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Dear Parents and Carers,

Gill Grainger, Our School Counsellor

Some of you may already know who Gill is but not exactly what her role is within the school. Therefore Gill is going to run a drop-in between 2.30pm and 3.15pm on Thursday 20th October. Anyone who has any general questions around children and emotional/mental health, or specific concerns about their child is welcome to come along. Please come to the office and you will be shown where to go. If you cannot make this time but have some questions please give Gill a ring on 07738 041071.

Parking around the school at Pick up and Drop off times

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. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

Open Classes & Parent Sessions

We had 35% parent / carers attend in KS1 and 23% for KS2. It is fantastic to see so many of you coming in to support your child's learning.

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. 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/>). If you can't download the App please provide us with your email address so we can send information to you this way.



e-Safety

Does your child have a smartphone? Do you know what Apps they use and who they might be chatting with? Would you like to know more about Internet Safety and hear about what they are able to access on their phones? Tuesday 22nd November at 2.00pm at Bevendean Primary School - an introduction to eSafety for parents & carers. We would like to see as many parents as possible at the session. Entrance through the main office.



Head Lice

Please be vigilant as "our visitors" the head lice are making appearances in some of our children's hair. Kindly check your children's heads regularly and treat them when necessary. It may be a good idea to treat the whole family and wash bedding too. With reference to the instructions from NHS, absence from school due to head lice cannot be authorised.



School House System

We are all excited about our new House System. Each house is earning around 400 points per week so making the announcement of the winning house an exciting event on our Monday morning assembly. All children are trying very hard to show they know our golden rules and work as a team.

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

Nut Free School

Please remember that we are a nut free school. We are sadly still seeing children bringing in peanut butter sandwiches and bars with nuts in. Although we can understand that it may be a bit frustrating for your child not to have these at school we do have some children who are severely allergic to nuts and coming in contact with nuts could be life threatening. I would like to thank you all for keeping this a nut free school.

After Schools – update

14 children signed up for our after-school guitar club with Ollie and Rax! Sadly, there were not enough children interested in the Key Stage 2 Drama club with Jo. We hope all children are enjoying our popular after-school clubs. Have a look on our website for more details.

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.

Secondary School Places

I expect Year 6 parent/carers have been quite busy visiting secondary school for next September. Once your choice has been made you can apply online via <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk> this needs to be done by Monday 31st October. If you cannot access the internet, a few paper copies are available from the school office. All paper copies need to be handed into the office by noon on Wednesday 19th October.

Governor News

At the last Governors' Meeting, Mr Mark Back was re-elected as Chair of Governors. Mark has been our Chair of Governors for 15 years. He brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to the role. Thank you. Also, Mrs Emily Winslade was elected as Vice Chair of Governors. There will be elections coming up for some parent Governor positions - please come and speak with me if you'd like to know more about this.

Harvest Festival - The children sang and read beautifully during the Harvest Assembly. We are supporting two charities; the local Food Bank and the Brighton Housing Trust who provide support and provisions for homeless people. Thank you to everyone for the donations you sent in.

Martyn Giddens
Headteacher