

# Honesty **Respect** **Responsibility** *Kindness*



## Hello

The children have come back beautifully after their summer holiday and it has been so exciting to see them and hear all their news.

Welcome back to all our families and a very warm welcome to all the families of our LOVELY new children! It is fantastic to have you on board.

Our newsletters are designed to keep you up to date with what is going on in school. **Key information appears in bold** so that if you are in a rush you can scan through quickly and all the **important dates you need are found at the bottom of the newsletter.**



## HM the Queen

Since writing this newsletter, the death of Her Majesty the Queen has sadly been announced.

We have been talking to our children about Queen Elizabeth. Many of them have a real awareness of her, particularly following the recent Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and many are aware of the effect her death has had on adults.

We have had a short assembly and a minute's silence for the Queen today. We also talked about the flag outside the school flying at half-mast and we let the children listen to the church bells tolling for the Queen at midday.

We want to ensure our children have an age-appropriate understanding of the significance of the Queen's historic reign and a lasting memory of being part of our school and our Beaulieu village community when the Queen sadly died.

Our older children, in particular, will learn about how our village community, our country and the wider world are mourning the Queen.

Teachers may use lesson materials from the [Royal Collections Trust](#) and the [National Archives](#). If you have any questions about how we will approach these

lessons, about our conversations with the children or about our school events, please talk to us.

It is possible that one or two of the dates at the bottom of this newsletter will change when we know more about the national plans for mourning the Queen's death.



## Meet The Teacher

Teachers have prepared short talks to share with families on Google Classroom. The video for your child's class will let you know about the routines and expectations for this year. We hope the use of Google Classroom will mean all parents and carers, including working parents and carers, can access the teachers' talks at a convenient time.

**The Key Stage 2 videos will be available on Google Classroom by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September and the Key Stage 1 videos (including the video for Early Years parents) will be available by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Before you can view the video, your child will need to log on to Google Classroom and accept an invitation to join.** Login details will be sent to children who are new to our school (including our Early Years children). For all our other children, login details remain unchanged from last year.

Please do chat to your child's teacher in person or via Google Classroom to ask any questions you have after seeing the video – teachers are usually available to talk at the end of the school day. Questions can also be emailed to the school office if you prefer. [Adminoffice@beaulieu.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Adminoffice@beaulieu.hants.sch.uk)

## Open Door Policy

We have an open door policy in our school and we value close communication with our families. At any time throughout the year, please feel free to see if your child's teacher is free for a quick chat at the end of the day or contact the school office (01590 612255) to arrange a longer meeting if you need one.



Teachers are busy settling the children at the start of the school day, but there is always a member of staff at the gate to take any message you may have.

I am also at the gate most mornings if you would like to chat to me, or you can make an appointment for a proper meeting with me via the school office (01590 612255) should you wish to.



## Celebrating Children's Work

At the end of each half term, parents and carers will have an opportunity to come into school to see for themselves what children have been learning. In Key Stage 2 this will usually involve popping into the classroom to look through your child's books with him or her.

In Key Stage 1 the children might sing to you, perform something for you, or show you things they have made.

## Leadership and Courage

It is part of our Beaulieu Curriculum to teach our children about leadership and to give all our children opportunities to demonstrate courage and to take responsibility.



Each year children, particularly those in Year 6, are encouraged to put themselves forward for positions such as House Captain and School Councillor. We teach our children that being brave and "going for your opportunities" is valuable in itself, whether or not you are successful, and will make you more likely to show courage in the future.

We also take the opportunity to teach our children about democracy. Some positions of responsibility involve a short interview, others involve a fair vote by the class (in the case of school councillors) or by the whole House (in the case of House Captains).



## Parent/Headteacher meetings



Another way to find out more about our school is to come along to one of our half termly meetings.

The meetings take place in our staffroom and are an opportunity to find out about what we are changing and why, as well as to ask any questions, raise any issues or make any suggestions to myself and Kerry Thorne (governor and family support officer.)

These meetings are open to all parents and carers. You are very welcome to just come along and listen or you can ask questions or make suggestions for yourself or on behalf of other parents who are unable to make the meeting.

**Our first meeting will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45 pm.** We will be talking about why children will be putting their hands up less in lessons this year!

Please note: we never discuss individual children or members of staff – if you have a particular concern about your child it is always important to speak to your child's teacher.



## Celebration Assemblies

A reminder that, this year, our assemblies will be held in the Village Hall **at 2.30 on Thursday afternoons.** Dates will appear in newsletters termly and assemblies are usually held fortnightly.

Our first assembly will be next **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm.** You will receive a phone call if your child is going to receive a Heartsmart certificate, but all families are very welcome to attend and we would love to see you.

