



Dear Parents and Children,

Here we are, almost half way through the last term of this school year and as usual there has been a lot going on! The children have been busy learning about the elements, creating some fantastic artwork and enjoying a full and stimulating curriculum.

Staff and Governors have also been working hard on school development and met at the start of term to devise the new **School Aims**:-

Promote and develop lifelong learning for all within our community.

Through everything we do at **Beaford**, both now and in planning for the future we are committed to providing for all learners:

- A challenging, personalised and inclusive curriculum that is both creative and stimulating.
- A safe, honest and secure learning environment where every individual feels valued and respected.
- High expectations of the learning journey where individuals will engage, reflect, persevere and take ownership.

Home School Agreement

A new home school agreement has been put together. In September you will have the opportunity to see the agreement in full and be asked to share with your child the details it outlines.

In September children in each class will decide what they as learners will commit to doing and what in turn the teachers will provide.

The agreement also covers details of how communication will occur between home and school, the expectations for behaviour, well-being and curriculum as well as importance of attendance and punctuality.

The children will no doubt share with you their own class agreements and the support they hope to receive from home towards their learning.

Governor Visits

Governors have been visiting school and attending training in accordance with their responsibilities:-

Alison Bennett and Jeffers Mayo – School Improvement team, met with subject leaders to check progress toward school targets.

Mark Bowen and Sam Doidge – Finance Committee, attended training and met to review and agree budget.

Rev. Katie Cross and Sam Doidge – Parent Engagement and Cohesion Governors; reviewed the Home School agreement.

A full list of Governors and their responsibilities can be found on the school website.

New Governors

We would like to welcome Liesa Down as our new Staff Governor.

There is often the need for new Governors to join the Board. If you are interested please talk to Miss Yates or Alison Bennett and we will let you know when a vacancy arises.

Attendance

Part of our role as governors of the school is to monitor the attendance of all learners and make sure that parents are aware of the importance of the role they play in the learning experience of their children.

Of course you are aware of the importance of your children attending school and the impact that absence has on learning and achievement. Occasional absences are inevitable but it is important to be aware that repeated absences quickly add up to a great deal of missed learning and opportunities to take part in exciting



activities, all of which will have a negative impact on children's progress.

Learning at Beaford is carefully planned to build upon previous learning experiences so missing a day can adversely affect your children's experience of the activities on subsequent days. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your children attend school every day of the school year, unless this is impossible due to illness.

Torrington Learning Partnership

From September 2015 the local authority structure and funding of Local Learning Communities is finishing. Torrington Learning Community is comprised of GTS, the former Children's Centre, Peters Marland School and all the primary schools that feed into GTS.

A wide range of activities from sporting and music events to shared school improvement opportunities, as well as the employment of the Parent Support Advisor were organised collectively by this group.

Schools involved recognise the opportunities and importance of this provision and are reorganising under a new name of Torrington Learning Partnership which will be working alongside the Torrington Early Years Teaching Centre.

Year 6 leavers

I always think the last year at primary school goes so quickly, for us parents anyhow! So it is nearing the time, once again to say farewell to our Year 6 and wish them well as they move on to the next stage of their education. Having had two children so far go to GTS from Beaford I firmly believe that you can take the child from Beaford but you will never take Beaford away from the child!

We hope many of you will be able to attend the leavers' service at the end of term.

Thankyou:

To the **PTA** for all their fantastic fundraising this year, the school really values the hard work and

creativity that goes in to all events. Not forgetting the Summer Fair and Sports Day on June 12th!

To our **Champion Readers and Parent Helpers**, the children have benefitted greatly from the support that you have given.

To **Miss Yates and all staff**, for your **outstanding** teamwork and commitment to the School.

Wishing you a happy Half Term and a warm Summer to come!

Best wishes from Alison Bennett and the Board of Governors