

Beaufort Primary School/

September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone after the summer holidays and particularly to the new children and families who have joined us this year. Everyone has settled quickly back into school and again - all the children look particularly smart in their new uniforms. I would also like to welcome our new staff Ms Allen in Y3/4, Ms Hassall in Y1/2 and Mrs Beecham our new receptionist.

GOOD NEWS

At the end of last term we received national assessment results for our school which are available on the school website. We are very proud of our children's achievements across the school which reflect the hard work of the children, staff and support you give at home. Our results are compared to schools across England and our Y6 results were well above national average in terms of the progress children make at our school and their overall attainment.

As a school community I think it is important to acknowledge and celebrate this achievement.

READING

In the summer term 92% of children read at home at least 3 times a week. I know golden time will be starting this week which is always a great incentive!

A reminder that we ask an adult or older sibling to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading record book. At the end of the week the children select a golden time activity as a reward for reading.



Reading is an essential skill and therefore we offer a range of opportunities outside class time to encourage reading. This includes KS2 homework club from 8.20 each morning, Bookworms for KS1, lunchtime reading clubs and after school Popcorn club. If you require further information about reading please come and have a chat with one of the staff.

MUSIC

This term we will be further developing our music provision working with the Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership. Y5/6 will be learning to play flutes and clarinets and a group of Y4 and Y5/6 will be continuing with their brass lessons. Later in the term I am sure you will be invited into school to hear how they are progressing.



SWIMMING

A reminder that swimming lessons for Y5 are on Monday afternoons and Y4 on Tuesday mornings. Please ensure that the children have their kits on these days so that they do not miss any sessions. Last term all the children who had swimming lessons received swimming competency certificates and particularly well done to those who achieved their level 6 awards.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis, usually on a Monday, to be returned on Thursdays. Each week children from Y2 to Y6 will have either a piece of maths or English homework and weekly spellings. Children in KS2 are regularly given multiplication tables to learn.

In Y1 the children have weekly spellings and a maths activity every other week.

In KS2 we provide a free homework club from Monday to Friday at 8.20am. Any children from Y3-6 are welcome to come along on any of these mornings where they will be supported with any homework or reading.

If you have any questions about homework please have a chat with a member of staff.

KIDS CLUB

Breakfast and After School Clubs run daily during school days from 7.50am to 8.50am and 3.15pm to 5.15pm.

Please see office staff if you would like more information including hourly costs for clubs.

UNIFORM AND PE KITS

Please can you ensure PE kits are brought into school each week.

Children will need to have shorts, T-shirt and trainers/PE pumps in a bag. As with school uniform, it is really helpful, if all items of clothing have your child's name in.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all 71 children who achieved 100% attendance last term. Special congratulations to the children who achieved 100% attendance for the year. Well done to Natalia, Oscar, Bailey, Lucy, Destiny, Nicole, Ryan, Ellie, Dexter, Kalisha, Khale, Mandy-Ann, Cerys, Leah, Lacie, Hedley, William, Caitlin, David, Dixie, Melissa, Asante and Hollie. All these children received special certificates and rewards.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Staff are already arranging a range of activities for this term.

I know how many enjoyed coming along last term.

On 25th September at 2.30pm there will be a short meeting for Y6 parents/carers to talk about Y6 work and assessment. Letters will be sent out by year group staff in the next few weeks to confirm dates.

INSET DAYS

Planned INSET days for this academic year are as follows:-

Friday 17th November 2017

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Friday 26th January 2018

Friday 22nd June 2018

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

In addition to the activities offered at lunchtimes with both school staff and sports coaches, the staff will be offering a range of after school activities. These will start on the week beginning 18th September. These activities will include keep fit, cool maths and ICT, popcorn club, reading clubs and art & craft clubs. Letters will be sent out this week giving details.

STAR ASSEMBLY

A reminder that Star Assembly is held each Friday for children who have particularly impressed staff. You will receive an invitation to the assembly when your child has been chosen. I know the children are very proud to be chosen and really enjoy their families attending the assembly.

SCHOOL TIMES

Please ensure children arrive at school and are collected on time.

Y1-6	Registers at 8.55am Doors open at 8.45am School ends at 3.15pm
Reception	School Starts at 9.00am Doors open at 8.45am School ends at 3.15pm
Nursery	Morning 8.45am to 11.45am Afternoon 12.15pm to 3.15pm

MRS DUFFY

As some of you may have seen in the local newspaper, sadly Mrs Nicola Duffy died during the holidays after a long illness. Nicola was only able to work in school for a few weeks but during that time she made a valuable contribution. Our thoughts are with her family at this very sad time.

AUTUMN TERM TOPICS

This term KS1 and KS2 topics are history focused:

Year 1/2	Victorians
Year 3/4	Ancient Egypt
Year 5/6	Tudor Times
Nursery	People who help us
Reception	Ourselves

SCHOOL DRIVEWAY

For the safety of our children in school we ask that you do not drive vehicles into the car park when dropping off and picking up your children. If you do bring your children to school in a car, please observe the road safety markings outside both ours and St Giles school and do not use either driveway to turn vehicles.

Finally, if you have any concerns about your child, please see your child's teacher, Mr Harris or myself. Mrs Bridges, our Pastoral Support Worker, is also available to talk about any concerns and support that can be offered for your child. Please come and have a chat with her. She is available before and after school and can be contacted during the day through the school office.

Kind regards

Carla Dewberry - Headteacher

DATES 2017

Monday 11 th September	Y5 swimming starts
Tuesday 12 th September	Y4 swimming starts
Monday 18 th September	Y6 School Health Assessments
Monday 25 th September	Y6 Parent/Carer SATs information session
Monday 2 nd October	Y3/4 DT Day
Wednesday 4 th October	Y3/4 Family Workshops begin
Tuesday 10 th /Wednesday 11 th October	Parents/Carers meetings
Wednesday 11 th October	Y2 & Y6 Fire Safety talks
Friday 20 th October	Break up for half term
Monday 30 th October	Return to school
Friday 17 th November	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 20 th - Wednesday 22 nd November	Y5/6 Bikeability sessions
Tuesday 5 th December	Y1-4 Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holidays

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Wednesday 3 rd January	INSET day (School closed to pupils)
Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school