

IMPORTANT DATES

August,2011

- ◆ 31st - Prospective Year 1 Parent Tour of School (9:00am)

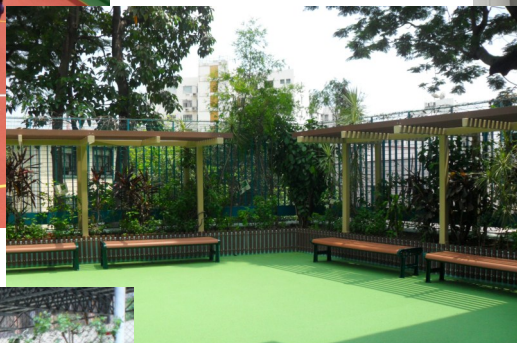
September 2011

- ◆ 1st - Prospective Year 1 Parent Tour of School (9:00am)
- ◆ 2nd - Year 3 visit the Hong Kong International Airport
- ◆ 7th - Prospective Year 1 Parent Tour of School (9:00am)
 - Year 6 swimming
- ◆ 8th - Meet the Teacher
- ◆ 12th - BHS CPD Day - School Closed
- ◆ 13th - Public Holiday - School Closed
- ◆ 14th - Year 4 visit to the Science Museum
 - 1W Picnic at Element Shopping Mall
 - Reading Workshops for Parents /Helpers (9:00am / 6:30pm)
- ◆ 15th - Risk Assessment Workshop for Parents (2:00pm)
 - 1B Picnic at Element Shopping Mall
 - School Photos
- ◆ 16th - PTA Welcome BBQ at KCC (7:00pm)
 - 1T Picnic at Element Shopping Mall
 - School Photos
- ◆ 21st - Y6 Swimming
- ◆ 23rd - International Day
- ◆ 29th - Y1 and Y6 Immunization
 - Assessment and Reporting Workshop for Parents (2:00pm & 6:30pm)
- ◆ 30th - ESF CPD Day - School Closed

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after our summer break. It is always wonderful to get back to school and to hear the children chat about their fabulous holidays and to see the excitement in meeting up with all their new and old friends. I'm sure mums and dads are also happy to see them back at school!

We now have a fabulous new playground environment which was finished over the summer holidays. This includes a complete resurfacing of the basketball court area and also brand new playground apparatus and a very cool climbing wall. This could not have happened without the huge contribution of the school community through our PTA fund raising.



A big welcome to all of our new Year Ones who seem to have settled brilliantly into school life at BHS. Not one tear.....yet!

The following children have also joined us this year and I am sure you will join me in welcoming them and their families to BHS.

- ◆ Charlotte Gallagher 2J , Siddharth Kumar 2J , Monalika Sood 2J ,Michelle Zhou 2J
Kieran Agwunobi 2S , Leonardo De Luca 2S, Mustafa Kashif 2S, Jessica Zhou 2S
- ◆ Issac Gallagher 3F, Sun Seok Park 3F, Maxx Pek 3K
- ◆ Sanskruti Waskar 4D, Kevin Zhou 4H , Gareth Poon 4M, Sebastian Shah 4M
Tsz Long So 4M, Ethan Campbell 4M
- ◆ Laila Shah 5H, Vanessa Ng 5M

New Staff

We also welcome a number of new teachers and Educational Assistants to BHS.

1) Mr Rudi Dray

Rudi is teaching in Year 4 having joined us from Victoria Academy. Some of you may remember Rudi as he actually did his teaching practice at BHS.

2) Ms Merry Hamilton

Merry is also joining our Year 4 team and joins us from Kowloon Junior School where she was the Primary Years Program coordinator.

3) Mrs Rosie Fletcher

Rosie joins the SEN Department supporting the children in Year 1 & 2. Rosie previously was an early years teacher at Kellet School.

4) Miss Mai Cheung

Mai is our new EA with Mrs Wu in 1W.

