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A place for everyone to succeed and thrive

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has the year gone? We only have three weeks to go until the end of the school year. It has been a great year at Bevendean.

In my last Newsletter, I welcomed Mrs Harrower back to Bevendean in the role of temporary School Business Manager. It is with pleasure that we announce the school's new Business Manager is Mrs Andrea Hammond. Mrs Hammond will start at Bevendean at the end of the Summer holidays in preparation for the start of the new school year. We welcome her to the Bevendean team! The final letter for the year will be sent home on Friday 7th July with details about next year's classes. Your child will receive their end of year school report on Friday 14th July. Please see your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss this further. Our transition day is Wednesday 12th July. Your child's new teacher will be available to meet with you between 3.15pm and 3.45pm that day.

Residential Trips for Years 5 & 6

Year 5 had an amazing time at their recent residential trip to Parkwood. They did so many activities including orienteering, Trust Games, Scavenger Hunt, Water Obstacles challenge and of course their favourite, Catch the Flag. Camp fires were lit and enjoyed with the toasting and tasting of marshmallows in the evening. The weather was glorious and it made it a really enjoyable time for all. The children's behaviour was excellent.

Year 6 children's residential trip to Blackland Farm starts tomorrow so please ensure everything is ready; there are still a few payments outstanding, forms etc. to sort out. If your child needs medication to be administered during the trip, remember to put it in a named bag and give it to their class teacher on the day of their departure. We wish all the children and staff a great time. Updates will be provided daily via our school website and eSchools, so do check regularly on <https://bevendean.eschools.co.uk>.

2017 – 2018 Charity Events

We will again be celebrating and acknowledging a number of charities next year with our emphasis and commitment to be supporting local charities. These will be our Harvest celebrations, (last year we gave goods to the local homeless) Chestnut Tree House and 'Sports for Schools' Olympic Athletes; a Sports event where the school will be raising some money for the school too. Most of these charity events fall in the October/November time; keeping this in mind and the fact that it is near Christmas, (an expensive time of year), we will not be doing a specific fundraising for Children in Need, but children may, if they wish, dress up in spots or the colours of Pudsey spots and bring in a donation of £1.00 which we will then send on.

Leave of absence from school during term time

If you are considering taking your child out of school during term time for whatever reason, it is necessary to fill in an application form. This form must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the date you wish to remove your child.

It is only in exceptional circumstances that this will be authorised.

If the time you request is not authorised and you still take your child out of school we will have to notify the Behaviour & Attendance Team and they may issue you with a Penalty Notice. The penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. This is a fine of £60 which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 28 days. Non payment of the fine may result in legal action.

Please note that Brighton and Hove Council have lengthened the October half term holiday from one week to two (16th - 27th October) and our school will be holding its last two Inset days on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July, allowing the children to break up on Friday 21st July, enabling holiday bookings within a cheaper period.

If you do know that you won't be back in time for Monday 4th September when the new term starts, because you are still on holiday, please let the school office know before the end of the Summer term. You will need to fill out a holiday request form as mentioned above.

Midday Meal Supervisor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor from September 2017 through to August 2018. The hours are 7.5 per week and it is for term time only. The pay is £8.45 - £8.55 per hour, Actual pay is £2,719 - £2,751 pa. Essential Skills, Abilities and Experience:

- A positive, can do attitude and a friendly disposition - someone very special!
- A proven ability to work well within a team
- A calm, professional approach, especially when dealing with challenging situations
- Evidence of working in productive partnership within school settings
- Ability to use own initiative, anticipating and reacting to situations as they arise
- An absolute ability to maintain confidentiality



Here to help

If you are interested in the post - please come and ask for an application form together with the Job Description and Person Specification from the school office.

For all other job vacancies please see our school website or the Brighton and Hove website.

The annual Launch Pad picnic for children and their families was held at Stanmer Park on 29th June. It was a wonderful day, and luckily the rain stayed away. They played a huge game of rounders, explored the woods, played on rope swings and had a huge picnic lunch on the grass by Stanmer House. It was lovely to see all the children and parents together.



Second hand PE Kits

If your child has outgrown their PE kit and you have any sport shorts, T shirts and/or plimsoles or even a spare PE Bag (that isn't too worn out) we would be very grateful if you would like to donate them to the school. We often have children who forget their kit on the day and it would be very useful to have a few spares to allow all children to participate in sports lessons each time.

We would also welcome any spare knickers or pants (also in good condition) for little accidents - lower school. Thank you.

eSchools App and Communication with Parents / Carers

For 2017 - 2018, we would like to reduce the number of paper copies of Newsletters and school letters to parents & carers. With the eSchools App, you will receive text notifications, view letters for home and have up-to-date pupil attendance information. The eSchools App is available for both Apple and Android mobile devices. Please see the school office for log in details.

Schools Out—Fun Sport Event this Friday 7th July from 3.15pm to 4.30pm

Schools' Out is holding a fun sport event for all years except Year 6, who are away on residential. The cost is only £5.00 with medals to be won and an ice lolly for all! For more details and to book please contact Debbie in the school office, email schoolsout@outlook.com or text 07561192766 - more details can also be found on our school website under the clubs tab. If you haven't yet got your ticket, just pop by the office to pick up yours but remember it is first come first served as places are limited.



