



Bevendean Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

How lovely it was to see all the children back at Bevendean Primary School on Wednesday 7th September and how smart they looked - all in school colours! Thank you for making such an effort ensuring that all children started the term in full uniform - especially black shoes!

New Staff

I would like to welcome all our new staff to Bevendean Primary School: Miss Miller in 6M; Mr Winn in 5W; Mr Cooke in 4C; Mr Shaw in 3S; Miss Thorne in 3T; Miss Corsini in 2C; Miss Barnett in 1B; Miss Scott, Miss Cohen and Mrs Denham Midday Meal Supervisors; Mrs Leyton our E.C.C - Every Child a Counter - (Maths specialist) and Miss Norbury, Year 4 Teaching Assistant - welcome to Bevendean!

Meeting with Parents

All teachers will be out in the playground at 8.50am each morning (5 minutes before the whistle) to be available to speak with parents / carers - this equates to 25 minutes a week. Please use this time to introduce yourself to your child's class teacher.

Open Classes & Parent Sessions

We are providing an opportunity for parents / carers to meet teachers and hear about what your child will be learning at school this term - Year 1 & 2: Tuesday 13th September 3.15pm - 3.45pm and Year 3 - 6: Thursday 15th September 3.15pm - 3.45pm. Our first Parent Sessions (with an English focus) are Tuesday 4th October 9.00am - 9.30am for Nursery - Year 2; and Year 3 - 6, Thursday 6th October, 9.00am - 9.30am. Our School Calendar: all important dates for the year have been entered onto the school's website calendar (<http://bevendean.eschools.co.uk/website/home/>). Debbie will be sending out our 'Calendar of Events' this week also.

eSchools App

Have you downloaded our eSchools App yet (Apple & Android)? To date, 114 users have done so. By downloading the App, you will receive important 'free' notifications from the office to ensure you are kept up-to-date about school events, and all school newsletters & other letters sent home. We would eventually like to be able to send all letters out electronically to save on paper & copying.



e-Safety

Does your child have a smartphone? What Apps do they use? Would you like to know more about Internet Safety and hear about what young are able to access on their phones?

Tuesday 22nd November at 2.00pm at Bevendean Primary School - an introduction to eSafety for parents & carers.



Holidays in Term Time

A reminder, that B.H.C.C requires the school to follow up with all poor attendance, unexplained or unauthorised absences from school, and holidays taken during term time. As a parent / carer it is your legal duty to ensure your child attends school every day on time - Thank you

School Houses

We have introduced a new House System this year. This was launched at our assembly on Monday 12th September. There will be full school House events each ½ term and all children will be awarded points for their house for showing that they understand the school rules and wearing full uniform. Each House has a House Leader (Teacher), and a Captain and Vice Captain from Year 6. Our houses are:



Pavilion House

House Leader: Miss Miller
House Captain: Max Cruttenden
Vice-Captain: Ellie Gardner



Palace Pier House

House Leader: Miss Davis
House Captain: Adellar Curror
Vice-Captain: Josh Cook



West Pier House

House Leader: Mr Dally
House Captain: Jake Boyd
Vice Captain: Amelia Ridley



i360 House

House Leader: Miss Ingram
House Captain: Ruby Ansell
Vice-Captain: Lewis Reed

After-School Clubs

Please see our website for details about the after-school clubs that are being offered. These are being run by outside providers; please contact them directly in the first instance.

Staffing Update

You may have noticed that Miss Jones and Miss Akrill are pregnant. Miss Jones will be taking maternity leave from the end of September and will return to Bevendean Primary School in September 2017. We wish her happiness in the up-coming months and the joy of motherhood when her baby is born. Miss Akrill has decided that she would like to spend more time with her young family and sadly will be leaving Bevendean Primary School after 6 years as a teacher here! She is respected enormously by staff and adored by children - she will be missed! Her last day will be Friday 16th September. Good luck for the many joyous years ahead.

Partnership / INSET

In the past 6 months, the Headteachers from our local schools: Bevendean, Coombe Road, Coldean, Moulsecombe, BACA and Holmewood have been working collaboratively to rejuvenate and develop the partnership between our schools. Our new name is Unity Partnership. 500 staff from all the schools came together on Tuesday 6th September for a combined INSET day.

Drop off and Collection - start and end of day

A reminder, Year 1 & 2 parents / carers need to walk their children into the playground and wait with them until the whistle at 8.55am. No playing on bikes or scooters at the start or end of each school day.

Learning Mentor Drop-ins

Mrs Soudain (Senior Learning Mentor), Miss McLeod and Miss Pinnell (Learning Mentors) are timetabled to meet / speak with parents every morning between 9.00am & 9.30am - no appointment necessary! See Debbie in the main office.

Just a polite reminder that the children should be wearing black shoes or plain black trainers for school. It is our expectation that children should only wear different coloured trainers for P.E. lessons. This is not a change and this expectation has been in place for some time now. Thank you to the vast majority of children who already do this.

Martyn Giddens
Headteacher