

Beaufort Primary School/

November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see so many of you at our parent/carers meetings at the end of last half term. The Governors would like to pass on their thanks to all of you who completed the surveys. The findings were very positive and a summary can be found on the school website. In response to questions some of you raised with staff relating to supporting more at home with reading activities, staff are planning some information sessions in January. I will send out dates early in the new year.

READING AT HOME

Thank you to all of you who have supported your children with reading at home. Last half term 85% of pupils read at home at least three times a week which is an excellent result across school. I know 'Golden Time' is a great incentive for all the children.



SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our first Superstars of this school year. The children were chosen because of their consistent hard work and excellent behaviour. Well done to: Jade, Jack, Logan, Leighton, Lily, Madisen, Bethany L, Kalisha, Logan, Bethany C.

MUSIC

It's so good to see so many children taking their brass instruments and ukuleles home. Next week, local Councillors, who support music across the County/City, will be visiting our music lessons to see how well the children are progressing. We were chosen because the music teachers are impressed with the enthusiasm shown by the children to learn new instruments.

Congratulations to the Year 5/6s who passed their Copper Level music exams. The children will hopefully soon be ready to invite you in to perform a selection of songs they have been learning.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Nursery and Reception children are busy preparing for the Christmas Nativity. Nursery will be inviting you in on Wednesday 7th December. The Reception Nativity will be in the main hall on Friday 16th December at 9.15am. Y5/6 will be inviting their grandparents to 'Afternoon Tea' on Wednesday 14th December. Invitations will be sent out nearer the date. I have heard the brass players rehearsing some Christmas songs ready for the entertainment.

We have booked the cinema for children in KS1 & KS2. Years 1 to 4 will see Trolls and Years 5 & 6 will see Moana. Letters will follow shortly.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first charity events have been organised by our new School Council members. This year Dannan is our Chair, Ruby Vice-Chair and Treasurer Karmand and Lucas. Activities organised for Children in Need raised £318.00 and we collected £231.00 for the Poppy Appeal. So thank you for supporting us in raising these significant amounts of money.



REQUEST FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS

We have received a number of concerns from local residents relating to cars bringing children to school and parking in the resident's parking spaces near the underpass. One resident has raised concerns about the noise which disturbs a number of households. Please can all of you using this area be aware of these concerns.

ATTENDANCE

A number of children are arriving late to school each morning. Can I remind you that school registers are taken at 8.55am for KS1 & KS2 and at 9.00am for Reception. Nursery opens at 8.45am until 11.45am and 12.15pm until 3.15pm.

SCHOOL DINNERS

The Governors have appointed a new school meals provider, AiP Catering. Many of you may have sampled some of the food at parents/carers evenings. There is now a wider choice for the children and the menu runs on a four weekly cycle.

All children pre-order their meal at morning registration. Please can I ask you to take time, particularly with the younger children, to look at the menu to help your child make their choice. We are strongly encouraging children during the colder months to eat a hot dinner rather than the packed lunch option. Two hot main meals or a jacket potato option with either cheese or tuna are offered daily. In addition to the published menu we have arranged for hot pasta with sauces on Mondays and Wednesdays as a further hot meal choice.

We are really pleased that some children who previously brought a packed lunch from home are now trying school dinners. School dinners are free to all children in years Reception, Y1 & Y2. Paid meals for children in KS2 remain at the price of £2.15 per day.

Thank you for your continued support. Just a reminder if you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Bridges, Mr Harris or myself.

Kind regards

Carla Dewberry

DATES 2016

Wednesday 7th December

Wednesday 14th December

Friday 16th December

Tuesday 20th December

Nursery Play (am/pm)

Y5/6 Grandparent Afternoon Tea

Reception Nativity

Break up for Christmas holidays

DATES 2017

Wednesday 4th January

Wednesday 18th January

Friday 27th January

Friday 10th February

Monday 20th February

Monday 13th March

Friday 7th April

Monday 24th April

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th - Friday 12th May

Friday 26th May

Monday 5th June

Monday 12th to Friday 16th June

Friday 23rd June

Wednesday 26th July

Return to school

Football tournament at DW Sports Centre

INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Break up for half term

Return to school

INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Break up for Easter holidays

Return to school

May Day Bank Holiday

KS2 SATs week

Break up for half term

Return to school

KS1 Phonics screening

INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Break up for Summer Holidays