5) Mrs Shirley Lowe

Welcome back to Shirley who will be the EA supporting the children in Year 4.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Williams, who is now officially known as Mrs Westmacott after getting married to Andy over the summer break. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Bussiere (nee College) and Alex on the birth of their second child, Margot.

Babies Everywhere

There must be something in the water at BHS! We can no longer hide the fact that we have four members of staff that will be having babies this school year. Congratulations to Mrs Pickering, Mrs Fennelly, Miss Jeyes and Mrs Turner. We will be contacting parents shortly to explain the arrangements whilst the teachers are on maternity leave.

New Playground—No Parking

As mentioned earlier we have a fabulous new surface on our basketball court, unfortunately this means we can no longer allow any parking on it. In future, parents will need to use alternative transport arrangements for all school events.

Important Student Documents to be sent home today— 26th August,2011

Today we have sent home some important forms for all students. These need to be completed and returned to school ONLY IF YOUR STUDENT DATA / MEDICAL INFORMATION has changed. The excursion form must be filled in and returned to school by everyone asap. We will shortly be sending home the excursion levy and PTA levy forms.

School Calendar

Attached is this year's school calendar please note school closure dates. A more detailed events list will be sent home in the next newsletter.

Year Ahead Meetings

Our meet the teacher Year Ahead meetings will be held on Thursday 8th September. This year we will have all the meetings on one night to save parents coming to school on three different nights that week. The times will be as follows:-

Year 1 + 26:00pmSchool Hall
6:15pmClassrooms

Year 3 + 46:45pmSchool Hall (not necessary for those who attended the earlier session)
7:00pm Classrooms

Year 5 + 6 7:30 pm.....School Hall (not necessary for those who attended the earlier session)
7:45pmClassrooms

Important Reminders

No hat No play

Please be reminded that BHS has a no hat no play policy so please make sure that your child brings their BHS hat to school everyday rain, hail or shine. Hats are available through the PTA office.

Nut Free Zone

We have a number of students who have allergies to nuts and for that reason we do not allow any nuts or foods with nut products in school.

Birthday Celebrations

We love to celebrate all of our students' birthdays however, please do not send in whole class cakes, ice creams, cup cakes etc. as it is difficult to monitor and it puts pressure on all families to do the same. We are also encouraging our students to eat healthy foods at school.

School Parking

At the beginning and end of the school day the front of the school is strictly a no parking zone. Parents may drop their children off in the mornings but under no circumstance should parents park there as we have over 14 school buses that need to drop children off in this location.

Report of Students' attendance, changes of data, pick-up arrangement

Parents are reminded to inform the class teacher and school office at the earliest possible time in the Home/School Daily or/and email to bhs@bhs.edu.hk. All correspondences are only accepted from parents but not any other family members or domestic helpers.

63rd Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival

The application form for entering 63rd Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival is ready for you to pick up at the school front desk. If your child / (ren) want to participate this competition, please return the application form to the school office on or before 7th September,2011. Any late application received after the deadline will not be accepted.

2011-2012 Newspaper Subscription (Goodies/ Student Standard/ Junior Standard/ Young Post)

Subscription form is available to obtain from the school office on 1st September,2011. The newspaper subscription form must be returned to the school office on or before 8th September,2011

Central Applications - Year 1(2007 Birth) for August 2012 admission

Application Period : 1-30 September 2011

Should you have any enquiries, please contact ESF by the following methods:

Email to admissions@esfcentre.edu.hk with the subject REQUEST FOR ESF APPLICATION FORM

Hotline on **3762 2411** during office hours

OAS online Application for New Year 1 (2007 Birth)

If you are applying for Year 1 for August 2012 entry for a **sibling born in 2007**, the application period is from **1-30 September 2011**. There is **no advantage** to applying early. Forms received before 1 September 2011 will not be considered. For application guidelines and details please refer to ESF website at www.esf.edu.hk under admissions. If you have any enquiry or questions regarding the ESF primary and secondary application process, please email: admissions@esfcentre.edu.hk or call the ESF Admissions **hotline at 3762-2411**.

