

**Have courage; be kind; shine!**



## Welcome Back!

I hope you enjoyed your summer. It has been lovely to see our children and families again after the long holiday. We've been delighted with the way the children have settled back into school.

A special welcome to our "new" families – we are so pleased to have you with us. Our newest (Year R) children have visited school for an hour each day and are settling in beautifully. The children have all managed to stay for at least two sessions without their parents and have been a real pleasure.



## Home/School Communication

A reminder at the start of the new school year, that we have an "open door" policy. This means we believe good relationships between teachers and families are vital and that on-going, informal communication works best.

### How should I communicate with my child's teacher?

Teachers are usually available at the end of the school day if you have questions or information to share. Please just approach your child's teacher at the gate. She will have a quick chat with you then and there or, if necessary, arrange a longer meeting with you.

If you are working, you should feel free to phone or email Lisa in the school office, and she will arrange for your child's teacher to give you a quick call. 01590 612255 [adminoffice@beaulieu.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@beaulieu.hants.sch.uk)

There will be parent/teacher meetings in the autumn and spring terms and a written report provided in the summer term. However, please reach out at any time to your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's learning or information to share - please share any concerns with your child's teacher as soon as they arise, rather than waiting for a parents' evening.

Most of our teachers are parents themselves and ALL our staff enjoy getting to know families and know that children thrive and learn best when home and school work closely together.

### **What if there is something I need my child's teacher to know at the start of the day?**

Teachers are very focused on the children at the start of the day, but at least one member of staff is on the gate in the mornings and messages can be given to them or you can phone or email Lisa. Any messages are passed straight to children's teachers as part of our daily routines.

Please be aware that all staff meet each morning at 8.40 am to discuss the day ahead and that the office is therefore not manned from 8.40-8.45 am.

### **What if I want to know more about my child's new class?**

**Please look out for our Meet the Teachers videos on Google Classroom.** Some teachers have posted these already and they will all be available by the end of next week.

### **What if I have a more general question?**

Lisa in the office knows almost everything about everything! And if she doesn't know, she will find out.

If you have any general questions or concerns you wish to raise with me, I am usually available on the gate in the morning and happy to have a quick chat, or you can contact Lisa to arrange a meeting with me.

### **What if I'm new to the school?**

Small village schools like ours have lots of customs and traditions which help to make them special. We will try to explain these as we go along but if we forget or if you are unsure, please just ask.

If you are a Year R parent, Mrs Burt, Mrs K and Mrs Williams are all extremely approachable and supportive. Again, you can usually catch them at the end of the day for a quick chat or you can contact them through Lisa. They are keen to get to know your child and your family as well as they can.

We are a friendly and supportive school community. Existing parents, the class WhatsApp groups, and the FOBS (Friends of Beaulieu School) page are all great sources of support.



## After School Care

I am so sorry to all our families affected by the sudden and unexpected closure of our after-school club. I completely understand how disruptive and stressful this must have been for you at the start of a new academic year.

We realise reliable child-care is crucial to working parents. Our understanding is that our provider, Active for All, made a last-minute decision not to continue to run a service at Beaulieu due to the low/inconsistent number of children involved. We only became aware of this when parents informed us they were unable to book places for the start of term.

Unfortunately, we are not in a strong position to negotiate with other after-school providers due to the low number of children requiring provision. Previously, Active for All was the only company we approached who felt they might be able to make an after-school club at Beaulieu work financially.

We have been exploring different options in school this week and I have been very grateful for your patience. There are a few members of staff who would be keen to support the school community and help provide clubs, but of course they need to arrange their own diaries, child-care etc.

Unfortunately, these clubs would only run until 4.30 pm. I understand some families need care until 6.00 pm but our support staff are not currently able to work this late.

My plan is to offer **after-school clubs until 4.30 pm on Monday – Thursday at a cost of £4.50 per child**. This would be an interim arrangement lasting until October half term and giving us time to properly plan a more permanent solution. We will thoroughly explore whether we can find another appropriate after-school care provider, to be based either at Beaulieu or with our children being transported to another nearby location.

However, if paid clubs run by school staff (something we haven't tried before) works well, we could also consider this as part of a permanent solution.

It would be very helpful, as part of our planning process, if families could let us know their views and particularly if you could let us know where you require care, on a regular basis, beyond 4.30 pm.

Please consider completing our short survey <https://forms.gle/fJu8EJZFB6ztNUBK8> to help us gather information or contact us directly on 01590 612255 or [adminoffice@beaulieu.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@beaulieu.hants.sch.uk)

We are keen to listen to what families need and to carefully consider all our options.

**Once again, I apologise for this situation and for the extreme inconvenience caused to our working parents.**

## After-School Clubs Starting Monday

Clubs will run as follows starting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September until half term:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Member of staff	Mrs Williams	Mrs Kerr	Mr Toomer	Mrs Kerr
Activities	Board games and construction	Art and crafts	Sports/games Outside if fine	Art and crafts

Each club will start straight after school and finish at 4.30 pm. Please collect your child at 4.30 rather than arriving earlier. This is so that the children's activities are not disrupted by staff having to go to the door throughout the session.

Activities may change as we find out more about what works well for the children, but we will keep you informed. Our intention is to have well-structured sessions with activities which will engage the children but also to have a choice of activities available for children, particularly younger ones, who may be tired at the end of the school day.

You can book using Scopay (as for Breakfast Club). The cost is £4.50 per child per session. All sessions will need to be booked in advance, but this can be on the day itself, provided there is space. You can also block book sessions if you wish to.

For safety reasons we will limit numbers to 20 children per session. Once this number is reached you will be unable to book on.



