

Have courage; be kind; shine!



Welcome (back)

The children in years 1 to 6 are settling into their new classes beautifully. It's been lovely to see them enjoying this wonderful sunshine and catching up with their friends.

A special welcome to Henry – Year 1, Dominic (DJ) – Year 2 and Evie - Year 3 who have joined us this term.

We have also loved meeting our new Year R children who have been coming in for their Stay and Play sessions this week and who are settling in very quickly. (See below!)

Welcome to Willow Class

Mrs Burt, Mrs K and Mrs Williams are delighted with our new "Willows". The children have played so well in the classroom and the garden this week





A very warm welcome to all our new families – we are delighted to have you with us and hope you will soon feel fully part of our school community.

Small village schools like ours have lots of customs and traditions – we will try to make sure we tell you about everything you need to know, but please feel free to ask any questions. Mrs Burt, Mrs K or Mrs Williams will always be available to talk when the children leave school at the end of the day and Lisa in the office knows everything (or knows who to ask if she doesn't)!



The Willow parents with older children in the school will also be a great source of information.



Life gets very busy for everyone, but please keep talking to us once your child is settled into school and throughout his or her school journey. We want to get to know you and your child as well as possible and we want you to feel confident about how your child is learning and being supported.



Communication with Teachers

We know our children feel safer and learn better when we work in close partnership with you. Our aim is to know all our children "inside out" and it hugely helps us when you share your knowledge about your child. It is also important for you to understand how we are teaching your child and to feel that you can support us and trust us to do a good job.

Here are some of the ways parents/carers and teachers can communicate:

- Most importantly, we have an open door policy and teachers try to be available at the end of the end of each day if there is anything you would like to share or to ask about. We find this regular, informal communication can often be the best for building up a relationship and solving any problems quickly. On the rare occasion the teacher already has another meeting, she will arrange to see you as soon as possible.
- If you are a working parent who doesn't pick up at the end of the day or if you need a longer meeting, you can contact Lisa or Susannah in the office (01590 612255 or adminoffice@beaulieu.hants.sch.uk) and they will book one in for you or arrange for the teacher to phone you.
- Any emergency messages at the start of the day can be left with Lisa or Susannah in the school office, or with the member of staff on the gate.
- At the end of each half term, families are invited into the classroom to share the children's learning. We hope this gives you more insight into

what your child is learning. It is also often a good opportunity for a quick chat with the teacher.

- Formal parents' evenings are held in the autumn and spring terms (please see dates below). These are 10 minute meetings which you book in advance to discuss your child's progress. All parents/carers are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Towards the end of the summer term you will receive a formal report on your child's progress.
- If your child is identified as having special educational needs you may be asked to meet more frequently with his or her teacher. Targets will be set and shared with you at least termly.

At the start of the year teachers share a "meet the teacher" session with you via Google Classroom. These sessions contain helpful information about your child's new class and are now available on your child's Google Classroom page. If you have any problems logging on, please speak to Lisa or Susannah in the office.



Communication about Life in School

We understand how busy life is for families and we do our best to keep you informed about everything that's going on in school through:

- Fortnightly newsletters which include a diary of events
- Half termly curriculum updates from teachers

If you are unsure about anything, please always ask.

If you want to understand more about what your child is learning, please speak to your child's teacher. If you need to know more about school events, you can talk to Lisa in the office or to a member of staff on the school gate.

I am always happy to chat to parents on the gate in the morning or you can arrange a meeting with me through the school office if you wish to.

Staffing Update

Very sadly, Mrs Hinton, our lovely Year 3 and 4 Teaching Assistant, was diagnosed with breast cancer during the summer holiday. Kathy is much loved by staff (and children) in our school and staff have been rocked by this news. However, Kathy

is the most positive person we know. She is so grateful for the wonderful support she is receiving from the NHS and she is completely determined to come back to school as soon as possible.

We have talked to the children in Years 4, 5 and 6, who know Mrs Hinton best, to explain that she will be away from school for a while and they have made pictures and messages to help cheer her up.

Mrs Buckmaster has temporarily changed her role to provide additional support for the children in Years 3 and 4 at the end of the week, and all our staff are pulling together brilliantly to help cover the enormous contribution Kathy makes to our school.



