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THE NEWSLETTER OF BEACON RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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HEADITORIAL

We have now come to the end of the SAT and pupil assessment week at Beacon Rise. The pupils and staff have all worked extremely hard over the last five terms and, whatever the results, I know they have done the best that they can do.

Thank you for your support with the 'Prettiest Planter' competition. The children are really enjoying the competition and with your help they have made the playgrounds much more attractive. I have even spotted water features, gnomes and fencing!

I have recently begun sending postcards home to pupils who have made an outstanding contribution to school life. If your child receives one of these it means they really have done something amazing and they deserve all the praise you can give them.

Mr Thomas

marked improvement with traffic congestion outside the school gates during this and forthcoming weeks. We hope you will all support us with this very worthwhile cause.



Sun Hats

Now the lovely summer weather is here, well this week at least, we would like to request that all children bring a sun hat to school. We have school caps available for sale in the school shop, Tuesdays 3.00-3.30 pm, at a cost of £2.75 each. Please ensure you write your child's name in their hat. You will also be aware that sun screen lotion is also an essential. I hope you will appreciate that it would be impractical for us to try to apply 460 pupils' worth at the same time. On days with no cloud cover we will limit the amount of exposure time and pupils will be encouraged to play in the shade.

Let's hope we have many more sunny days for our pupils and staff to enjoy.

Dates For Your Diary

MAY

Thurs 22nd Year 4 Educational Visit
Fri 23rd Break up school

JUNE

Mon 2nd Return to school
Thurs 12th Year 5 Educational Visit
Tues 17th Year 1 Educational Visit

JULY

Tues 1st Year 2 Educational Visit
Thurs 3rd Reception Educational Visit
Fri 4th **INSET DAY** – School closed to pupils
7th-11th Inc Year 6 Residential Visit
Tues 15th Year 3 Educational Visit
Fri 25th Break up school – End of Year



Walk to School Week

Next week, Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May, is National Walk to School Week.

We would like encourage the whole school to participate in this event and have attached some further information on this months newsletter.

Please help to maintain and improve our environment by cutting down on car usage and help towards your and your child's overall fitness by walking to and from school. We hope to see a



FBR Meeting

The next Friends of Beacon Rise meeting will be on

Wednesday 21st May at 2.15 pm.

Please come along and help support your child's school fundraising events. Without your support we would be unable to provide many fun, exciting and rewarding events and equipment in school. Our next event will be the **Summer Fair** scheduled for **Saturday 28th June 12.00-3.00 pm.** We also have plans for a **Barn Dance** for **July.**

We look forward to seeing you there.





Year 4 Cake Sale – Action Aid

Well done to all the pupils in Year 4.

They supported the Action Aid appeal, organised a school cake sale within school and raised an outstanding £166.96 for the appeal. I know all our pupils and staff enjoyed this event and enjoyed helping raise funds towards such a worthwhile cause.

Dogs

It has been brought to our attention that we have an increasing number of dogs outside the school gates both in the morning and at the end of the day. Whilst we would like to encourage our pupils and parents to walk to and from school it seems to cause congestion when animals are accompanying them. If you wish to bring your pet along, please be considerate to other parents and pupils of Beacon Rise and ensure the entrance to the school is not obstructed. Many thanks for your understanding on this matter.



after registration has closed will be referred to Education Welfare. Please remember that pupils arriving late not only cause disruption to the class but may start their day feeling anxious and distressed. We have your child's best interests at heart and would appreciate your co-operation with this. Thank you to those parents who are collecting their children on time at the end of the day.

School Shop

At the end of this year our lovely Grandparents, Mr and Mrs Gray, will be retiring from running the School Shop on Tuesday afternoons, 3.00-3.30. We have been so fortunate to have had their help for so many years but due to commitments they can no longer continue. If you are able to help out on a Tuesday for half an hour please contact the school office. We sell new and second hand uniform in the shop and make up uniform orders as they come in. If any parent has an old wardrobe they no longer require and would like to donate to the school shop please let the office know.

Congratulations!!

We would all like to pass on our congratulations to Amy Lengfeld, one of our staff, who last night gave birth to her second child, Robert.



Free School Meals

Many families qualify for Free School Meals as a result of their entitlement to income support but have not registered with us. For further information please call into the school office and speak to Miss Davey. Even if you choose for your child not to have a free meal each day, you are able to register and your child can choose to have a free meal on the days when the menu suits them.



We have also been extremely pleased to hear the happy news that Miss Thomas and Miss Tanner have recently become engaged to their respective partners. I am sure you will join with us in wishing them much luck for the future.



Punctuality

Thank you to those pupils who are making the effort to arrive on time every morning for the start of school. Unfortunately several pupils are still arriving after **8.50 a.m.** Class



registration closes at 9.00am, any pupil arriving after this time must go to the school office to be registered. All late arrivals are closely monitored by the Authority and any pupil persistently arriving