
Beaufront First School
2nd February 2018
Newsletter
School News

As part of our Local Authority Annual Review, our School Improvement Partner visited us at the end of the Autumn Term. We recently received her report. We are very proud of our school and would like to share some of her comments with you:

- ‘High quality teaching and learning is tailored to the children’s needs’
- ‘Leaders set high expectations of pupils and staff. They lead by example to create a culture of respect and tolerance. The positive relationships between leaders, staff and pupils support the progress of all pupils at the school’
- ‘Outcomes for KS1 were in the top 10% nationally in 2017’
- ‘100% of the year 1 cohort achieved the required standard in the phonics check’
- Pupil’s spiritual, moral, social and cultural development ensures that they are prepared to be reflective about and responsible for their actions as good citizens’

Teacher Training Day – Friday 9th February

A reminder, that there is a Teacher Training Day on Friday 9th February. School will reopen after the half term break on Monday 19th February.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

We will be holding parent/teacher consultations during next week and week beginning 19th February. Please check book bags for your appointment time. The consultations will be an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing and raise any concerns you may have.

Urgent Bird Seed Appeal!!

As you know, throughout the winter months we take great care to feed our feathered friends who live around our school. Please keep your donations of bird food coming. We especially need donations of bird seed, particularly mixed seeds, black sunflower seeds and fat balls. Any donations, large or small, would be very gratefully received.

After School PE Club - Mondays

Our ‘After School PE Club’ which takes place on Mondays will recommence after half term. The last session for the children from Reception and Class 1 who currently stay for the club will be on Monday 5th February. **From Monday 19th February, children from Class 2 are invited to come along for the remainder of the Spring term.** If spaces become available over the half term, we will open the club up to other years. There will be a separate letter in Class 2 book bags with permission slips. If your child would like to come along to the club, please complete a permission slip and return to Fran.

After School Gym Club – Fridays

If your child is already ‘signed up’ to after school gym club on Fridays, there is no need to reapply to continue after half term. If your child doesn’t wish to continue after half term, please let Fran know by Thursday 8th February so that we can free up the place for another children.



Keeping under fives safe online

Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age.

Latest [Ofcom research](#) has shown that 94% of 5-15 year olds live in a household with internet access and over a third of all 3-4 year olds are now accessing the internet in their homes. We know that children need support in these environments, to get the best out of using the internet, and there are real advantages in making sure that children are supported in their internet use right from the start.

Go to the childnet website to find the answers to frequently asked questions such as:

Where do I start?

Should I set any rules?

How can I supervise my child?

and

How much time is too much time?

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/keeping-young-children-safe-online>

Safer Internet Day is next week. The theme for this year is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you'. We will be marking Internet Safety Day by learning in class and in assembly about how to respect others when online just as we respect others in real life.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is when someone uses technology, such as the internet or a mobile device to bully others.

Cyberbullying includes things such as sending nasty text messages, excluding others from messaging apps, 'hacking' into someone else's social media account, pretending to be them, 'tagging' people into statuses or embarrassing photos about them. 'Indirect' cyberbullying is bullying where a name isn't mentioned, however it is obvious to all involved who is being talked about eg. 'You know whose dress is disgusting'.

Being a victim of cyberbullying can be very distressing for a young person as messages can be sent anonymously and it is difficult to know who the bully is. Moreover, the bullying doesn't always end once the victim has left wherever the bully might be (eg.school) as it can continue 24/7. When messages and embarrassing photos are shared online and not directly to the person, there are often lots of bystanders and victims can be very upset to see how quickly an embarrassing image or rumour can circulate online.

For tips to help combat cyberbullying please visit:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/cyberbullying>.

PTA News

Beaufront Ball – Vallum Farm – 17th March 2017

If you have not already done so, please contact Michelle Rivkin for tickets for our forthcoming Spring Ball. To avoid disappointment, please email michelle24881@aol.com or call 07595 031211 to book your tickets.

Diary Dates

Please note that new dates are shown in italics

2018

Tuesday 6th – Thursday 8th Feb

Thursday 8th February

Friday 9th February

Monday 19th February

Wednesday 21st – Thursday 22nd Feb

Thursday 1st March

Saturday 17th March

Thursday 29th March

Monday 16th April

Monday 7th May

Friday 25th May

Monday 4th June

Friday 29th June

Friday 6th July

Friday 13th July

Wednesday 18th July

Thursday 19th July

Friday 20th July

Friday 20th July

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

Friday 26th October

Monday 5th November

Friday 21st December

Parent/Teacher Consultations

School closes for Spring Half Term

Teacher Training Day

School reopens

Parent/Teacher Consultations

World Book Day

Beaufront Ball at Vallum Farm

School closes for Easter Break

School reopens for Summer Term

Bank Holiday

School closes for Summer Half Term

School reopens

Whole School Triathlon.

Whole School Summer Garden Day

Sports Day

Whole School visit to Tynemouth Beach

Beaufront Leaver's BBQ

Leaver's Assembly

School closes for Summer Break

Teacher Training Day

School reopens for Autumn Term

School closes for Autumn Half Term

School reopens

School closes for Christmas Break

2019

Monday 7th January

Friday 15th February

Monday 25th February

Friday 5th April

Tuesday 23rd April

Monday 6th May

Friday 24th May

Monday 3rd June

Friday 19th July

School reopens for Spring Term

School closes for Spring Half Term

School reopens

School closes for Easter Break

School reopens for Summer Term

Bank Holiday

School closes for Summer Half Term

School reopens

School closes for Summer Break