Support For Parents

Teaching staff who work with children professionally receive a high level of training, as well as on-going support from their schools. They need this because working with children is hugely rewarding but also hugely challenging.

Parents, however, have the toughest job of all (no training, often limited support, no weekends off and no holidays).

Most of our staff are also parents and we really understand how lonely being a parent can feel. We also know how different it is managing children in a classroom compared with in our own homes!

When my boys were little I can remember feeling quite overwhelmed by how challenging they were. I could successfully teach 30 children all day, but I couldn't get my own 3 children up, dressed, and into the car by 9.00 in the morning!

One of the things which helped me was doing a parenting course, which gave me the chance to stand back and reflect on what was happening. Below are some courses available to Hampshire parents, in case you may be interested.

This academic year we are also working with the Youth and Families Matter charity, based in Totton. They have excellent free courses including "Managing your child's angry feelings" and a support group for parents of children with autism/ADHD. Please see the information at the very bottom of this newsletter and contact them on 023 8086 0320 if you are interested.

In our school all staff are willing to talk with you about your child/children, but our family support expert is Mrs Thorne. She is highly trained and experienced and

always willing to meet with you to help you problem solve any challenges you may be experiencing. She can also signpost you to other support should you need it and liaise with your child's teacher as necessary.



Online Courses for Parents in the Autumn Term

To book type in the link: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>

Course	Dates	Time	Cost
How Children Learn to Read and Write	Thursday 14 Sept – 19 Oct	7pm – 8:30pm	Free
Makaton Level 1	Monday 18 Sept – 9 Oct	6:30pm – 8:30pm	£25.20 for materials
Positive Parenting	Monday 18 Sept – 16 Oct	6:30pm – 8pm	Free
Makaton Level 2	Tuesday 19 Sept – 10 Oct	6:30pm – 8:30pm	£70.05 for tuition and materials
Raising Resilient Children	Wednesday 20 Sept – 18 Oct	6:30pm – 8pm	Free
Makaton Level 1	Monday 30 Oct – 20 Nov	6:30pm – 8:30pm	£25.20 for materials
Makaton Level 2	Tuesday 19 Sept – 10 Oct	6:30pm – 8:30pm	£70.05 for tuition and materials
Raising Resilient Children	Monday 6 Nov – 4 Dec	8:30pm – 8pm	Free
How Children Learn to Talk	Thursday 9 Nov – 7 Dec	7pm – 8:30pm	Free
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Monday 20 Nov – 11 Dec	6:45pm – 9:15pm	Free

These courses are aimed at Hampshire residents aged 19+. Attendance is expected at each session to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and to minimise disruption for other learners. Please advise the venue/tutor of any absence you may have.

Participants will be required to use Zoom. No account is required, not sure how to use Zoom? Check out these helpful videos: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806>



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P.E. and Beaulieu Bolt

Children are asked to wear PE kit to school on the days when they have PE lessons. Even if they don't have a lesson on Wednesday they are still asked to wear PE kit as this is the day when some children attend tournaments at Priestlands School and when we sometimes have inter-house tournaments in our own school.

We appreciate this is a change from last year, at a time when lots of other things are new and different. Whilst we are all getting used to the change, if children accidentally come to school wearing uniform when it should be PE kit, or PE kit when it should be uniform it will not be the end of the world and no-one will be making a fuss!

When do children need to wear PE kit to school?

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year R	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Year 1	Yes		Yes		Yes
Year 2		Yes	Yes		Yes
Year 3			Yes	Yes	
Year 4			Yes	Yes	
Year 5			Yes	Yes	
Year 6			Yes	Yes	

Children also take part in Beaulieu Bolt to ensure they get plenty of exercise during the week. Beaulieu Bolt is our version of The Golden Mile – a national initiative to encourage a healthy and active lifestyle. It is designed to be fun and friendly – children can walk, jog, or run at their own pace and interact with their friends while doing so. It is also intended to be easy and flexible for schools so that it remains part of the children's regular routine. Beaulieu Bolt can take place whatever the weather on the field, playground or in the hall and children can wear uniform and school shoes (just as they do when they are active at play and lunchtimes).

