

Governors' Newsletter

Summer Term 2013



Dear Parents and Children,

With the end of the academic year fast approaching there has been lots happening in school both in classes and behind the scenes. The children have been fully immersed in "India" and the banquet was a great success. Please take any opportunity to look around at the work produced so far and look forward to the presentation to parents in July.

Sports day and "May Fayre" was fantastic with the weather in our favour, at least until almost the end, and I think great fun was had by children and adults alike! Perhaps Welly throwing could become an Olympic sport!

Here is an idea of the work done by Governors this term:-

SEN Audit

Sarah Montague, the governor with responsibility for Special Education Needs -SEN, attended a monitoring visit from the Local Authority to review our provision for pupils with SEN. The school has good provision in place for these pupils from writing of Individual Plans, monitoring the progress of pupils with SEN and working effectively with parents and a wide range

of outside agencies. The area for future action is for the SENCO to complete the National Award for SEN Qualification.

Health Safety Audit

The school undertook a Local Authority Health and Safety Audit in May and received a very good score of 94%. This was a four hour session which looked in detail into policy and practise of first aid, site safety and security, safety on school trips, building maintenance, fire safety and many other areas.

Action Plan Monitoring Committee

Next week governors will be monitoring and collecting evidence to demonstrate that children are using and applying their knowledge of number and calculation in maths. This will involve governors observing teaching, talking to children about their learning in maths and talking to the maths subject leader about the monitoring and professional development they have led this term.

This terms literacy action plan is focused on:

- Teaching of grammar and how well children apply this knowledge when writing
- The quality of writing across the curriculum

National Assessments

This term is a busy term for children across the school. Children in year 6 have sat their end of Key Stage 2 tests in English and maths. Results of these along with teacher assessments will be sent home to parents during July. Children in

year 2 are completing their end of year 2 assessments and again these will be reported to parents during July. Year 1 pupils will be taking their phonics screening checks shortly and children in reception will be being assessed against the Early Learning Goals. Again both of these outcomes will be reported to parents in July.

Governors would like to thank Miss Yates and all the staff for their ongoing hard work and dedication which continues to make Beaford School a happy and nurturing place for our children to be.

School Kitchen

We have now been running our own school kitchen for just over one year. In this time we have welcomed in members of the community and parents to share lunches with us. We now offer a wider variety of food with packed lunches, jacket potatoes, soup and paninis a daily option in addition to the hot two course meal. We have not increased the price of our meals since September 2011 and are pleased to advise that there are no immediate plans to do so.

PTA

The valuable fundraising events the PTA organise help the school to finance trips and buy equipment for the school. The governors wish to thank PTA members and other parents who help on the day at events.

Governor Succession

We currently have a very reliable, committed and engaged Board of Governors, but we have to be aware that people move on for whatever reasons and are always keen to hear of anyone who

may be interested in joining us. With this in mind we are hoping to hold a Governor Forum where parents and members of the community can come and learn more about the work we do. Please look out for more information on this to come.

Meanwhile if you would like to contact the governors then please talk to Helen Wright (clerk to governors) in the school office or email admin@beaford-primary.devon.sch.uk and your message will be passed on.

Becky Huxtable who is the governor with responsibility for parent engagement is at school every day at 9.00am and 3.30pm. She is always happy to meet and talk with parents.

Leavers

Of course it is almost that time of year when, with mixed emotions, we say goodbye to the Year 6 pupils as they move on to senior school and their next great adventure. But we do so with confidence that they have had the best possible start and that they will be a credit to Beaford wherever they go.

Please come along to the leavers service on July 23rd to wish them well.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and sunny summer holiday,

Alison Bennett and the Board of Governors