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A place for everyone to succeed and thrive

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the final term of the school year – the Summer term. There is always such a lot going on throughout this term in the lead up to the end of the year! Please refer to the fridge news on this letter and check the website calendar for up-coming dates and events.

Teacher Applications

There will be some very minor staff changes at Bevendean Primary School from September, 2017. We have recently advertised for a new teacher for next year and received 27 applications in total! Bevendean is a popular school and teachers want to come and work here! Many of the teachers who came to visit commented on the wonderful behaviour and attitude of our pupils– thank you for sending such lovely children to our school!

Upcoming Events

1. Year 6 SATS Tests - our Year 6 children, who have worked so incredibly hard this year will be sitting their SATS tests the week beginning Monday 8th May. Thank you to all parents and carers who have also supported them with their learning throughout the year too. We wish them all well and know that they will do their best – celebrating the learning over their primary school years.

2. English 'Parent/Carers' Sessions' - our termly parents' session will take place on Tuesday 16th May from 9.00am – 9.30am for Nursery – Year 1 parents and on Thursday 18th May from 9.00am – 9.30am for Year 3 – 6 parents. The focus this time will be English.

** Please note: Year 2's Parents' Session will take place on the same day, but from 2.35pm – 3.05pm due a timetable clash.*

3. Whole School Picnic - hopefully you have already made a note of this event! Friday 26th May – the last day of term. Join us for a whole school picnic! This will be our termly 'House Event' and brothers, sisters and families will all be able to sit and eat together! The upper school gates will open for parents at 1.00pm. Parents/carers may take their children home from 2.00pm on this day if they wish. However, the school is still open, so children whose parents/carers are unable to attend will stay until the end of the day as they would do normally.



2017 - 2018 Arrangements

After the half term break, we will be notifying parents and carers of who their child's teacher will be for next year. There will also be some minor changes to the classes in some year groups. A separate letter will be sent home in due course.

Music/Drama Program



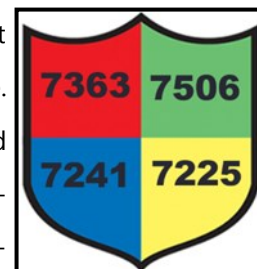
All classes at Bevendean now receive a weekly / drama lesson from our dynamic and creative music specialist, Anna Jewett, on a half term rota. Her lessons link to the class topic and involves music: singing, playing instruments, and composing. This is part of the school's commitment to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for our children.

October - Half Term 2017

Many parents are not taking advantage of the fact that Brighton and Hove have changed the dates for the October 2017 half-term; this has been scheduled as a two-week break instead of one! This is a trial initiative by the council so that parents can book an affordable holiday outside term time. Please take advantage of this and think about booking your holiday for these dates. See our website for the actual term & holiday dates. If you do choose to book a holiday during term time, this will more than likely incur a penalty notice. Please check the school's website for information on the Council's policy and guidance on holidays during term time.

Spring Term Winning House

The winning House for last term was Pavilion House. The points have been incredibly close in recent weeks! For the last weekly total before Easter, there was only 10 points between 1st and 4th place. The final points for the whole Spring Term were: **West Pier** 7,225; **i360** 7,241; **Palace Pier** 7,363 and the winning house, **Pavilion** with 7,506! Children receive house points for wearing full school uniform, demonstrating an understanding of the school rules and showing commitment to their learning and work. Well done everyone!



Communication with the School

We encourage parents & carers to come in and speak with us if they have any concerns about anything that has happened at school. In all cases, parents leave the school happy after speaking with us. However, in a very small number of cases, rather than speak with the school, a few voice their concerns via social media or to others. From experience, this escalates the issue to a greater level, fails to resolve the issue and leaves the school in a position to not be able to explain itself which can cause an unwanted level of vulnerability for our children and staff. We would request that parents refrain from using social media to voice their concerns, but contact us directly; in the first instance, Mr Giddens, Headteacher, Mr Dally, Deputy Headteacher; Ms Ingram, Early Years Co-ordinator, or Mrs Soudain, Senior Learning Mentor. We are always more than happy to speak with you and hear your concerns.

Well done Bevendean!

Bevendean Primary School has been commended by staff working at the Council for the extended services and support we offer our children and families who require additional support.

Fridge News: May

- Monday 8th to Thursday 11th May - Year 6 SATs
- Friday 12th May: 9.05am - RI Class Assembly
- Monday 15th to Friday 19th May - Walk to school week
- Tuesday 16th May: R & Y1 Parents' session 9.05am - 9.30am (English) - Y2 - 2.35pm to 3.05pm
- Thursday 18th May: Y3- Y6 Parents' session 9.05am - 9.30am (English)
- Thursday 18th May: Year 1 Zoolab visiting
- Friday 19th May: 9.05am - Launch Pad Assembly
- Friday 26th May: Whole School Picnic
- **Friday 26th May: last day of half term**

- **Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June (Inclusive)**
HALF TERM—School closed