Application Fee \$150

The ESF application fee is HK\$150. This is a non-refundable, non-transferable administration fee which covers the cost of processing the application.

Parents must apply and pay the application fee using the Online Admissions System.

must be sent by 'registered mail' to the English Schools Foundation, Central Admissions (Year 1 or Year 7), 25/F, Fortis Centre, 1063 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong for application to be complete.

Support documents should be received by the English School Foundation **no later than 6 October 2011** for Central Application processing.

- _ Copy of completed 'Online Application' form or the Application slip/ acknowledgement email;**
- _ Copy of application fee online payment result;**
- _ Copy of child's passport/birth certificate;**
- _ Proof of HK address document – a personalized copy of lease or utilities bill (bank statements are not accepted);**
- _ Two recent photographs of the student.**



HEALTH



Student Health Service (SHS) / School Dental

Care Service(SDCS) of the Department of Health

The joint enrolment forms for the Student Health Service / School Dental Care Service have arrived. We will give the form and information to your child next week via the Class Teacher. If you have not received one, please let me know ASAP. Please return the completed form (and cheque) to the School Nurse via the Class Teacher on or before 7 October 2011, Friday.

The designated Student Health Service Centre is at Kowloon City Lions Clubs Student Health Service Centre and the designated School Dental Clinic is at 3/F, Argyle Street Jockey Club School Dental Clinic.



Immunization



For Primary One and Six Students: Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) Vaccine.

For Primary Six Students: Hepatitis B vaccine.

We will give the information and the application form to your child via the Class Teacher next week. If you have not received one, please let me know ASAP. Please return your reply on or before Friday, 16 September 2011.

REMINDER

If your child complains of feeling unwell OR fever and rash OR sore throat, cough and runny nose, please do not send him / her to school until he / she has fully recovered to prevent the spread of infection to other children and staff. Please let the child rest at home.



Ms Chen
(School Nurse)

The Annual PTA Welcome BBQ and Pool Party



The Annual Beacon Hill School PTA **Welcome BBQ and Pool Party** will take place on **Friday September 16th** from 7pm till 10pm at the **Kowloon Cricket Club** and is sure to be an evening of fun, laughter and great company.

Tickets are just \$270 per adult and \$180 per child and are available in limited numbers and on a first come, first served basis, no tickets will be issued on the night. So, don't delay.....get your tickets today!

See you there and don't forget your swimming costumes (towels available at the club).

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Reply Slip

NAME OF CHILD: _____ CLASS: _____

I would like _____ adult ticket(s) at \$270 and _____ child ticket(s) at \$180, total \$ _____.

There will be _____ vegetarians in my party. No charge for the children under 3 years old.

Please return this slip, plus **cheque** made payable to **Beacon Hill School PTA Ltd.**

no later than Friday September 9th. Tickets are available in limited numbers and on a first come, first served basis, no tickets will be issued on the night.

BEACON HILL SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Tuesday 23 rd August	Term begins – 8:45 am to 3:00 pm
Monday 12 th September	School Closed - BHS CPD Day
Tuesday 13 th September	School Closed -The day following Mid-Autumn Festival
Friday 30 th September	School Closed -ESF CPD day
Wednesday 5 th October	School Closed - Chung Yeung Festival
Monday 17 th to Friday 21 st October	Half Term Holiday
Friday 16 th December	End of Term - School Finishes at 12 noon

SPRING TERM 2012

Tuesday 3 rd January	Term begins – 8:45 am to 3:00 pm
Monday 23 rd January to Friday 27 th January	Chinese New Year Half Term Holiday
Friday 9 th March	School Closed – BHS CPD Day
Friday 30 th March	End of Term - School Finishes at 12 noon

SUMMER TERM 2012

Monday 16 th April	Term Begins—8:45 am to 3:00 pm
Monday 30 th April	School Closed – BHS CPD Day
Tuesday 1 st May	School Closed - Labour Day
Friday 11 th May	School Closed -ESF CPD day
Friday 29 th June	End of Term – School Finishes at 12 noon