



The Beacon

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HEADITORIAL

Term 1 is now well underway and we have been really pleased to welcome our newest pupils into school. They have all made a great start and we look forward to sharing in their learning over the next seven years.

We are also proud of our Year 6 pupils who have become prefects. Prefects are nominated by their peers and selected as a result of their caring nature, academic dedication and excellent behaviour.

I look forward to building on last year's successes and making Beacon Rise an even better place to learn and have fun.

Chris Thomas

After School Clubs

This year sees our highest number of extra-curricular events taking place. It was great to see so many children having so much fun last week as first sessions took place.

Please remember to let school know if your child is unavailable to attend. This prevents us having to ring home to check on their safety.



If you are able to run or support an extra-curricular event please let us know as we are constantly searching for new opportunities to enrich the pupil's learning.

FBR

Last week saw the Annual General Meeting of Friends of Beacon Rise during which plans were finalised for the financial support for pupils that will take place this year. Following on from last year's fantastic fundraising total of approximately £8,500, which has been used to support our Play project, this year we are aiming to do even better. All proceeds from this year's events will be used to further develop the quality of pupils' experiences during playtimes and



facilitate their outdoor learning. If you are able to help in any way you will be making a real difference to your child's time at school.

International School Award

We are extremely pleased to announce that we have recently been declared an International School. This coveted status recognises the way in which links with other countries have enabled us to develop our own provision. Working with other countries in this way ensures that the most innovative aspects of international learning is reflected in our own curriculum.

Congratulations to Mrs Zlobec, and the many staff who have participated, for leading us in this successful project.



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2009-2012

Diary Dates

Oct

2nd Year 5 Colston Hall Rehearsal
8th Bike It High Visibility Day
12th Aid Ukraine Shoe Box Appeal Begins
19th Bike It Puncture Repair
20th Bike It Puncture Repair
23rd Break Up End of Term 1



Nov

2nd Return to School Beginning Term 2
6th Bike It Introduction Launch
12th Year 6 Trip - St Fagans
30th Year 5 Colston Hall Day

Dec

1st Children's Christmas Dinner
8th Nursery PM, Recp, Y1, Y2, Y3 Christmas Production
9th Nursery AM, Recp, Y1, Y2, Y3 Christmas Production
10th Y4, Y5, Y6 Christmas Production
11th Y4, Y5, Y6 Christmas Production
Bike It Talent Show
18th Bike It Prize Giving
End of Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday



Jan

4th Return to School

Road Safety

The Road Safety Officer will be visiting on Wed 21st Oct. She will be selling fluorescent items in the playground from 8.30am.



Driveway

In the interests of safety please ensure you and your child use the path and not the driveway when walking in and out of school. Vehicles access is constant throughout the day and we need to make sure all our pupils, parents and careers are safe.



Harvest

The Harvest Festival service for pupils will take place during the last week in September.

Contributions for Harvest can be sent in week beginning **Monday 28th September** to your child's class teacher. On behalf of the Salvation Army I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your generous gifts for this worthy cause.



Morning Lining Up

We have had a few complaints from parents about pupils riding scooters and running through groups of children and parents in the mornings. Please encourage your child to line up with their class as soon as they come into school.



Healthy Lifestyles

To help promote healthy lifestyles we like to encourage all our pupils and families to eat fresh fruit and vegetables. 8 easy tips to help you keep feeling great:

1. Sugar swaps - Swap sugary drinks for water, milk or unsweetened fruit juice.
2. Meal times - Eat 3 meals a day
3. Me size meals - eat meals that are the right size for your age, not as big as grown ups
4. Snack check - Lots of snacks are full of fat, sugar and salt so eat healthy snacks!
5. 5 a day - Eat 5 portions of fruit or veg each day
6. Cut back fat - Perhaps change how you cook to make meals more healthy



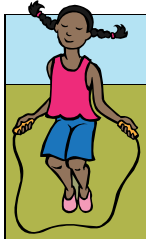
7. 60 Active Minutes - Try spending at least 60 minutes walking, playing sport, running around or playing outside every day
8. Up and about - After sitting for a while try jumping up and do something more active

Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchbreak Supervisor to lead play and supervise children at lunchtimes.



Please call in at the office for further details.



Coughs and Colds



With the recent well publicised outbreak of Swine Flu we like to encourage all our pupils, staff and parents to help prevent germs from spreading by following some simple things they can do:

Sneeze into a tissue

Put the used tissue in a bin as soon as possible. Wash your hands regularly. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.



Welcome

I hope you will join me in welcoming Mr Joe Wills and Mrs Rachel Leonard. Mr Wills is Teaching in Year 4 and Mrs Leonard in Year 6. We also welcome Miss Lucy Lee as our Every Child Counts Teacher. I hope they will enjoy life within The Beacon and become part of a very successful and outstanding school.

