



The Beacon



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HEADITORIAL



This term seems to have flown by and I can hardly believe we have got to Christmas already.

Thank you to all parents and staff who helped to make the Christmas Fair such a success; lots of money was raised but more importantly it began our Christmas celebrations in style.

I am exceptionally pleased by the academic results from last year – being in the top 3% of schools nationally is an achievement all of us can be proud of.

I hope you all have a great holiday and find time to make the most of the special time that having young children during the festive period creates.

Chris Thomas

Diary Dates

Dec

Fri 16th – Break up for Christmas Holiday

Jan

Tues 3rd – Inset Day – School Closed To Pupils

Wed 4th – Pupils return to school

Feb

Mon 13th – Fri 17th – School Holiday

Mon 20th – Inset Day – School Closed To Pupils

Tues 21st – Pupils return to school

March

April

Mon 2nd – Fri 13th – School Holiday

Mon 16th – Pupils return to school

May

Mon 7th – Bank Holiday

Mon 14th to Wed 23rd inc- SATs – No Absences from school will be authorised during this period



Amazing Results
Congratulations to the pupils who achieved such amazing results last year. We knew that our results were fantastic this year, but now that we can compare our pupils

progress with that of the rest of country we have even more to reason to be proud. The progress of Beacon Rise pupils is in the top 3% of schools nationally overall and in the top 1% for mathematics. Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to make this possible whilst still making Beacon Rise a fun place to learn.

Children In Need

This year we combined Children In Need with a Spanish Day where the whole school was invited to wear brightly coloured Spanish themed clothing. Donations raised **£218.52** towards this very worthy cause. Well done to everyone who took part in this event.



School Crossing Patrol

Many parents use the school crossing patrol, Mrs Crossland, to cross the road on their journey to and from school. With new children recently starting, the road safety team would like to take the opportunity to promote the patrol. We would ask that if your journey requires you to cross Hanham Road that you come to the patrol site and use the patrol. Please ensure that children stay close and that if they are riding bikes or mini scooters, they consider other people using the pavement. Wait behind the patrol at the back of the pavement and ask children on bikes and scooters to dismount. Wait on the pavement until the patrol tells you it is safe to cross and then cross in front



of her, with children wheeling their bikes or scooters across. Mrs Crossland is there every day, whatever the weather, to provide a safe crossing point for parents and children on their journey to and from school, so please use her. Thank you.
South Gloucester Road Safety Team



School Uniform

Please remember that trainers or Ugg boots are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn. If you are purchasing new footwear ready for next term please take this into account.

Colston Hall

On the evening of Thursday 1st Dec our Year 5 pupils performed at the Colston Hall Music Festival in Bristol.



What a spectacular performance and well done to everyone who took part. Many thanks to Miss Dunn and Mr White for organising this fantastic event.

Outdoor Play Area

The use of the outdoor area has been enjoyed by all of our pupils since September and has proved to be a huge success! Children bringing in their wellies has enabled us to utilise the area throughout the winter months and has made playtimes a more positive experience providing children with exciting play opportunities. Our new play leader, Katie Hawkins, has also been working really hard to provide all children at school with lots of exciting new things to do including helping us to celebrate our Spanish day recently. These new initiatives coupled together has made playtimes a whole lot of fun for our children!

Please remember to send your child into school with their wellies in a named carrier bag on their relevant day. Many thanks



Comenius

Work continues across Europe on our Comenius project, Our Green world. Talented artists from across KS2 having been working with Mrs Bryant to produce some wonderful art for both our shared 'green world' story and the end of year comenius calendar. The story is been written by each of the countries involved in our project and we look forward to sharing it with the children when it is complete. The calendar will be published in each of our partner countries.



After School Gate Opening

From now on gates will be closed and locked between 3.30p.m. and the time clubs finish. We realise this may mean you need to wait outside for longer, but we need to make sure pupils participating in clubs are safe and access to the school buildings is limited.



Picking up Time

If you are picking up KS1 children from the Avon playground please do not stand at the bottom of the ramp. This makes it difficult for staff to lead pupils through the playground and can be intimidating for small children. Please wait at the bottom of the playground instead.



Year 6 Prom

We have made a provisional booking for the current Year 6 Ball - Thursday 5th July 2012



Christmas Parties - Wednesday 14th December

Please remember to sign up for your child's party food list on the classroom doors.



Please refer to the Dates for Your Diary page on the school website for future events.

Have a wonderful winter break and I hope you will join me in looking forward to 2012.