

Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. It has been another fantastic week in school and I am thoroughly enjoying getting to meet more children and their families. I have enjoyed spending time in class with some of our younger children and have shared books from home that I enjoy reading to my own little boy. It has been a pleasure to see children increasingly settled into their routines and the wonderful teaching and learning that is taking place every day. This week in assembly we talked about **International Day of Peace**. Some of our Year 6 children greatly impressed me with their articulate explanations of what they understand peace to be. We talked about peace as a time where there is no violence or conflict as well as opportunities to be mindful and enjoy some peace and quiet (something which I am sure we can all relate to!). I look forward to meeting more of you at the upcoming Parents Evenings which will take place on **Wednesday 12th October** and **Thursday 20th October**. Further information about arrangements for both days to follow. Have a lovely weekend, Mr Routledge



Winter Bugs

As we begin to move through the Autumn term, there will be more and more seasonal bugs going around. As always, we will encourage children to frequently and thoroughly wash their hands in school. We would appreciate it if you were able to reinforce this message at home so we can avoid sickness and absence as much as we possibly can.

Beaconhill is 50!

Today your child will be coming home with a small token of Beaconhill history. Every child in school has been gifted a commemorative golden water bottle to mark our Golden Anniversary. These water bottles are for you to choose what to do with. If you'd like to use it as your child's school water bottle, please ensure that you clearly write their name on the side. You may choose to keep it at home as a keepsake. If you would like to buy extra bottles, these can be purchased from the school office for £1.50. You can pay via the 'School Money' payment scheme or by cash in a sealed, named envelope. We hope you like them as much as we do. Special thanks to Miss Wilkinson for her help in organising the beautiful design.

Out of School Club

It is wonderful to see more and more children starting and finishing the school day in our Out of School Club. Remember, sessions can be booked up until 8am for sessions for that same day. This is a flexible service and places can be cancelled up to three days in advance.

Beach

Despite the rain, this week Year 1 have had a fantastic time rock pooling at Cresswell. I am sure you will appreciate that it is essential that children attend the beach appropriately kitted out. We are incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the beach so frequently but children must have waterproof clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school on the day of their beach trip with the appropriate clothing. If you are unsure what you need to bring, please contact your child's class teacher. Dates for beach visits can be found on the calendar

section of the school website.

Attendance

Well done once again to Year 4 for their continued excellent attendance. For the week commencing the 12th September, Mr Gray's class recorded 99.58% attendance. Attendance across school has started really well so keep it up!

Times Table Rockstars

Our Year 4 children are currently trialling a new Maths resource which they will access in school as well as at home. The Times Table Rockstars app is designed to provide children with instant recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. Children can earn virtual coins by answering times table questions to create their own Rockstar avatar. There is also a function for children to challenge their friends (and teachers!) to a Rockstar battle. I look forward to seeing which children earn the most and coins. The software allows children to work on specific times table questions that they need to work on. I look forward to seeing how everyone gets on and hope to roll this out across school in the coming weeks!

