

Happy Friday!

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break with your families and are ready for the new year. The **Spring Term** has always been my favourite term - and not because it is typically the shortest! By now, the children are all well **settled** into their **classes** and **routines** and often make particularly good progress this term. As always, we have a lot to look forward to which we will continue to share on our weekly **newsletters** and **Facebook** page. I captured this photograph yesterday morning of the sun creeping up. It is always nice to know that the days are beginning to get longer. On **Friday 17th February**, when we break up for half-term, it won't be getting dark until nearly half past five which is a nice thought! Many thanks, Mr Routledge



Parents Evening

Advanced notice that our Spring Parents Evenings will take place on **Thursday 9th February** and **Wednesday 15th February** from 3:30pm until 6:00pm. As with recent Parents Evenings, a link to book your 10 minute appointment will be sent out via email closer to the time.

Mobile Phones

Many of our older children who walk to and from school have their own **mobile phones**. Once in the school building, phones are **safely stored away** until the end of the school day. It is standard safeguarding practice in schools that mobile phones are switched off as soon as children enter the school grounds. We will be speaking to our children this week to remind them to turn their phones off once they get onto the yard and we would ask you to reinforce this message at home too.

Boxercise

We are looking forward to holding our first Boxercise after school club session on **Wednesday 18th January** for children in **Years 5 and 6**. This club will run for five sessions until **Wednesday 15th February**. There are a limited number of places available which can be secured by contacting the school office. The price for the five sessions is £5. We hope to be able to offer sessions for Years 3 and 4 after the half-term break so watch this space!

Beach

Year Five have enjoyed a lovely few mornings visiting the beach. They have explored the sights, sounds and smells of different beach locations on our coastline. They also did their little bit of good citizenship and did some litter picking. Mrs Wharton would like to remind everyone that they **must** come to school with the correct, warm

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beach gear over the coming months. We are losing time at the beach every day when we are chasing up equipment in the morning so please ensure you are well prepped for each beach visit.

Packed Lunches

Could we kindly remind you that we encourage packed lunches to include **healthy choices** and that energy or sports drinks are not appropriate for a school setting. These typically contain high levels of sugar and are not conducive to sustained effective learning - especially for young children.

Robinwood

A reminder for parents/carers of children in Year 6 who will be taking part in our residential to **Robinwood** that there will be an **information sharing session** for you on **Tuesday 17th January**. The meeting will take place in the school hall at **09:00am**. We strongly recommend that, if at all possible, a parent or carer attends the meeting to receive all of the key information. We are really looking forward to the residential as it is something that we haven't been able to take part in since before the pandemic.

Retirement

Mrs Sanson, one of our lunch supervisors, has taken the decision to retire at the end of the year. Mrs Sanson has worked at Beaconhill for nearly 15 years but has decided to spend time with her young grandchildren. We wish her all the very best in her new chapter.

PE Days

Since the start of the school year, we have changed PE days for a couple of classes. Please see PE dates for your class outlined below.

Nursery - *No specified day

Reception - Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 1 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 2 - Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 3 - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 4 - Mondays and Fridays

Year 5 - Mondays and Fridays

Year 6 - Tuesdays and Thursdays