



The Beacon



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**THE NEWSLETTER OF BEACON RISE PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

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HEADITORIAL

It seems like a long time since the beginning of the new term, with snowy days, financial audits and much more making the time fly by.

After lots of disruption over the last few weeks, the children have now settled into a more normal routine and it has been a great pleasure to see how well their learning is developing.

Our new model of delivering the curriculum, based around engaging skills teaching, has led to many smiling faces, and it has been great to see the pupils having lots of fun whilst learning at a very encouraging pace.

Chris Thomas

Diary Dates

Feb

- 5th Hats for Haiti
- 5th FBR quiz
- 12th End of Term – Break up for Holiday
- 22nd Return to school

Haiti Fundraising

Pupils have been exceptionally keen for us to fund raise in support of the children of Haiti who have endured, and continue to endure, such devastating suffering. We plan to support the Sport Relief charity which we are pleased to hear will be donating part of their funds to Haiti related projects. In addition we will be having a 'Hats for Haiti Day' on Friday 5th February when the pupils will be invited to wear a hat of their choice and pay 50p for the privilege of doing so.



Conveniently, we also plan to take advantage of the opportunity to persuade Mr Tindell to shave off his rampant facial hair. Any labelled contributions in support of this aim are welcomed. Collecting the sum of fifty pounds will ensure a clean shave, and we're sure an even greater total will lead to more adventurous shaving.

Staffing news

We are pleased to pass on the news that Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Murphy are expecting their first children, though they will be greatly missed during their maternity leave starting after the Easter break. The appointments of teachers to cover their roles during their absence will take place over the next few weeks. It is also great to welcome back to Mrs Jones who has taken over a Year 1 class for the remainder of the year.



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 8.50am. 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 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.

Morning Arrangements

On dry days parents should not be entering Avon Building in the mornings. If you wish to speak to the class teacher please do so when they come out to collect their class or contact the school office to make an appointment if a longer discussion is required. Taking your children into the building does not support their independence and can lead to separation anxiety as the child gets older.



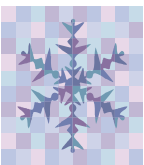
Please remember that when pupils come into school they should be lining up with the rest of

their class on the main playgrounds and not playing in other areas.

On very wet mornings reception and nursery parents can bring their children into Frome Hall until the teachers open their classrooms to pupils at 8.50. Please ensure that pupils who are waiting in school at this time stay with parents and behave in an appropriate manner. This can only happen in extreme weather conditions as the wet and dirty hall floor that results from so many soggy feet, prams etc. makes PE lessons unsafe and uncomfortable for bare footed children when school begins.

If you child's classroom is in Avon Building (KS1 and Y3) or Severn Building (Y4,5 and 6) they are also allowed into school before 8.50 as we would prefer them not to get wet before school. Please do not come into school with your child at this time as the restricted entrances and exits result in certain children becoming anxious as a result of the congestion and noise. If you would like a message passed to the class teacher please let the office know.

Please avoid entering the school in the mornings via the steps of Frome building to get to the office. This is the cloakroom area for our younger pupils and they need to be able to sort themselves out, not easy for a five year old with hats, scarves and gloves, without adults trying to squeeze through.



Severe Weather Conditions

Thank you to all our parents and pupils who braved the snow and ice by bringing their children to school during adverse weather conditions.

Our thanks go to our wonderful Caretaker Barry who, despite the thick snow, managed to get our school open and ready for staff and pupils.



Text Messaging System

We hope that you will all benefit from our new text messaging system that allows us to send messages to your mobile phones. We hope that this will help to improve communication between school and parents, and allow us to remind you about forthcoming events, unexpected changes to arrangements etc. If you have any feedback we would, as always, welcome your views.

Dinner Money

All Dinner money should be brought to school and handed to your child's class teacher in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name on a **MONDAY MORNING**. The cost of a school dinner is now £1.60 per meal and should be paid for in advance. Wherever possible please ensure the correct amount is enclosed and all cheques should be made payable to Beacon Rise Primary School.



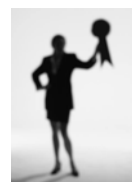
Breakfast Club

Following consultation with parents which identified a lack of need for a breakfast club, it was decided not to open such a facility at the school. However, certain parents have asked if we know of any local alternatives. With this in mind we are sending home a flyer from 'Sharon's House Breakfast Club' for you to consider. Please be aware that this provision is not promoted by, or organised in connection with, Beacon Rise School.



Netball

Well done to the Beaca Bears and Cheeky Chimps netball teams who recently won the Hanham netball tournament against some excellent opposition. The Cheeky Chimps who won the overall prize will now represent Beacon Rise at a county level fixture.



FMSIS

The school has recently been awarded the Financial Management In Schools award. Congratulations to Mrs Joyner, our School Business

Manager, for leading this successful application.

Tuck Shop

Please do not come into the school building before 3.15 in order to join the queue for tuck shop. The Reception children often find it difficult to collect their belongings at home time due to adults pushing through the cloakroom in order to spend less time waiting for their sweets.

