

# BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The return of our **Activities Week** has provided a wonderfully enjoyable and unique way to end the year, with the ice cream van proving very popular this afternoon! As well as providing a rich range of opportunities and experiences, students have forged friendships across year groups and built positive relationships that continue to build the fabric and ethos of our family school. Alongside individual memories we will collate the usual gallery of great moments to post on our Facebook page once we have all the photos in.

We are extremely grateful for all your support, and that of the students, in making this complex undertaking such a worthwhile success. I am also indebted to all the staff for being so willing to take on this huge logistical challenge; completing the many necessary plans, health and safety forms, adjusting to the needs of each group and giving up their time so generously and graciously. I would particularly like to thank **Mrs Walters, Mrs Stone and Ms Poole** who have driven the whole programme forward over many trying months.

**Ashton Coombs** was forced to curtail his Activity Week plans after being selected to represent British Cycling in the **World BMX Championships** in Nantes, France. This is just reward after a great season and our best wishes go with Ashton.

Ms Forster was delighted to take a group of Year 10 GCSE students to **Beaminster St. Mary's School**, last Thursday, to lead an afternoon of French activities with their Year 5 and 6 students. Through games and songs, the students introduced classroom phrases, general greetings and a range of animal terms, with much fun had by all.

With the challenges caused by the increases in the cost of living, the attached "**Kids Eat for Free**" graphic is worth being aware of this summer. Please do also remember that you may be eligible for Free School Schools, with other benefits such as uniform vouchers and additional funding for the school, which can easily be checked through this simple Dorset Council [link](#). There is also Dorset's HAF Program [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme - Dorset Council](#)

**Bridport Football Club** are looking for **U15** players for the forthcoming season. The next training session is 7pm at St Mary's Playing Fields in Bridport. Contact [anthonywilkinson3@googlemail.com](mailto:anthonywilkinson3@googlemail.com) or 07949 076322 for more information. Our friends at **Beaminster Museum** have asked us to circulate the attached poster advertising the Summer Family Fun activities.

**Stories and poems**, read aloud by school staff, will shortly be available on the Year 6 Transition Information page of the school website: [Year 6 Transition Information | beaminsterschool](#) Our new Year 7 students are encouraged to listen to them during the summer and to let Miss Rollick know in September how they enjoyed them.

We look forward to welcoming students back at the start of the Autumn Term, with our new **Year 7 students starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** and **all other students returning on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

Finally, it just leaves me to wish you all a very restful and enjoyable summer; do take care.

Mr Hales

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