We have found it to be of huge benefit to our children. They can clock up their own miles to earn certificates, whilst having fun. We notice that this boosts concentration in class and we hope that it will help lay the foundation for an active lifestyle as they get older.

Children in Key Stage 1 tend to have more opportunities for active/outdoor learning, so whilst Key Stage 1 children do take part in Beaulieu Bolt, for us it is particularly important for children in Key Stage 2.

During warm weather, teachers think carefully about where Beaulieu Bolt will take place and how long it will last. Children wear hats if they are outside and they are encouraged to drink plenty of water.



Hand Sanitiser

We have decided to continue with our morning routine of offering children hand sanitiser on arrival. Teachers also encourage the children to wash/sanitise their hands at regular points throughout the day. We began using hand sanitiser/more frequent hand washing during the pandemic and we think it continues to be valuable in limiting the spread of germs (whether COVID related or not) and in encouraging good hygiene.

If your child has eczema or sensitive skin, or if you prefer them not to use sanitiser, that is no problem - please just let us know.



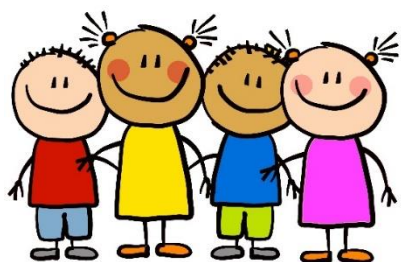
Rucksacks

Just a reminder, that children are asked not to bring in bags or rucksacks other than their school book bag or lunch box. This is to avoid having bags protruding from the children's small coat hooks or falling on the floor in the corridor, which creates a safety issue for us. Thank you for your support.



Free Books!!

Mrs Lawlor, Miss Bennison and Mrs Buckmaster are having a huge clear out! We have worked with the Schools Library Service to identify books which best support our updated curriculum and reflect children's current interests and as a result, there are some books which we will no longer be using in our book corners but which are still in good condition. The teachers will put them out after school next week. Please feel free to take some books if you would like them. Small donations to school funds not required but very welcome!



Headteacher Stickers

Lucas – Year 1 For creativity and focus

Harper – Year 2 For detailed descriptive writing

Eva – Year 2 For using her word bank independently and remembering her punctuation

Mason and Reggie – Year 3 For superb division

Keira – Year 4 For outstanding effort in maths and literacy

William – Year 6 For showing “Year 6” effort and focus in maths and impressing his teachers

Have a lovely weekend,

Headteacher



Diary Dates

New dates will appear in red

We do our best to stick to our dates, but inevitably a few may need to be changed. Where this is the case, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Day/Time	Event	Notes
Monday 11 th September	Year 1 visit to Patrick's Patch	
Wednesday 13 th September	Year 2 visit to Patrick's Patch	
Wednesday 13 th September – Friday 15 th September	Oak Class Residential Trip	To Osmington Bay in Dorset Staff attending: Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Doman, Mr Toomer and Mrs Buckmaster

Monday 18 th September	Year 3 visit to Patrick's Patch	
Tuesday 19 th September	First Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall All families are very welcome to join us. However, children in Year R do not attend celebration assemblies until at least the second half of the summer term as it's a long time for them to sit still and we prefer them to be actively learning instead!
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 4 (Group 1) visit to Patrick's Patch	
Monday 25 th September	Year 4 (Group 2) visit to Patrick's Patch	
Wednesday 27 th September	River Group visit to Patrick's Patch	
Monday 2 nd October	Year 5 visit to Patrick's Patch	
Tuesday 3 rd October	Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall
Wednesday 4 th October	Year 4 (Group 1) visit to Patrick's Patch	Carried over from last term due to cancellation
Monday 9 th October	Year 6 visit to Patrick's Patch	
Tuesday 10 th October	Parents' Evening	Parents/carers will be invited to sign up for a 10 minute appointment nearer the time
Wednesday 11 th October	Harvest Festival	9.00 am in the Village Hall All children involved (including Year R!) All families welcome
Monday 16 th October	Year 5 visit to Patrick's Patch	Carried over from last term due to cancellation
Week beginning Monday 16 th October	Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) parents/carers welcome to come into the classroom at 3.30 pm to see the children's books	Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th or Thursday 19th
Tuesday 17 th October	Beaulieu School Open Day	10.00 am, 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm An opportunity for prospective parents to see the school. Please encourage any friends/family with young children to come along!

	Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening (alternative date)	Parents/carers will be invited to sign up for a 10 minute appointment nearer the time
Friday 20 th October	INSET day	School closed for whole staff reading training led by Mrs Burt
Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	Autumn half term holiday 2023	
Monday 30 th October	INSET day	School closed for whole staff curriculum training with other New Forest schools at New Milton Junior School
Tuesday 7 th November	Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall
Tuesday 21 st November	Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall
Tuesday 5 th December	Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall
Wednesday December 13 th	Christingle Services at the Beaulieu Abbey Church	10.00 am (Dress rehearsal) – all welcome including grandparents and younger children 6.00 pm (Entry via ticket)
Friday 15 th December at 1.15 pm	Break up for the Christmas Holiday	
Monday 18 th December – Monday 1 st January	Christmas holiday 2023	
Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	Spring half term 2024	
Tuesday 20 th February	Pancake Races	Our traditional races for all children and members of our village community will take place in the High Street in the afternoon – all families welcome. More details to follow!
Monday 26 th February	INSET day	Whole staff curriculum training with Waterside schools
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents' Evening (alternative date)	
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	Easter holiday 2024	

Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Summer half term 2024	
Monday 3 rd June	INSET day	Whole staff curriculum planning
Thursday 20 th June	Sports Day	Whole school picnic from 12.00 (families welcome to join us) Traditional races from 1.00 pm More details to follow
Friday 21 st June	Sports Day reserve	In case of bad weather!
Wednesday 24 th July – Friday 30 th August	Summer holiday 2024	



AUTISM & ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

Second Monday of every month 7.30pm-9pm



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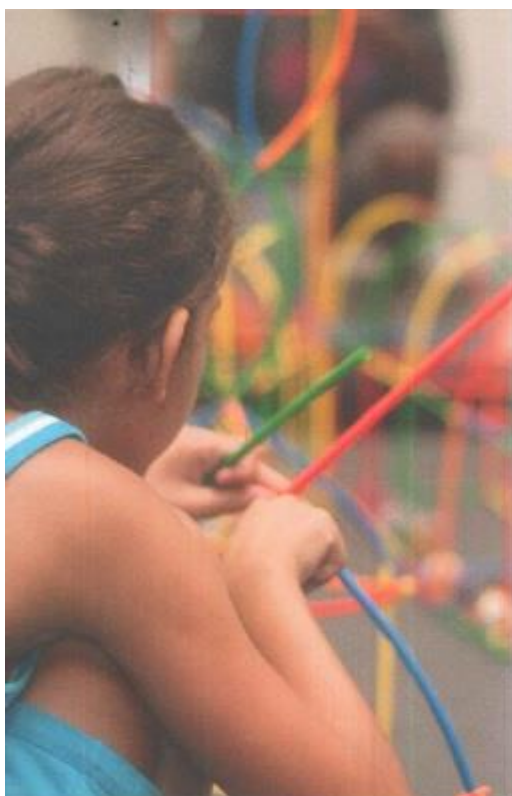
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This group aims to support those who live with Autism or ADHD. This could be parents, carers, grandparents of children with Autism or ADHD. It could be adults who have themselves experienced growing up with Autism or ADHD.

The group provides an opportunity for people to meet up, have a chat, support each other as well as finding out information. There are regular visits from organisations that can help and support such as Autism Hampshire, Parent Partnership and Parentlink.



MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S ANGRY FEELINGS

Six week course



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Managing your child's angry feelings is a course aimed at parents who would like some tips on helping them manage their children's angry outbursts.

It's a six week course looking at triggers and strategies.

The course usually takes place either Monday evenings or Thursday mornings for approximately 1.5 - 2hrs.



TIDES

Wednesday 12noon - 1.30pm



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TIDES provides a safe and supportive space for those struggling with anxiety and depression. There is mutual respect and support alongside acceptance and encouragement.

It is expected that anything that is talked about in the group is confidential and everyone will be treated equally.

It is facilitated by a member of the YFM team. If you are interested in joining this group please contact YFM.
