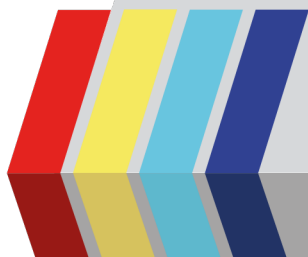


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Update from Miss Whittington

The past couple of weeks have been of sadness and celebration of the life and service of Queen Elizabeth II to our country, and we as a school remember and celebrate Mrs Smalldridge.

The new school year is now well underway, and I hope that you have been able to attend our Meet the Teacher online meetings with your child's new teacher.

Soft Start

Pupils are enjoying the 8:30 AM Soft Start, so please continue to ensure that your child arrives promptly.

Weather

As the weather gets colder, our children need to wear suitable clothes for outdoor activities. Please help us by ensuring their clothes are marked with their name so they don't get lost. We have quite a lot of lost property in the main reception area, so if your child has lost an item and if it is not labelled, you should find it in the main reception.

Our website is still being updated, apologies for the delay. As you will note our Parent Bulletin has been updated and refreshed with an aim of producing a bulletin once a month.

Diary error

School is open on Monday 3rd October.

Please visit

<https://beamcountypriaryschool.org/calendar-and-term-dates> for updated information.

Ready, Respectful, Safe

At Beam, we expect and encourage good behaviour and self-discipline from all pupils to cultivate an environment that promotes emotional development, effective learning and high standards. Through visible consistency, we are restorative in our approach, using a range of methods and strategies to maintain positive relationships. Our three simplified core rules: Ready Respectful Safe, ensure that we are consistent in our approach.

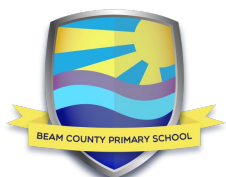
You will find our updated Behaviour Policy here: <https://beamcountypriaryschool.org/policies>

We aim to provide an inclusive, calm, quiet atmosphere in the school and encourage children to move around responsibly. Our expectations of the children can only be realised through the co-operation and support between home and school. Should any difficulties be encountered, we invite parents to work with us to resolve them. Positive behaviour is a collective responsibility within the school. This extends beyond the individual classroom to cover every child and every area of the school and playground.

PTA – Parent & Teacher Association

A PTA is a Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. Beam PTA brings together parents, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover. To express an interest press this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ExG2RCYYUu>





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Book Vending Machine



Prior to the summer, we purchased a 'book vending machine' and stocked it with a variety of the latest titles for all ages to enjoy. The intention is to galvanise children to read at home multiple times a week.

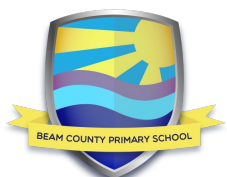
Each Friday, your child's teacher will check their planner and if they have read and it is signed 3 times during that week, your child will receive an entry into the class prize draw. The draw will be conducted just before half-term so your child has the next 7 weeks in which to acquire as many entries to the draw as they can. The more entries, the more chance of them being the winner! Each class winner will receive a special golden token to input into the machine where they can choose a book that is then theirs to keep.

We look forward to each class holding their first prize draw during the week commencing 17th October and who knows, maybe it will be your child selecting a brand new book from the Beam machine!

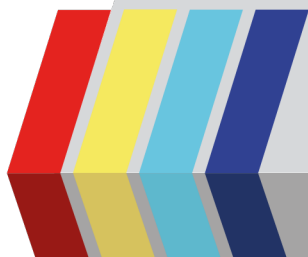
Little Wandle

We will be hosting a Phonics coffee morning on **Friday 14th October** at 9.00am to give you information on how to support your child with the development of their early reading and writing skills. This meeting will give you the opportunity to find out more about the phonics scheme Little Wandle we use at school and the developmental expectations your child should be achieving by the end of their current academic year. This coffee morning is open to all parents, with a key focus on the development of Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. We hope you will be able to make this important event.





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National Online Safety (NOS)

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that Beam County Primary School have shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety NOS- providing resources for all parents and carers.

To create your parent account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/beam-county-primary-school>



You can also access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

Attached are useful guides explaining what parents need to know about the popular app 'Snapchat' and how we can support our younger pupils with their screen time exposure.

Toilet Training Advice

Toilet training is one of the many difficult stages of parenting.

If your child has started school and they are not yet toilet trained you can:

- speak to your child's health visitor (if they are under 5 years old)
- speak to your GP
- speak to your child's teacher

It is important to let your child's teacher know if you require support with toilet training. A consistent and collaborative approach at home and school will have the best outcomes for your child.

The link below provides some helpful advice and guidance:

[How to potty train - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/how-to-potty-train)

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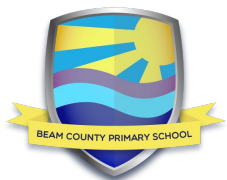
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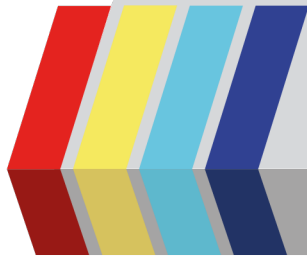
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Speech & Language Advice

When we talk about children's speech and language development, we are thinking about not just the things that children can say (expressive language) but also the things that children can understand (receptive language).

The iCAN website has lots of helpful information and advice about what we should be expecting children to be able to say and understand at certain ages. The poster that can be found following the link ([PRIMARY POSTER AW V2.indd \(ican.org.uk\)](#)), provides a helpful overview.

At Beam, we are incredibly fortunate to employ a private Speech and Language Therapist who works with us one day per week. If you feel that your child might benefit from an assessment of their speech and language skills, then please discuss this with your child's teacher.

One of the very best things that you can do to promote speech and language development with your child is reading together and talking about stories and words. Try making shared story time a part of your regular routine - even if your children are older!

K. L. Mooney (SENDCo)

ATTENDANCE. IMPORTANT DATES 2022 - 2023

To help with your child's learning, please try to ensure that your child uses the 8:30 Soft Start.

Tuesday 4th October – Cross County Competition – Good luck to pupils participating in years 3, 4, 5 and 6!!

Wednesday 12th October – Monday 17th October – Each class will get a slot for the Scholastic Book Fair – keep an eye out for the letter for more information!

Tuesday 11th October – Monday 17th October - Parents will also get the opportunity to purchase a book with their child (weather permitting) in the playground.

Thursday 20th October – School Photographer

Friday 21st October – end of the half term.