## Year R Play Date!

FOBS are very much looking forward to seeing as many of our new children and their families as possible for tea, cake and a play tomorrow afternoon 2.00 -3.30 pm.

School will be open and our lovely FOBS parents will meet you at the main entrance.

Brothers, sisters and family members all very welcome!



## Nut-Free School

As you know, we are a nut-free school. Being nut-free is more important than ever this year as two of our new children have extremely serious nut allergies.

**Please be mindful that foods containing nuts, such as cereal bars and chocolate spread should not be brought into school.**

Thank you very much for your support.



## Thank You!

Special thanks to the Niccolls Family for doing such a fantastic job of tidying up the willow dome in our Early Years garden, which had grown quite wild! We are very grateful.



## Staffing News

Mrs Stroud, our Year 3 and 4 teacher and SENCO, is expecting a baby! We are delighted for Charlotte and her family, but of course she will be hugely missed in school.

We are expecting Charlotte to start her maternity leave before Christmas. Mrs Doman (our other Year 3 and 4 teacher) has kindly offered to increase her teaching hours to help cover Mrs Stroud's absence in the classroom.

Mrs Cunningham (our Key Stage 2 lead) has kindly agreed to increase her hours to cover Mrs Stroud's SENCO role. Mrs Cunningham is a fully qualified SENCO with a senior role in school. She and Mrs Stroud will work closely together this term, and we anticipate a smooth transition.



## Welcome

Welcome to Alan in Year 1 and welcome back to Cheneya in Year 6 – we are delighted to have you with us.

Welcome to Rory, Tabitha, Bodhi, Thiago, Oleta, Niyah, Molly, Kai, Leah, Cassie, Archie, Jack, Alfie, Tilly, Pearl, Primrose and Adam in Year R - we can't wait to get to know you better!



## Can you help?

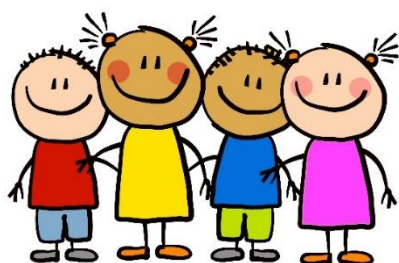
Our data is showing us that our approach to reading, led by Mrs Burt, is having a huge impact on children's progress. Thanks to support from families last term, we have been able to order lots of lovely new reading books. Now that the books are here, Mrs Burt needs help to prepare the resources to go with them. This mainly involves cutting out and laminating.

To avoid taking our support staff away from the children, we would love to have support from parents. If you might be able to spare some time (even a small amount), please speak to Mrs Burt or to Lisa in the office. We would be VERY grateful.

# New Vicar at the Abbey Church

We have really missed Father John's presence following his retirement over a year ago and we are delighted that the church is now welcoming the Reverend Catherine Cowie as their new vicar from the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. Rev. Catherine has already expressed how keen she is to work with the children and to be involved in the life of our school.

On behalf of the school community, we warmly welcome Rev. Catherine and her family to Beaulieu.



## Headteacher Stickers

**Leah – Year 1 and Hunter – Year 2** For excellent work in P.E.

**Connie and Zoya – Year 2** For wonderful Heart Smart behaviour

**Marley and Emma – Year 3 and George, Jenson, Millie, Evie, Jake – Year 4** For exceptional behaviour for learning in their first week back

**Brin – Year 4** For superb writing

**Ruben and Brin (2!) – Year 4** For fabulous partitioning in maths

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Katherine Jones  
**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 9 <sup>th</sup> September	New Year R children start school	

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2.30 pm	Celebration Assembly	To celebrate children who have been awarded a Heart Smart certificate, as well as other achievements For children in Years 1-6 2.30 pm in the Village Hall All families welcome
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2.30 pm	Celebration Assembly	Village Hall All welcome
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 9.15 am	Harvest Festival	In the Village Hall Each class will briefly sing a song or share some work associated with Harvest All children involved (including Year R!) All families welcome  (We will also make a collection of items suitable for the local food bank – any offers of help to transport donations gratefully received!)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening	Parents sign up for a 10-minute appointment (or choose to make an appointment on 13.11.24)  All year groups  A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Celebration Assembly	Village Hall All welcome
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term Holiday	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30 pm	Celebration Assembly	Village Hall All welcome
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30 pm	Celebration Assembly	Village Hall All welcome
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening	Parents sign up for a 10-minute appointment (or choose to make an appointment on 16.10.24)  All year groups  A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time



Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2.30 pm	Celebration Assembly	Village Hall All welcome
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30 pm	Celebration Assembly	Village Hall All welcome
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service at the Abbey Church	<b>10.30 am</b> Dress rehearsal – all welcome This is an ideal service for grandparents and younger brothers/sisters  <b>6.00 pm</b> Evening service This event is ticketed (normally 2 tickets per family) for safety reasons  More details to follow
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	Staff and children eat lunch together in the village hall (school Christmas Lunch or children's own packed lunches)  More details to follow
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Christmas Holiday	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children back to school	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	INSET Day	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February -Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term Holiday	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening	Parents sign up for a 10- minute appointment (or choose to make an appointment on 26.3.24)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Holiday	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children back to school	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holiday	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	INSET Day	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Sports Day	More details to follow!

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	INSET Day	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Break up for Summer	



## FOBS Dates

New dates will appear in red

Day/Time	Event	Notes
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Year R Play Date	2.00 – 3.30 pm Meet outside the main school entrance
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Disco	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	FOBS at Paulton's Park	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	FOBS at Legoland	