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A place for everyone to succeed and thrive

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are, on the last stretch of the academic school year. This last half of the Summer term is always filled with lots of fun activities on top of the children's learning; residential trips for Year 5 & 6, sports days & Withdean athletics competition, class assemblies and the FABS Summer Fayre amongst other exciting activities. Everything is noted in the fridge news but our school website will keep you informed of the finer details and updates.

English Parent / Carers Sessions'

Thank you to all of you who came along to our Parents' sessions before the half term break. It's so important for the children to see that we all support them and celebrate their learning whenever possible. Thank you!

Whole School Picnic

It was absolutely fabulous to see so many of you attending our recent whole school House Event, the whole school picnic, when families were able to sit and picnic together under the umbrella of each house with all the children wearing their house colours. The weather was absolutely glorious and it was such a lovely occasion to share. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us.

2017 - 2018 Arrangements

We are in the process of preparing the next academic school year and we will soon be notifying parents and carers of their child's teacher for next year. There will be some minor changes to the classes in some year groups. Please keep an eye on the school website and for letters coming home in your child's book bag.

Residential Trips for Years 5 & 6

Year 5 are off to Parkwood next week; fingers crossed they get some nice sunny weather. Year 6 children's residential trip is only 3 weeks away so please ensure everything is ready; there are still a few payments outstanding, forms etc. to sort out. 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>.

Holidays during Term Time

Sadly we are still seeing families taking holidays during term time. Although we do understand that it may be much cheaper, your child misses out on their learning and therefore their attainment and progress can dip. As a school we struggle to keep above 95% attendance for pupils which is the set requirement from the Local Authority and Ofsted.

Please think carefully before booking a holiday during the school year. We are doing everything we can to give extra opportunities for families to have a holiday outside the dates set nationally by making the last 2 days of term (a Monday and Tuesday) Inset days and as we have mentioned previously, Brighton and Hove Council have set two weeks holiday in October instead of one, giving everyone plenty of opportunity to book in advance. If you do choose to book a holiday during term time, this will more than likely incur a penalty notice.

FABS – Friends at Bevendean (Primary) School

A huge thank you to Mrs Clay's husband who has made a beautiful, brand new wooden sandpit for our Nursery and to the parents who helped him. Thanks to the hard work from FABS and their fund raising, we have been able to buy new clean sand to fill it and the materials to build it. Thank you to Mrs Clay for organising this lovely addition to the Nursery outdoor area. We are extremely grateful to everyone who helps and supports our school in so many different ways.



FABS are still selling ice lollies every Friday after school whenever the weather permits. Please come along and get yours!



Schools Out are holding a Fun Sport Event on Friday 7th July from 3.15pm to 4.30pm for all years except Year 6, who are away on residential. 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.



Sports Days

There will be 3 Sports days as usual again this year, split into Nursery & Reception classes, Years 1, 2 & 3 and Years 4, 5 & 6. Letters will be coming home with children shortly with all the details about these events.

Enterprise week sale for Year 6 on Friday 9th June at 3.15pm in the Upper School Playground

Year 6 are holding a sale to raise money for their end of year trip. They have been designing and creating their own products during "Enterprise Week". There will be a wide range of products on offer ranging from bracelets to phone cases. Please come and spend your hard earned cash!

Funplex

5W won the prize for the highest attendance for the Spring Term which was a visit to Funplex for a morning. They had a really fab time - well done to them all for such brilliant attendance. A big thank you once again to our local Funplex for offering this as a prize once again.

Welcome

As you will recall from the last Newsletter, we bade farewell to Mr Brown our School Business Manager last month. We are in the process of advertising and interviewing for his replacement. However, until this process has been completed, we welcome Mrs Harrower to Bevendean as our Business Manager - Mrs Harrower was the school's Business Manager for 5 years before Mr Brown. Mrs Harrower will be a familiar face to many Bevendean children and parents! Welcome back!

Fridge News: June

- Monday 12th to Friday 16th June
Year 5 Residential Trip - Parkwood
- Thurs 15th - 11.00am - 11.45am New Nursery parents' information session
- Thurs 15th - 2.00pm - 2.45pm New Reception Parents' information session
- Tues 20th - Y4 - 6 Sports Day - 1.30pm to 3.10pm
- Wed 21st - 10.00am - 11.55am - New Reception children Stay & Play
- Wed 21st - Y1,2,3 Sports Day 1.30pm
- Thurs 22nd - Withdean Sports Event selected students
- Fri 23rd - 4C Class Assembly - 9.05am
- Mon 26th - Nurs & Rec Sports Day - 2.30pm - 3.10pm

July

- Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th July
Year 6 Residential Trip - Blackland Farm

Attendance - Term to date

<i>RW</i>	=	96.1%	<i>RI</i>	=	96.1 %
<i>1B</i>	=	92.3%	<i>1M</i>	=	94.4 %
<i>2C</i>	=	95.1%	<i>2O</i>	=	94.1%
<i>3S</i>	=	92.4%	<i>3T</i>	=	94.8 %
<i>4C</i>	=	89.7%	<i>4J</i>	=	95.2 %
<i>5WD</i>	=	95.1%	<i>5W</i>	=	95.9%
<i>6D</i>	=	95.3%	<i>6M</i>	=	96.9 %

Whole school attendance since September = 94.4%