Sports Days

As you know, 3 Sports days were scheduled to take place in June. We managed to work around the extreme heat and only had to move one because of this. Unfortunately due to the British weather and heavy rain we had to postpone the Years 1, 2, & 3 day twice but we are hoping for third time lucky with our new date of Wednesday 5th July. We will confirm on the website by 7.30am that day. Gates to the upper school playground will open at 1.30pm and will close at 1.45pm. Collection at the end of the school day will be as usual. Please remember check the school website daily for all our updates <http://bevendean.eschools.co.uk>

The children always enjoy sports day and it is lovely to see them all participating and competing across the board. Thank you to all parents/carers who have come along so far and supported the children by cheering them on. Such fun!

Enterprise week sale for Year 6

Year 6 worked so hard during their 'Enterprise Week', making all different kinds of objects to sell. They did a marvellous job being very creative, with many novel ideas. They planned well and the sale was a huge success too, making a grand total of £155 which they have used to pay for their end of year trip. Well done year 6!

Withdean Sports Event

We did it again! An enormous well done to all the children who took part in the recent Withdean sporting event; what a fabulous crowd we have! Our children brought back to school 23 medals and a cup for their throwing skills. Well done to all the children who participated and thank you to all the staff who helped with the preparations!



Bevfest - Saturday 8th July 1.30pm-8pm

It's bigger and better than ever!! - with live music, food stalls, bouncy castles, football and other sports, tug of war, DJ Washington entertaining the children, scalextric races, robot making, tea, coffee and cake, market stalls, face painting, free nail bar, smoothie bike, chill out tent and The Bevy Bar.

For more information www.bevendean.com/bevfest and www.facebook.com/bevfest

2017 – 2018 Term Dates

The new school term dates are on the school's website along with our INSET Days. Please look carefully through the term dates, especially if you are wanting to book a holiday. As you should already know, Brighton and Hove have added an additional week to the October 'half term holiday' for families to be able to take an affordable holiday during term time. This will also be the case for the 2018 – 2019 school year. Please take advantage of this; holidays taken during term time may incur a penalty notice. Please see the school's website for more details about this.

Fridge News: July

- Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th July
Year 6 Residential Trip - Blackland Farm
- Fri 7th - List of new teachers and classes goes out
- Wed 12th - Transition afternoon 1.45pm - 3.00pm
- Wed 12th - Parents to meet new teachers 3.15pm - 3.45pm
- Fri 14th - 3.15pm - 5.15pm FABS Summer Fayre
- Mon 17th - Year 6 Leavers' trip to Bowling
- Fri 21st - 12.30pm - 1.45pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
- Fri 21st - Last Day of Term & Non School Uniform - £1.00 - early finishing time - 2.00pm

Attendance - Term to date :

RW	=	95.8%	RI	=	95.8%
1B	=	92.4%	1M	=	94.4%
2C	=	94.7%	2O	=	94.0%
3S	=	92.0%	3T	=	94.5%
4C	=	89.6%	4J	=	95.4%
5WD	=	95.0%	5W	=	96.1%
6D	=	95.2%	6M	=	96.8%

Whole school attendance since September = 94.4%

September 2017

- Fri 1st - INSET DAY - School closed to children

**Children return to school on
Monday 4th September at 8.45am**

Additional School Governors

- Are you able to communicate? - like working with a team?
- Willing to learn? - have leadership experience?
- Prepared to challenge? - know about budgets?
- Ready to speak up? - have analytical skills?



Our school governing body is made up of members of different stakeholder groups (parents, staff, community and local authority).

Governors contribute to the work of the governing body in raising standards of achievements for all pupils. This involves providing a strategic view for the school: both supporting and challenging: and ensuring accountability.

If you would like to become a Governor please email the Clerk to the Governing Body, Andy Thomas, to put forward your name or request further information: andrewthomas@bevendean.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Thank you for your interest and for supporting the school.

Fabs Summer Fayre

We do hope that you will all be able to come and have lots of fun at the:

FABS Summer Fayre on Friday 14th July from 3.15pm to 5.15pm



Here are some of the activities children can enjoy:

- Swat the teacher'
- an Inflatable Slide
- Bouncy Castle
- Disco Castle
- BBQ food and refreshments available

Everyone welcome to come and enjoy to help FABS raise valuable funds for our school - see you there!!

Summer Works at Bevendean

We are having a lot done in the school over the Summer holidays:

Drainage work is being completed by the Council to prevent further flooding into the school when it rains. Major essential work is being carried out on the hall roof too. The external décor, around the windows, in the Nursery and Reception area are to be painted. Safety matting is being laid around the apparatus in the Upper School playground and we are upgrading the windows in our library.

Summer Term Events

The summer term has brought a number of sporting events to the school. Mr Winn and Mr Omoyinmi have organised a number of sporting events; a Year 1 & 2 Football Tournament, a Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament, (pending new date) and a Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament. We have been extremely proud of the way that children have participated with such positive sportsmanship and enthusiasm. 14 Year 5 & 6 pupils also participated in an afterschool Football Tournament with the schools in our partnership (The Unity Partnership of Schools) – Coldean, Moulsecoomb, and Coombe, Road. The Unity Cup was won by Coombe Road; well done!



Our pupils performed superbly; we were very proud of them. Thank you also the parents and carers who came and supported too! The mixed Year 6 and Staff Netball match was the highlight on Friday 23rd June; another great sporting event too!!