



Holiday Requests

In 2013, the government removed all references to family holidays from the Education Regulations (2006) and said head teachers could not grant any leave of absence to pupils other than in the most exceptional circumstances.

Examples of exceptional circumstances are:

If a parent is service personnel and is returning from a tour of duty abroad and they do not have leave during school holidays

Absence from school is recommended by a health professional as part of a parent or child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue

The death or terminal illness of a close relative, only if the Headteacher is satisfied that the circumstances are truly exceptional

Religious observance – The Education Act 1996 S444(3) (c), states "on any day exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which his/her parent belongs"

For this reason, if you remove your child from school for a holiday during term time, the absence will be unauthorised. Holiday request forms will no longer be available from the office. If you believe that your circumstances are exceptional please make an appointment to see our pastoral team to discuss the possibility of leave. Thank you.

Become more involved in Beech Hill School

The Friends of Beech Hill School are having an informal drop in on Friday 9th February, 2.30-3.30pm at school in The Hub (Buds Building). After the success of the Toy Fayre before Christmas, we are looking for new ideas about future events you would like to see at school. You are automatically a member of the Friends group when you join the school community.

Why not come along and get more involved or just suggest an idea—the more heads the better. Everyone is welcome. If coming after pick up, bring your kids too.



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is crucial if children are to achieve the best outcomes possible. Please ensure your child attends school every day.

Best attending classes week ending: 12/01/18

Class RH 100% Fantastic—Well done!

Class 5F 96.2%

Healthy Routes

Do you want to improve your health? Maybe you would like to stop smoking, drink less, be more active, eat more healthily or just feel better about yourself but you're not sure where to start? Healthy Routes can work personally with you to make a real difference to your health and wellbeing. An advisor, Jonathan Driver, will be on site in The Hub every



Tuesday afternoon from 12:30 as a drop in session. Jonathan will look at all aspects of Healthy Routes with parents including the current project, Smoke Free Homes. Please feel free to stop by if you would like any advice or support.

The Jolly Postman

Year 1 children have had a special visitor in school. The Jolly Postman came to see them as part of their Wow starter day. The children were given a number of tasks to complete such as investigating parcels and matching them to different range of characters. He also left a question for the children to discuss in their Philosophy for Children session...

"How did the three bears feel when they say their chairs had been broken?"

"I was surprised he came to our school. It was nice to meet him." Isobelle (1/2P)



Dates for your Diary



- 25.01.18 Pantomime
- 01.02.18 School photographer for individual and family photographs
- 01.02.18 Coffee Morning
- 15.02.18 Coffee Morning
- 16.02.18 KS2 Spring Disco
- 05.03.18 Parent conferences this week
- 19.03.18 Reception Assembly