



Bean News



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Parent Reps

Communication from school to parents is an area we are keen to improve at Bean, which resulted in our second parents' forum meeting being held this week. The six parents who attended, between them, had children in six out of the seven classes which provided us with a very clear picture across the school. They had also diligently sought the views of some of the wider school community and informed me about the areas parents considered were going well and those areas that need to improve.



As a staff, we are now looking at developing our systems so that parents and carers are better informed about the routines, processes and developments taking place in school. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to discuss this with your class representative or email the office and your suggestion will be discussed at our next meeting. The class representatives are:

Classes: England Class - Miss Pinder, Ireland Class - Miss Burke and Mrs Albury, Italy Class - Mrs Eastwood, Mrs Kesby and Miss Pinder, Argentina Class - Mrs White and Mrs Rosbrook, Mexico Class - Mrs Kesby, Maldives Class - Mrs Albury and Kenya Class Mrs White, Mrs Rosbrook and Miss Burke.

Mr Reilly also publishes a blog on the school website to help keep parents and carers informed.

Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. The day offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together in helping to create a better internet.



Ofsted are holding a free webinar for parents on Wednesday 31st January at 7pm regarding keeping children safe online. To take part in the webinar please register at bit.ly/OnlineSafetyWebinar.

Computer Games

It has been brought to my attention that some children are playing computer games that are not age appropriate. All computer games are age rated due to the content, please take five minutes to check which games your child is playing and respond accordingly. We'd also like to encourage parents to develop a reading culture with their children before bedtime rather than screen time as research shows children sleep far more effectively as a result.

Class Assemblies

Congratulations to Italy Class on their presentation of the Great Fire of London. The children showed great confidence in presenting many facts about this significant event in London's history. Maldives Class will be presenting their class assembly on Thursday 1st February relating to space, 'Out of This World' which all parents are warmly invited to.

We are a Healthy Eating School

Thank you for supporting our healthy eating policy relating to packed lunches. Nut free snacks and sweets are now not included in lunchboxes. We appreciate that snacks come in many different forms; if you would clarification on what is a biscuit or a sweet please speak to a member of staff in the office. As part of the policy sweets are not permitted in school for birthday celebrations, however, a book donated to the library on a birthday will be gratefully received in the celebration assembly.

General reminders

- Please update your contact details with us as and when you change your mobile number. We want to be able to get hold of you quickly in the event of an emergency
- Please notify the class teacher or the office of changes to your child's going home arrangements when you drop your child off in the morning.
In the event of a last minute change please telephone the office before 2.30pm.
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are named. This will help to reduce the amount of lost property we are disposing of at the end of each term.
- Please ensure children are wearing school uniform including black/brown shoes rather than trainers
- If you are sending cash payments into school please ensure they are in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, class and what the contents are for.

If you are a working parent and can't access teachers at the end of the day, do feel free to send your questions in and we will do our best to answer them.

We will always try our best to help where we can, the office is open from 8.30am to 4.00pm daily. Alternatively emails can be sent to office@bean.kent.sch.uk, your support with the above will make our job a little easier.

Mrs Saunders, Miss Allison & Mrs Burnett

Holidays

Research shows that removing a child from school for more than 8 days, has a detrimental effect on their education. In order to help parents book their holidays we have put the development days at the beginning and end of terms. The development days for 2018-19 are:

- 3rd September 2018
- 24th May 2019
- 3rd June 2019
- 22nd and 23rd July 2019

Dates for your Diary



1st February—Year 5 Class Assembly at 2.30pm
9th February—Friends of Bean Non-School Uniform Day
21st February—Mother Language Day
27th February—Literacy Open Morning
1st March—World Book Day
2nd March—Friends of Bean Quiz Night 7.30pm—10pm
7th—9th March—Year 5 Sayers Croft Residential
9th March—Friends of Bean Mother's Day Gifts
14th—16th March—Year 6 Bikeability (event now full)
21st March—Maths Open Morning
29th March—Staff Training Day—No Children

