

# Governors' Newsletter

## Summer Term 2012



### **Dear Parents and Children,**

Can you believe that another school year is coming to a close? And what a year, with both Jubilee and Olympic themes. How fantastic that the children were able to experience the actual Olympic Torch procession and thank you to all of you who came to support our own mini Olympic Games despite the weather!!

### **Staff Changes**

As you are aware there are a number of changes happening in September; Mrs. Hakes is retiring after a long teaching career and we consider ourselves very fortunate that she chose to spend the past ten years at Beaford. Her passion for literacy is inspirational and she has helped to prepare many of our children for the move into secondary education. I know that you will join us in thanking her for her dedicated service and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Miss Down will be teaching Owls and I know that she is looking forward to new challenges. She specialised in Key Stage 2 at university and is keen to further develop her skills, alongside Mrs Adams. She has done a fantastic job in Hedgehogs and become a firmly established as part of the Beaford team.

We welcome Miss Moore into Hedgehogs and some of you will have met her already when she has been teaching alongside Miss Down. She has just completed her training but has a wealth of experience of working in schools and boundless enthusiasm. We are confident that she will be an asset to the school.

### **New Governors**

Ben Waymark has resigned as a Governor due to relocation and we thank him for his noticeable contribution to the Board from the outset.

We welcome Mark Bowen as our new parent Governor.

### **Governor Responsibilities**

**Alison Bennett** – Chair, School Improvement Team and Data.

**Mike Clark** – Vice Chair.

**Meg Slingo** – EYFS.

**Karen Adams** – Finance, School Improvement Team, Data.

**Sarah Montague** – Curriculum, SEN and EYFS, Child Protection, Health & Wellbeing, Attendance & Behaviour.

**Mark Bowen** – Finance.

**Graham James** - Finance, Health and Safety, Security.

**Becky Huxtable** – Parent Engagement, Community Cohesion, School Improvement Team, Data

### **School Website**

Our new website is now up and running so please have a look at:

[www.beaford-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.beaford-primary.devon.sch.uk)

The website contains information on the school day, policies, children's work, home learning and forthcoming events.

### **Freedom Of Information (FOI) Policy**

The schools FOI policy commits the school to make certain information freely available to the public. This includes organisation information, financial income & expenditure, strategy and performance information and policy proposals and decisions.

The policy states how the information is made available and any charges which may be made for a request for information. A copy of the policy is on our web site.

### **Video Conferencing**

The PTA helped raise fund to purchase equipment for video conferencing. It has already had a test run linking up to Merton and Umberleigh schools and there are plans to make links further afield and as a way of accessing educational material supplied by museums etc.

### **Leavers Service**

This will take place in Beaford Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend to wish our year 6's well in their move to secondary school.

### **School Improvement Plan**

One of our focuses for the year has been to look at the children's understanding of maths. Governors have been in to talk to the children and to monitor their progress and it has been apparent that children's understanding of maths is generally very good. They are enthusiastic about the subject and know how they can move forward using resources that are available.

As parents we can support our children's learning by discussing at home how maths is used in daily activities such as cooking and shopping. We are hoping to hold another parent's workshop next term.

### **And Finally.....**

Governors would like to thank all staff for their continued hard work and parents for helping in school and supporting their children at home. We wish you all a relaxing and dry summer break!