Attendance - Term to date

<i>RW</i>	=	94.5%	<i>RI</i>	=	92.5 %
<i>1B</i>	=	92.9%	<i>1M</i>	=	97.9 %
<i>2C</i>	=	94.1%	<i>2O</i>	=	95.4%
<i>3S</i>	=	93.5%	<i>3T</i>	=	98.8 %
<i>4C</i>	=	97.6 %	<i>4J</i>	=	98.2 %
<i>5WD</i>	=	98.5%	<i>5W</i>	=	99.6%
<i>6D</i>	=	91.4 %	<i>6M</i>	=	96.7 %

Whole school attendance since September = 94.4%



FABS – Friends at Bevendean (Primary) School

Jo, Anne-Marie and their 'ever increasing team' of supporters and helpers work tirelessly to support and fundraise additional funds for the school, and provide enjoyable and memorable experiences for our children! I thank them for all that they do! Ice-lollies and ice-creams every Friday!! Their next big event is our Summer Fair: Friday 14th July, 2017 on the top field!



After-School at Bevendean



We are working hard to support families by providing a range of activities for children.

The school website shows all our after school activities, under the tab, CLUBS.



1. Debbie Earle from the office, runs an after-school club 'School's Out' If you would like your child/ren to be part of some fun after school activities and learn new skills, and would like more information, see Debbie in the main school office. She also runs 'Touch your Toes' on a Wednesday for children in Reception classes, Years 1, 2 & 3.

2. Mrs Girling is our Extended Schools Coordinator and arranges all the after-school clubs for children. These are run by external providers and only run on a 'needs only' basis i.e. if there is little or no interest the club does not run.

School Security System

You may notice that things have changed slightly when you arrive at our school. No need to be alarmed! When you arrive at the main office door, press the buzzer and you will receive a friendly welcome from Debbie, Karen or Martin and then be let into the office!

Martin Brown – School Business Manager



It is with sadness that we announce that our School Business Manager, Martin Brown will be leaving us on the 12 May, 2017. He has been successful at winning a new position as Senior Finance Officer at Brighton and Hove City Council. Martin has been instrumental in implementing new systems and procedures within the school. He will be missed for his quirky sense of humour, wit and smile! We wish him all the very best in his new position.

School Parking

It is so nice to see so many parents getting their children to school on time and every day. Although it has been brought to my attention that some parents are parking in places that could potentially be dangerous to our children (on pedestrian crossings and zig zagged areas). Please could I suggest that you take an extra 5 minutes to arrive in time to find a safe space to park. Also, please do not use the staff car park at drop-off and pick-up times. There are disabled parking bays only for those who are authorised to use them. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.



School Funding

In March, you would have received a letter from our Partnership about School Funding (http://bevendean.eschools.co.uk/website/march_2017/267852). This stated that school budgets have been under pressure for some time and these pose on-going pressure for school leaders resulting in tough decisions having to be made in the future about the way schools are run. The increased costs incurred at Bevendean Primary School have not been offset by the changes to the new funding formula for schools.

Although our income per child has stayed roughly the same, increased costs in all areas and a slight reduction in our school numbers (the number of children on roll) mean that in time, we will have less money to run the school. We are able to meet a portion of this increase using our 'carry-forward' from this year's budget and by making savings in a number of other areas. However, this, in time, may not be enough. As there will be additional cuts and savings that will have to be made. Some of these may be:

- a reduction in the amount the school has to spent of curriculum resources and staff professional development
- a reduction in the amount of support that special needs pupils receive and the additional interventions we provide
- not funding school trips and residential trips (school trips have received a subsidy of 50% this year)
- a reduction in the number of staff we are able to employ to work with your children

Some of these things will have to happen in order for the school to 'balance the books' in coming years. The message to the government is so important and your much needed and appreciated support is so vital. Please contact and lobby your local MP.



ParentPay

As you know our school has been cashless for over 2 years now. Please remember to pay items like school trips, swimming and dinners via our system ParentPay. If you are having difficulties using ParentPay, at any time, Debbie in the main school office is always happy to help you. If you are new to the school and don't have log on details, please also contact the office.

For school dinners, credit is not permitted, so please do not allow this account to get overdrawn, as this is linked directly to the council and Eden, our Catering provider. As I am sure you can understand chasing non payments causes lots of extra work behind the scenes.

Residential Trips for Years 5 & 6

5WD will be going to their residential trip to Parkwood from Monday 12th June to Wednesday 14th June and 5W will be going on Wednesday 14th June staying until Friday 16th June. Not everyone has yet paid for this, so please do finalise your child's payment as soon as possible. Kit lists, medical forms, contracts and travelling arrangement forms have come home. Please fill out forms and ensure that they have come back to us. If you need any help getting the kit list together please contact the school asap.

Year 6 are going to Blackland Farm from Tuesday 4th July to Friday 7th July. If you have asked for funding we will be keeping you informed of the decision as soon as we hear. Otherwise full payment is now due. All paper work needs to come back to the class teacher asap too. Likewise any help needed for the kit list, do not wait to the last minute to ask.