Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 16th June 2023



Happy Friday!

It has been a **glorious week** in school and the children have all been extremely busy with **assessments** and **FAST Week** activities. Thanks to **Mrs Stoddart** for overseeing the activities during FAST week. I hope you've been able to follow some of the activities on Facebook. This newsletter is quite a long one so I will keep this section brief! Enjoy the weekend, Mr Routledge

Mrs Carr

I am sad to say that Mrs Carr will be leaving us at the start of July. Mrs Carr has been with us for more than ten years and has worked with Year One this year as well as carrying out ELSA work. She will be a huge miss to everyone and we all wish her the very best in her new job. We will be looking to recruit ahead of the new school year and will keep you informed over the coming weeks.

Staffing for Next Year

I am pleased to share our staffing plans for next year. We are very fortunate to have a large, highly skilled staff team which allows us to get the very best from our children. We are pleased to be welcoming Miss Andrews back from maternity leave and she will return to Nursery class. Mrs Stoddart is heading back up to Year Three and Mrs Cragg will work alongside Miss Dobson in Year Six. This year we were able to put an extra member of staff into Year Six in the mornings and we are pleased to be able to adopt this model again next year. Year Six will be split into two equal sized groups of children with Miss Dobson delivering the English curriculum and Mrs Cragg delivering the Maths. The class will then revert back to a full class of 31 for the afternoon.

Nursery - Miss. Andrews with Mrs. Birks, Miss. Hancill, Mrs. Brooks and Miss. Stephenson

Reception - Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Carrick with Miss Ball, Mrs. Fantozzi, Mrs. Peachey and Mrs. Wernick

Year One - Mr. Shepherd with Mr. Williamson

Year Two - Miss. Wilkinson with Miss. Fox and Mrs. Black

Year Three - Mrs. Stoddart with Mrs. Jewitt and Miss. Ringrose

Year Four - Mr. Gray with Mr. Wright, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Richardson

Year Five - Mrs. Williams with Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Deakin

Year Six - Miss. Dobson and Mrs. Cragg with Mrs. Mort and Mrs. Wharton

Miss Gallon will continue to provide cover across school so many of our children will be lucky enough to work with her as well.

FAST Week

This week, children have taken part in a range of **fantastic sporting activities** including **archery**, **axe throwing**, **roundnet**, **basketball**, **karate** (delivered in part by our very own Mr Gray!), Little Movers, tennis, cricket, rounders and **circus skills**. We were very fortunate with the weather and it was wonderful to see the school field full of children developing such a range of **PE related skills**. The children were all enthusiastic and keen to try new things. Thanks very much to **Mrs Stoddart** and **Gill** from the **Schools Sports Partnership** for putting it together.

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Smooga

This week our 'Smooga' has been resurfaced. Unusually, we're praying for rain as the pitch needs to be watered before it can be used. The surface doesn't come cheap so it is thanks, in part, to the fundraising we do for school funds that we have been able to do this. Mr Shepherd and I have been discussing our football provision and we plan to arrange some friendlies between some of our partnership schools in the coming months. With Newcastle United's Men and Women's teams doing so well, we know that football will be particularly popular with our children at the minute. We can't wait to get started!



...and a Partridge in a Classroom (Part Two)

This week, the children have enjoyed following the progress of our **partridge chicks**. Sadly one or two of the chicks didn't make it which was sad but also an **important learning experience**. We have enjoyed watching the chicks grow and develop so much that we might have some **more feathered guests** before the end of the school year! The chicks were collected on Thursday and will ultimately be released into the wild to boost the local **partridge population**.

Inflatable Obstacle Course

Next Friday (23rd), we will have the inflatable obstacle course in school as an end of year(ish!) treat for all children. Can you please send your child into school wearing their PE kit so they are able to safely access the course. Everyone in school from Nursery up to Year Six will get a turn and I suspect some staff will too!

Year One Phonics

A huge **congratulations** and well done to all of our **Year One** children and staff for the completion of the **Phonics Screening Check**. Children have worked hard all year and have all made superb **progress**. I am particularly grateful to **Mr Shepherd** and **Mrs Carrick** for overseeing our phonics curriculum. The **Year One team** have all

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worked hard to support children with their **phonic knowledge** and, most importantly, it is great to see these skills applied to independent reading. Your child's **Phonics Screening Check** results will be shared with you before the end of the school year. I am proud of every single one of them for their hard work!

Year Four Multiplication Tables Check

Well done also to Year Four children, Mr Gray and the Year 4 staff for their wonderful work on the Multiplication Tables Check. The children have been so well prepared for the assessment thanks to their hard work and commitment to TTRS. All children knew exactly what their strengths were and which tables they needed to practise. The final results will be shared with you all before the end of the school year but I am delighted and exceptionally proud of everyone. Well done!

Out of School Club

Another reminder of booking options for our fantastic **wraparound care**. The number of children accessing the service continues to grow and we would encourage you to try it out! This week, the children have spent a lot of **time outside** enjoying the nice **weather** and playing games. For more information, follow the links below! **Registering and Booking** <u>https://trinityyouthassociation.ipalbookings.com/</u> **Email:** <u>beaconhilloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk</u>

 Breakfast Club
 07:45 - 08:45 is £3.00 per pupil

 After School Club
 3:15 - 4:15 is £4.00 per pupil is 3:15 - 5:15 = £7.00 per pupil