Please note our youngest children do not attend celebration assemblies until they join Year 1.

# School Uniform

Thank you for sending the children back looking so smart!

Apologies that there has been some confusion over what children should be wearing to school on Wednesdays. The children will not normally have PE lessons on Wednesdays but some children will be involved in tournaments at Priestlands School and there will be inter-school tournaments for all children on some Wednesdays.



To avoid having to communicate which children will be needing PE kit on a weekly basis (which could get quite complicated!), we think it is best for ALL children to wear PE kit to school.

## **On Mondays and Thursdays, children can choose from:**

- Grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or tunic dress or Blue and white checked summer dress
- Red polo shirt with or without school logo
- Blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school logo
- Sensible black school shoes

## **On P.E. days, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays children need:**

- Navy shorts, red school t-shirt (no buttons please) and trainers (any colour)
- During colder weather, where activities take place outside, children are encouraged to wear jogging bottoms and a school sweatshirt or red school P.E. hoodie for warmth

Please note, red school P.E. hoodies may be worn throughout the week if preferred.

# Financial Pressure on Families

We are highly aware of the demands on our families in the current financial climate.

Please talk in confidence to me, to Lisa in the office, or to Kerry (our family support officer) if your family is facing particular pressure. We will be keeping our eyes open for all available help for families.

We would also be grateful to hear from you with any suggestions of practical ways in which we as a school might be able to support families in these difficult times.



## Fundraising

Families are facing increasing costs and unfortunately so are schools. Our budget is under huge strain from a range of sources, including the dramatic increase in the cost of fuel.

We will need to have a major focus on fundraising this year but will of course completely understand where families are unable to contribute – so please do not feel any pressure.

## Spaces

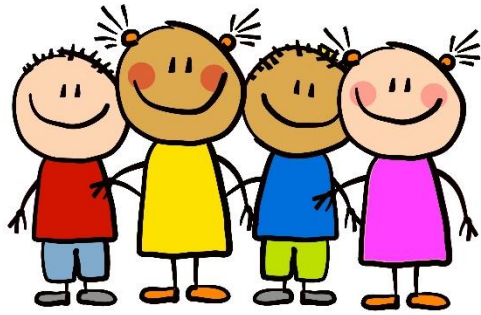
One of the most important ways for us to protect our budget is to fill any spaces in our classrooms.

Some of our year groups are full but others have a few spaces which we would be delighted to fill.

If you have friends or family moving to the area or looking for a new school, please consider encouraging them to come and have a look around.

We would also very much appreciate your support in promoting our **Open Day on Tuesday 11th October**.





## Headteacher Stickers

**Preston – Year R** For kindness

**George – Year 3** For wonderful writing

**Daisy – Year 6** For leadership (parent and staff recommendation!)

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Katherine Jones

**Headteacher**



## Diary Dates

Please keep these dates for your diary.

Day/Time	Event	Notes
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	School starts for new Year R children	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Celebration Assembly	2.30 in the Village Hall Involving children in years 1–6 Families welcome
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Celebration Assembly (Year 6 leadership roles announced)	2.30 in the Village Hall Involving children in years 1–6 Families welcome



Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening	For parents/carers of children in all year groups. Sign up for a 10 minute appointment to discuss how your child is progressing in his/her new class – details to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents/Headteacher Meeting	2.45 pm – all welcome
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Celebration Assembly	2.30 in the Village Hall Involving children in years 1–6 Families welcome
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Celebration of work – Key Stage 2	Parents of Key Stage 2 children welcome to pop into class to look at children's books
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 3.00 pm	Celebration of work – Key Stage 1	Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 welcome to come into class to celebrate the children's work (more details to follow)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	9.00 am in the Village Hall Involving all children (Years R-6) Families welcome
	Parents' Evening	For parents/carers not attending on the 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET day	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Celebration Assembly	2.30 in the Village Hall Involving children in years 1–6 Families welcome
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebration Assembly	2.30 in the Village Hall Involving children in years 1–6 Families welcome
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Celebration Assembly	2.30 in the Village Hall Involving children in years 1 – 6 Families welcome
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Services in the Abbey Church 10.00 am (dress rehearsal) and 6.00 pm	All children involved, all families welcome – further details to follow.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET day	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school	

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening	For parents/carers of children in all year groups – details to follow
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parents' Evening	For parents/carers not attending on the 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Break up for Easter	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	Whole school picnic followed by traditional races – families welcome. Details to follow
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Sports Day Reserve	In case it rains on the 20 <sup>th</sup> !
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Break up for the summer holiday	