

The Beacon

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Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding the school closures last week. Whilst I am aware that it was a dream come to true for many pupils, for parents the last minute nature of any emergency closure is a child care nightmare. I would like to clarify that I am unable to make any decision regarding school closure until I know which staff are able to make it in to school. As staff are unable to notify me of their inability to make it into school until they attempt the journey, this presents obvious difficulties in making an early decision.

Mr Thomas

P.S. The current best offer from a pupil for the GWR codeword, needed to notify them of a school closure, is £50.



Class 2J

Mrs Jones, who has taken over from Mr Hemmings in year 2, is really enjoying teaching the class and, due to the excellent progress being made by the children, Mrs Jones will continue to teach the class for the rest of the year. A permanent replacement for Mr Hemmings will start in September.

Clubs

If your child has put their name down to attend an after school club and will not be attending for any reason, please inform the teacher who is running the club. This will enable us to ensure pupil safety.

Dates For Your Diary

FEB

Thurs 12th Break up – end of term 3
Fri 13th INSET DAY-School closed to pupils
Mon 23rd INSET DAY-School closed to pupils
Tues 24th Return to school-Start Term 4

March

Wed 11-Fri 13th Year 5 Residential Visit

April

Fri 3rd Break up end of Term 4
Mon 20th Return to school Start Term 5
Mon 27-Thurs 30th Comenius visit to Sweden
Tues 28th School Photographer-Group photos



Medical Appointments

Please try to avoid booking dentist or doctor appointments during school time. If an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, please could you make the appointment towards the **end** of the school day rather than at the beginning as it is less disruptive to our child, the rest of the class and the teacher.
Many thanks



Discos

FBR are holding two discos on Thursday 12th February. Years 1, 2&3 from 5.00 – 6.15pm and Years 4, 5&6 from 6.30 – 8.00pm. Tickets will be on sale after school in Frome Hall.



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 and 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 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.

On wet mornings reception parents can bring their children into Frome Hall only if the teacher on duty has indicated this.

Change in Holiday Absence Policy

By now you will have received a letter detailing our commitment to supporting the government's drive to reducing children's absence from school. Therefore the Governing Body have taken the decision that as from 24th February 2009, we are not able to authorise any family absence due to reasons that are not of a compassionate, medical or religious nature.



Reminder

In-Service Days

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

Canteen Car Park

Please may we request that due to Health and Safety reasons the car park next to Beacon Lea Garage is not to be used by anyone other than kitchen staff and deliveries.



Wet Play

We would welcome donations of comics, board games, packs of cards, colouring books, pens, puzzles etc – all in good condition if possible. Thanking you in anticipation.