

Welcome Back to Beal Vale!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Beal Vale for the start of another school year. The children have returned looking incredibly smart, ready and on time, and have settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines.

After only a few weeks away, so many of the children seem to have come back older, taller and very grown up! Unfortunately, the lovely sunshine we enjoyed over the summer holidays seems to have disappeared at exactly the same time as the children returned to school! The rain has certainly made its return too – a sure sign that the new school year has begun!

On Monday afternoon, the children were treated to a fantastic musical pantomime in the school hall. The fun and interactive performance took the children on a journey through the decades, exploring how different musical genres have developed and changed over time. There was plenty of music, laughter and participation, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was a brilliant way to start our first full week back at school.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our lovely new Reception class, who have now officially joined the Beal Vale family. They have settled into school incredibly well and are already showing us what a respectful and responsible bunch they are. We are very proud of how confidently they have started their Beal Vale journey and look forward to watching them grow and develop throughout their time with us.

A quick reminder that our school gates open at 8:45am and the school day finishes at 3:15pm. Thank you for helping us to ensure that children arrive at school promptly and are ready to begin their learning each morning.

Over the next few weeks, I will be sending via the app Key Dates list for the Autumn Term, which will include important events and activities taking place between now and Christmas. Please keep a look out for this so that you can get those important Beal Vale dates into your diaries!

We would like to apologise that School Gateway and the Parent App have not been fully up and running at the start of the school year. During the final week of the summer holidays, a major update was made to our

computer systems which unfortunately affected the syncing of information between our systems and the apps. Behind the scenes, our IT department have been working extremely hard to resolve the issue and get everything back up and running as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

Please remember not to park directly outside the school gates or on the yellow zigzag markings at the beginning or end of the school day. These areas need to remain clear to help keep our children and families safe. There is a small car park off Glebe Street which parents and carers can use when dropping off or collecting children. Thank you for helping us to keep the area immediately outside school as safe as possible.

A reminder to our Year 6 parents and carers that applications for secondary school places need to be completed by the end of October. Please make sure that you submit your child's application before the deadline.

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our pupils this week. A big congratulations to our *Pupil of the Week* and our *Class Superstars* who have shown fantastic effort, kindness, and commitment to our school values

Pupil of week:

Year 1- Clarice

Year 2- Jaxon

Year 3 – Ayub

Year 4- Lilly-Rose

Year 5 – Harley

Year 6 – Alfie

Class Superstar:

Year 1- Teddy A

Year 2- Ingi

Year 3- Ellis

Year 4 – Grace

Year 5- Logan

Year 6- Ella

Thank you to all of our children, families and staff for helping us to have such a positive and settled start to the new academic year.

It has been lovely to see Beal Vale busy again, and I am looking forward to everything that the year ahead will bring. Hopefully, at some point, the sunshine might even decide to come back too!

Mr Rashid
Headteacher