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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evenings

It was fantastic to see so many parents attending parents' evening fabulous turn out with a good percentage of parents attending.

e-Safety—Reminder

We are holding an introduction to eSafety meeting on Tuesday 22nd November at 2.00pm at Bevendean Primary School. We would like to see as many parents as possible at the session. Entrance through the main office.

This will be extremely worthwhile - don't miss out!

All things Christmas

With Christmas fast approaching we have a very busy rest of term. Please check regularly on our school website to keep in touch with all the latest updates like Christmas performances, the Chestnut Tree Run, Christmas dinner etc. A letter will be coming home this week concerning everything Christmas.

This year we have managed to book a performance of Scrooge, for the whole school to watch: Specially adapted for primary aged children, this show is a wonderful blend of live theatre, song, dance, Victorian costume, storytelling and audience interaction, performed by skilled professional actors. There will be two performances on Thursday 1st December and we would like to ask for a £1.50 per child contribution for this amazing show. Please send this in, in an envelope, (asap) to your class teacher.

Christmas Dinner on Thursday 15th December

Eden, our school dinner providers, have once again come up with a fabulous Christmas menu for the children. All children from Reception to Year 6 classes may pre-order their Christmas dinner. This is a fun time together where the staff serve the children. Please ensure that you return the form, which will be sent out shortly, to enable you to do this. Payment for KS2 children only (Reception & KS1 have Universal Free School Meals) will have to be made prior to the day though ParentPay (see Debbie for help if required).

Reception Places - Flyer

You may be aware that the deadline for registering new reception children, starting September 2017, is 15th January 2017. Please read the flyer following this newsletter and pass it on to anyone that may have a child who is 4 before 31st August 2017. We will also be offering extra places for children who would like to attend over the state provision of 15 hours per week. Please contact the school office, Miss Ingram or Mr Giddens for further details.

Water Bottles

Although the weather is cooler now, children still need to bring in their water bottle, to have in their classroom. They often get dehydrated causing headaches and feeling sick. Alternatively it means going to the water fountain for a drink, which disrupts their learning. Thank you for your understanding.

Fabs Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Friday 2nd December from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. If you can help out during the Fayre please contact Jo Degregorio on 07748523877 or let your child's class teacher or the school office know.

Attendance

Reminder that the school day starts at 8.55am and not 9.00am as this is when the gate closes! Please try hard to arrive promptly to avoid disturbance during that vital time when children are sitting quietly all together and discussing the set up for the day. All routine appointments need to be made outside school hours please.

Learning Mentors - Drop in sessions 9.00am - 9.30am

Our Learning Mentors are timetabled and available each morning to speak with parents / carers with any concerns you might have - this ensures that all issues are dealt with quickly.

Uniform

It is lovely to see so many children in correct school uniform and PE kit, but there are still some children who are wearing hoodies, boots, coloured/logo shoes, these are definitely not school uniform and not permitted. Your child may wear Wellington boots to and from school as long as they change into their school shoes on arrival.

Please ensure that your child brings in their PE kit so that they can participate in their lesson and feel comfortable whilst doing so. Blue or Black track suit bottoms are permitted in the colder weather.

Jumpers and coats are a must in this cold weather and hats, scarves and gloves really should be worn too.

If you are unsure of the school uniform please check our website which has a more detailed list.

Reindeer Run - Chestnut Tree House & The Mayor Councillor Pete West Assembly

On Monday 21st November we will be holding a special assembly when Joanne Smith, the new events co-ordinator from Chestnut Tree House will be visiting us to talk about how we can help raise money for children less fortunate than us. Chestnut Tree House is a children's charity providing hospice care services and community support for children and young people with progressive life-shortening conditions, With this support these children, along with their families can enjoy time at Chestnut Tree . We will once again be having The Reindeer Run (information and sponsor forms to follow). Did you know that our school raised over £3,800 last time, this was the highest amount from all schools in Brighton & Hove?

We will also be hosting the Mayor who is very interested in this charity and how our school supports it. He will show us the robes and his Ceremonial Badge he wears and talk to us about his role within the council especially to do with schools. He will have a guided tour of the whole school, including the Launch Pad.

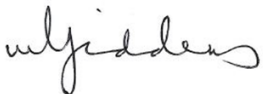
We are hoping that the Argus will attend and be taking photos and writing an article too. If you do not wish your child to be photographed please inform the school office.

Class Assemblies

2O are holding their assembly on Friday 18th November and 3T on Friday 25th November. Starting time is 9.05am for 30 minutes, please come along and watch your child if possible.

Safe and Well Survey

Over the next 2 weeks as part of our work on Antibullying, the children in years 4,5 & 6 will be completing a safe and well survey online, as all other pupils across Brighton and Hove.



Martyn Giddens
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