

# Beaufort Primary School NEWSLETTER



### January 2020

#### Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a good Christmas break, it has been lovely to see all of the children back in school this week ready for the term ahead. This is going to be a busy term with lots going on including Year 5's visit to the planetarium at Winston High School, Science Week and a Year 4 production.

#### Sad News

It is with deep sadness that I share the news that Mrs Duffy passed away during the holidays following ongoing health problems. Although she left Beaufort at Christmas 2018, she has positively impacted the lives of so many Beaufort children, families and staff, she will be dearly missed. The funeral is next Thursday and several staff will be attending. Our thoughts are with her family at this very difficult time. We have placed a book of condolence in the office reception area, please do come in and write a message for her family if you would like to.

#### Calendar Change

A change has been made to the school calendar for 2020-21, there is an Inset day on Friday 18th December and therefore we finish on Thursday 17th December at 1pm. We have amended the calendar on the website to reflect this change.

#### Red Squirrels Assembly Date Change

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Red Squirrels assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Both Red and Grey Squirrels will now do a joint assembly on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Mrs Ferris Headteacher

#### Lunchtime Changes

This month, we are trialling a new system for the children at lunchtime.

Reception through to Year 2 will continue to have their lunch break between 11.45am-1pm. The lunch break for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will change by 15 minutes from 12pm-1pm to 12.15pm-1.15pm.

The change is to give staff time with Reception and Years 1 and 2 to help promote healthy eating habits and good table manners. Lunchtime for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be focusing on encouraging independence by allowing them to collect their own dinners and to clear away after themselves. This will help to prepare them for lunchtimes in secondary school.

After January's trial, we will assess to see if this new system has been beneficial and decide if the changes made become permanent.



## PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

This is because some of our children suffer from severe nut allergies, which could result in anaphylaxis causing difficulty in breathing and throat swelling. These children may become unwell by just being near a nut product or by touching hands or tables that have traces of nut products. Please help us to look after these children by NOT sending your child to school with peanut butter, packs of nuts, Nutella, milk and white chocolate spreads, muesli bars or chocolate bars that contain nuts.