

# Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 25th November 2022



## Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. The children thoroughly enjoyed their special treat on Monday afternoon when they watched England against Iran. I don't think anyone anticipated such an impressive win and I hope the shared experience is something they remember for years to come. We are now just four weeks away from Christmas and, in my experience, the minute we hit December, things tend to get extra busy in schools. The children have continued to practise their Christmas songs and I really can't wait to welcome you into school the week after next for our performances. This week I welcomed our Local Authority School Improvement Partner (SIP) into school. Our current SIP, Geoff, will be retiring from his role in January. I would like to personally express my gratitude to Geoff for his long standing support to the school and wish him well in the future. Geoff will be replaced in this role by Jane Kennedy who works as part of the School Improvement Team. Both Geoff and Jane were hugely impressed with the calm learning environment, articulate children and fantastic behaviour. I was immensely proud of what we saw as we moved around school and think the children and staff deserve enormous credit. I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Many thanks, Mr Routledge



## Christmas Performances

We are very excited about our Christmas performances - especially having not held them in school for you to enjoy since 2019. Naturally, this will be particularly popular this year so we need to strictly manage numbers to ensure we satisfy our fire safety regulations. Children will bring home their ticket today (Friday 25th) and this ticket admits up to **two visitors**.

**Early Years** will be performing on **Monday December 5th at 2pm** and **Tuesday December the 6th at 9.15am**.

**KS2** will be performing on **Wednesday December 7th at 2pm** and **Thursday December 8th at 9.15am**.

There are a few spare tickets in the office should you wish to swap the ticket that you have been allocated. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase a non-alcoholic mulled wine and Christmas biscuit to help get into the festive spirit. These will be priced at £2 (for both!) and all money raised will go towards our school fund.

## Children in Need

We are pleased to let you know that in total, the school raised £149 for Children in Need. We really appreciate the donations you were able to make - especially during the current challenging circumstances. Mrs Bell has transferred the money into the Children in Need fund and we hope it makes a small, but important, difference to children and families across the country.

## Out of School Club

This week children have taken part in a range of activities. On Wednesday we had our second Little Movers session and the children are looking forward to the next four sessions which will take us right the way up until Christmas. The children have also taken part in a **craft club**, a **film night** and tonight they'll be making **crispy cakes**.

For further information - email [beaconhilloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk](mailto:beaconhilloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk) phone 07512 300380

For bookings - [www.tyaipal.org.uk](http://www.tyaipal.org.uk)

## Jiu-Jitsu

Patrick from **Go Jiu-Jitsu** was back on Tuesday this week for more taster sessions with Years 4, 5 and 6. The

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children did really well and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to try something which for many of them was completely new. **Go Jiu-Jitsu** currently run classes out of **Beaconhill Community Centre** every Tuesday. For more information, email [tucker.patrick@live.co.uk](mailto:tucker.patrick@live.co.uk)

## Beach

Children in **Years 3 and 6** enjoyed some lovely activities at the beach this week. Year 3 travelled across to **St Mary's Island** and **Cresswell** to look at some of the plants and animals which can be found in rockpools. Year 6 visited **Low Hauxley** where the children looked at coastal erosion and the physical features of Geography. Next week it's Year 1 and Year 2 who will be heading out so make sure you are wrapped up warm!

## Attendance

Well done (once again!) to **Year 4** for their wonderful **97% attendance** for the week commencing 14th November. There have been a few seasonal bugs going around amongst children as well as staff. As we inch towards Christmas, please encourage good hand hygiene at home (as we will in school) to try to limit any sickness absence. Our Education Welfare Officer, **Hayley Hansom**, will be in school next week to help us look at attendance and potentially offer support to families where attendance is a concern.

## Packed Lunches

Can we remind parents that packed lunches should provide a balanced meal for the children. With this in mind, can we remind parents that they should not contain chocolate bars and could sweet treats be kept to a minimum. Healthy options might include items such chopped fruits and vegetables or cheese and crackers. Packed lunches are always kept in the fridge and so food items such as yoghurt can also be included but don't forget a spoon! If you have any concerns or support, please don't hesitate to get in touch.