



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Here we are at the end of another academic year and saying goodbye to year 6 once again! For them it has been a memorable time when all those school events become more significant for being their last at Beaford, but exciting times ahead as they move on to the next stage and we wish them well at their chosen school knowing that they will be recognised for an outstanding attitude to learning and innate sense of camaraderie.

Please join us at School, at 2pm on Friday 21st for the special leaver's assembly, to celebrate!

Security, Health and Safety

Governors wish to achieve the highest standards of health, safety and welfare at the school that are consistent with our responsibilities under health and safety legislation. Governors have a responsibility to produce and regularly review the school's health and safety policy which includes monitoring compliance and effectiveness. It is imperative that quality learning and teaching takes place in a safe and secure environment.

In March a security risk assessment was carried out in accordance with the security policy. It was agreed that some improvements to the perimeter fencing and playing field access gate will be required and these matters are currently being addressed. Following a review of the security policy in June, security risk assessments will now be undertaken biannually as opposed to annually.

Should you have any comments in relation to the school's security or health and safety we would welcome your feedback as part of our regular review.

Attendance

The school's attendance this year is very high at 98.1%. Thank you to parents for recognising the importance of children's attendance at school. Governors approved a new attendance policy in June which still includes the following statements:

- A note or appointment card from a doctor must support absences of more than 5 consecutive days or for when there have been 5 individual days in a year for medical reasons and for hospital medical appointments.
- Non urgent medical appointments will not be authorised.

- If a child's attendance falls below 95% the class teacher will meet with the parents/carers to discuss attendance and give them a record of their attendance. Other agencies will be referred to if appropriate.
- If pupils are persistently late in arriving i.e more than 3 times per half term then the class teacher will meet with parents and attendance discussed. If this continues the EWO will be informed.
- All requests for holiday in term time are unauthorised unless in exceptional circumstances

A full copy of the policy is available on the school website: www.beaford-primary.devon.sch.uk

Parent Engagement

The maths workshop held earlier in the year was very well attended. There will be another workshop next year, as well as phonics/reading workshops presented in a different way in the Autumn term. Our parent forum will be starting up again in September. This is an opportunity to help develop school policy, shape the future of our school and feedback your experiences of being a parent at the school. If you would like to be a member on this forum please see Miss Yates.

Staff Changes

We welcome Miss Zoe Toop onto our teaching team and also Miss Ceri Moore back to teaching in Hedgehogs class. Rachel Sharpe will also be returning from maternity leave to her Early Years Practitioner role. Thank you and good luck to Mrs Knibb with her move and new job in Somerset.

Thank-you from the Chair of Governors

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank-you to all members of the school community for their part in making Beaford such a special centre of learning. To Miss Yates for her excellent leadership, all teaching staff for their consistent hard work and caring attitudes, Mrs Wright for keeping us all in line, Bob and Jackie for tirelessly keeping the school sparkling, Bridget Wade for the lovely lunches, Parents and Carers for supporting their children and the school and the children for being so enthusiastic and for working hard.

Wishing you all a fabulous Summer!

With kind regards from Alison Bennett and the Board of Governors