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Dear parents & carers,

This will be the final newsletter for this half term – hasn't the half term gone fast? We have some important events and dates for next term that we would like as many parents / carers as possible to attend.

Parents Evening

Our first Parents' Evenings are taking place the 2nd week back after half term. Dates and times are as follows: (also available on our website) Tuesday 8th November, 3.30pm – 6.45pm; and Thursday 10th November, 3.30pm – 5.30pm. All appointments will be made via your eSchools log in on the school's website (<http://bevendean.eschools.co.uk/website/home/156076>). You will have a 10 minute time-slot with your child's classteacher. Booking will open on Monday 24th October (half term). Please contact the school office if you require help with logging in – when school opens. Please follow the instructions below to complete the process. To make a booking, log in to your eSchools account, and then:

1. Click 'Parents' Evening' from the blue bar
2. Click 'View Event Bookings'
3. Click your child's name
4. Click 'Book / View' button
5. From the drop down list, select the name of the teacher you would like to meet with
6. Select the day and time you wish to attend
7. Click save to confirm your selection

Follow the same process for other children / appointments you wish to make bookings for. When class teachers login, they will be able to see the bookings that have been made so far.

Anti-Bullying

The week beginning Monday 14th November indicates the start of Anti-Bullying week, however, we will be starting this work in school from Monday 31st October. There will be a lot going on: lessons in class defining 'bullying'; identifying trusted adults to speak to; discussing roles and expectations; School Council involvement; poster competition; KS1 and KS2 shows from a drama company, reviewing and discussing incidents and also a Parent Session!! The parent session will take place on Monday 21st November at 2.15pm. Your child and their class will present to you all that they have learnt. We would like as many parents as possible to attend as this is such an important topic. Children really do love sharing and talking about what they have learnt so please do come along!

eSafety Parents' Session

We all share a concern for our children and young people using various types of technology which can potentially open them to the awful possibility of grooming, cyber-bullying and inappropriate materials and

inappropriate texts. We need all the help we can get guiding them and maximising the protection we can give them.

With this in mind, you will know about the eSafety Parents' Session we have arranged for Tuesday 22nd November at 2.00pm which will be led by Paul Platts who is the Computing Teaching & Learning Consultant from Brighton & Hove City Council (who comes highly recommended by many schools). **Please** put this date in your diary (phone) - we would like as many parents as possible to attend regardless of how old your child is! Paul is certainly very skilled and knowledgeable and this will not be worth missing.

Tuesday 22nd November 2.00pm - 3.00pm in the School Hall

If you have any specific questions please send them in advance to the office so that Paul can weave them into his talk or answer them at the session. Thank you.

School Car park

A polite reminder: please do not use the staff car park for drop-off and pick-ups as it gets very congested at the beginning and end of each day with our taxi drop-offs, visitors etc.

Gate closing time

A reminder that the lower school gate closes promptly at 9.00am and the upper school gate a few minutes afterwards. Gates open at 8.45am and the whistle blows at 8.55am. Please ensure that your children arrive at school on time. Thank you.

End of term / start of term

Today, Friday 21st October is the last day of school for this half term. We look forward to seeing all children back at 8.45am on Monday 31st October. Have a lovely half term break.

School Uniform

A reminder that all children should be in full uniform every day at school. We have had 4 'spot-checks' for uniform this term and children in full uniform have received points for their House! However, as the cold weather approaches, some children are not wearing the school blue sweat-shirt / jumper, but different coloured tops / jumpers. Please ensure your child wears a plain blue sweat-shirt or a blue sweat-shirt with the school's logo. Warm jackets are also essential now with the onset of colder weather. Thank you.

Website updates

There have been some updates to the Parents section of our website. Please have a look at our *Houses*, *ECAR* & *ECC* and *Anti-Bullying* sections.

After-School Clubs

Please check the school's website for an update on the after-school clubs being offered after half-term. If you have any questions about our after-school club provision, please contact Mrs Jayne Girling or the club provider.

We have finished the term with an amazing whole school House event on Thursday 20th October, celebrating Black History Month focussing on athletes from this year's Olympic Games: Faith Kipyegon, Simone Biles, Jesse Owens & Mo Farah. This has been a day of team building activities, medal designing, poem writing, art activities and fact finding. Children from Year 1 to 6 have worked cooperatively with their peers, team leaders, House Captains and Vice Captains. It has been a huge success. We look forward to our next whole school House event.