



Beedon News

Summer Term 1 Friday 11th May 2018

Christian Value: Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to the Year 3/4 parents for their support of last week's tri-golf competition. As you can see from the photograph, our children enjoyed participating and representing the school in a new sport. Mr Edwards reported that the children were a pleasure to take out and a credit to our school and their families with their enthusiasm and great manners. Well done all!



Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits

Wednesday's music session caused much excitement in Key Stage 2 when Miss Huntley began teaching the children the songs for this year's production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. I'm sure many of you will soon know the songs (which are very catchy) as well as your children.

Parts have not yet been cast; this will happen over the next couple of weeks. We may need to ask for your help with a few costumes.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes



How lovely to see some summer sunshine at last! Thank you to everyone who has sent their children in with sun cream and hats this week. We have purchased additional parasols to provide extra shade and the children have enjoyed eating their packed lunches outside. Over recent weeks, we have worked hard to provide a range of activities for the children to enjoy at lunchtime. Our willow dome, thank you to Mrs Pereira, is proving very popular as are the range of quiet play and sports activities.



Over the last week, the children have chosen scooters, cricket, running relays and tennis as well as enjoying trying out our new activity trail.



Year 6 SATS

Year 6 pupils may bring in a favourite toy as their mascot next week and we will provide cereal bars or breakfast biscuits for those who would like them before they sit the papers. We will start after the register and the papers will be over by breacktime. We have to issue the papers in the same order as other schools:

Monday Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Tuesday Reading

Wednesday – Mental Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning paper 2

Thursday – Maths Reasoning paper 3

Please encourage year 6 to have plenty of rest and some fun over the weekend. They are well prepared for these SATS tests which provide a snapshot of what a child can do on a particular paper on a particular day. All we ask is that the children try their best and pass any worrying on to Mrs McDonald- that's what she's here for!

Year 2 SATS

Year 2 will be taking their SATS papers over the month of May. We will keep this as low key as possible and Mr Probert and Mr Sharpe will use their professional judgement to decide on the best day for the children to sit the papers. Many children don't realise they have taken the KS1 SATs.

As in previous years, we may provide a few additional treats to keep children going through their SATS papers. A few sweets, some fruit or an ice cream have proved very popular in the past.

Please let the office know if you do NOT want your child to be offered a treat.

Cornerstones Curriculum

From September, we will be adjusting our curriculum planning to follow the Cornerstones curriculum. This will ensure full coverage of the 2014 National Curriculum and will have strong links to improving Literacy. It is a skills- based curriculum and will offer lots of opportunities for children to be active in their learning. Easy to adapt for mixed ages classes, this curriculum offers teachers a huge range of exciting topics to choose from and there are lots of opportunities for visits and visitors and regular celebrations of learning where parents will be able to join us. I will hold an information session for parents after half term.

Read Write Inc Spelling

Following the success of our new phonics scheme which we introduced in September, we have decided to purchase the follow-on spelling scheme for pupils in Key Stage 2. Materials have arrived and we begin teaching spelling groups three times a week from half term. We will be looking carefully at pupils' assessments so that we can challenge and support all pupils to improve their spelling strategies.

Dates for the term ahead

Tues 15 th May	Taiko Drumming Trip
Tues 22 nd May	Butser Farm Trip
Weds 23 rd May 1.30	Inter-house tri-golf and netball tournament parents welcome to support
Fri 25 th May	Finish for ½ term 3.05
Mon 4 th June	Summer term 2 begins
Fri 8 th June 1.00pm	Healthy Eating workshop for KS2
Sun 10 th June	Y6 Leave for Sealyham Compton Primary School Downland Dash
Mon June 11 th	Yr1/2 phonics screening all week
Weds 13 th June	Y3,4,5 Englefield Trip
Thurs 14 th June	Y5 Park House Taster Day
Weds 27 th June	Y6 Transition Day at The Downs
Thurs 28 th June	Y6 Transition Day at The Downs New Reception children in for full day Yr7 evening at The Downs
Weds July 4 th	Park House and Trinity School transition days y6
Thurs 5 th July	Y5/6 The Downs' international day
Fri 6 th July 1.30	Sports day
Tues 10 th July	School play afternoon performance 1.30 Evening performance 6.30
Weds 11 th July	School play Evening performance 6.30
Weds 18 th July 1.30	Inter-house Cricket tournament – parents welcome to support
Fri 20 th July 1.10	Leavers' Assembly Children leave for holidays after assembly

Reception 2018

We still have some spaces available for Reception 2018 and there are limited spaces in some other year groups. Please encourage friends with school age children to come for a visit.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs A McDonald, Director of Primaries

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