



The Beacon



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Headitorial

As we draw to the end of another year I would just like to say a very big well done to everyone for making 2008 a very successful and enjoyable year. Have a great break and I look forward to seeing you all bright and breezy in 2009.

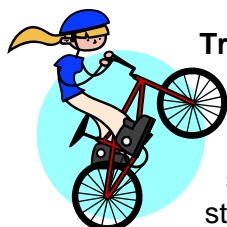
I hope Santa is kind to you all.

Chris Thomas



Colston Hall Concert

This year we joined with Kingsfield school to create a musical extravaganza at the Colston Hall. Our year 5 pupils will never forget the night they played on the famous stage which has seen performances by the Beatles, the Stones and Paul Weller! The quality of the performance was exceptional and we were very proud of all who took part. Many thanks to Mrs Murphy and Miss Tanner for all their hard work in arranging such a great event.



Travel Plan

Following the successful competition of the Beacon Rise Travel Plan and Bike-It bid we have secured funding to provide cycle storage and safety training for staff and pupils. This initiative will take place over the course of 2009 and will start with the erection of cycle storage in January.

Christmas Performances

The 2008 performances were exceptionally well received. The considerable effort of all pupils and staff was appreciated and the end results were spectacular. Fourteen performances of four different plays took place which is a huge undertaking for any school. A cheque for £414.17 has been donated to the Neurofibromatosis Trust.



Dates For Your Diary

DEC

Fri 19th Dec Break up school-Christmas Holiday

JAN

Mon 5th Jan Return to school-Start Term 3

FEB

Thurs 12th Feb Break up – end of term 3

Fri 13th Feb INSET DAY-School closed to pupils

Mon 23rd INSET DAY-School closed to pupils

Tues 24th Return to school-Start Term 4



Christmas Lunch

The pupils enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner thanks to the hard work of Pat, Lisa and Ann in the kitchen and the enthusiastic lunchtime supervisors. Nearly two hundred and sixty lunches were prepared to an amazingly high standard and, with sprouts removed from the menu, a pleasant atmosphere was enjoyed by all.



Lost Property

A huge amount of lost property has once again gathered in each of our halls. Unnamed clothing is impossible for us to return to its owner and term after term we dispose of hundreds of pounds worth of clothing. Please check lost property for missing items and make sure all clothing is named appropriately.



Christmas Fair

The fair was a great success and even though the money raised is essential to provide the extras our pupils deserve it was the resulting sense of community and happy faces that really made all the effort worthwhile. Approx £1500 was raised for FBR funds.

Goodbye

Mr Hemmings

It's that time when we say goodbye Mr Hemmings! Have a great time at Emerson's Green and good luck in your new job. We also say a sad goodbye to Jo Rodman, lunch break supervisor who joins the office staff at Hanham High School.





Clubs

All clubs will recommence week beginning 12 January 2009 unless the club leader has informed you otherwise.



In-Service Day

The school will be closed on Friday 13th February for staff training and Monday 23rd February.

Discos

Two successful FBR discos were held this week. These events raised £363.00 towards funds. A great big thank you to everyone who organised the events and helped out on the evenings.

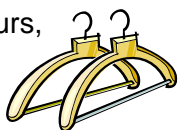


Yellow Pages

Pupils brought 422 yellow pages into school for re-cycling. Unfortunately we didn't receive a prize this time! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

School Uniform

This will no longer be on sale in school. We are pleased to inform you that Initially Yours, based in Hanham High Street, will now distribute uniform on our behalf. A great big thank you, to Hannah and Peggy, for so ably running the shop.



Severe weather Conditions

In the event of extreme weather conditions i.e. deep snow, every effort will be made to keep the school open, however, please tune to Radio Bristol or GWR for up-dated information on school closures.



Fruit Distribution

We have been informed that there will be no fruit provided for the Key Stage 1 and Nursery pupils for the first 2 days back after the Christmas

break. Normal fruit provision will recommence on Wednesday 7th January.



FINALLY

Thank you for all your support with the wide range of events and occasions, from the well supported Parents Evenings, Shoe Boxes for Ukraine, to quite magical Christmas performances, all which have taken place this term. Working together this way we are creating a community in which our children can learn and achieve through diverse and enriching experiences. The staff of Beacon Rise would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

