLain will remember us for a long, long time.



SUMMER PLAN

This summer will see the refurbishment of the toilets in both Avon and Severn building. Extensive renovations will take the form of building works, re-plumbing and a complete re-fit of walls and floors. The shelter and storage building at the top of the school will also be refurbished. The ICT suite will be updated, with new PCs and projectors installed to enable more advanced ICT teaching. Three classrooms in Avon will be redecorated. This will see the completion of the redecoration of Severn and Avon buildings that has been carried out over the last year. Next year will see the replacement of sub-standard furniture in Avon building, and this will complete the refurbishment of the KS1 and 2 buildings.



CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Next year we will be implementing a new method of subject delivery, with National Curriculum areas being taught in a creative cross-curricular manner. Objectives from different subject areas will be joined to create lessons that are fun, engaging and fit within a topic area. We will keep you updated as things develop.



INTERNATIONAL REPORT

We have successfully completed the first stage of our Comenius project with project meetings held in Sweden, Italy and here in Bristol. It has been a great experience working on our project Europe@Play with schools in other European countries and comparing the different education systems. Together we have created an extensive library of playground games which staff and children have really enjoyed playing and we have started to make plans to improve our play areas here at Beacon Rise.

Most classes now have French links for pen pals and email correspondence and have enjoyed learning about different customs in France, as well as having an opportunity to practise the French they have been learning in class. Next year we hope to extend our international links to include partnerships with China and Canada. Topics will be shared with partner schools leading to a greater global awareness and understanding of different cultures and customs around the world.
Celia Zlobec

SEPTEMBER

I know it seems a long way off but just to remind you, when your child(ren) return in September (Thurs 4th) please ensure they bring the correct Dinner Money for the week ahead in a named envelope. All uniform and school wear is clearly labelled with your child's name, PE and games kits are provided and kept in school at all times and also clearly labelled with names.

