

Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Year 2



**Beaumont
Primary
School**

A Learning Community Partnership

Dear children and parents / carers,

Welcome back to school and to Year 2! We hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are well rested and ready for the new academic year. The purpose of this letter is to give you important information about the new school year. Please read it carefully and keep in a safe place for future reference.

The children should arrive at school by 8:30 am every morning. They should wait on the lower playground with their parent/carer until they see a member of staff at 8:30, after which time they can make their way to the classroom. It is important that all children attend regularly and on time as learning starts the minute they set foot in the classroom. Registers will be taken at 8:40 am, at which time the pupil entrance will close. Any child arriving after this time will need to be escorted to the office by their parent.

If you need to talk to a member of staff please call or email the school. I can be contacted by email at kcock@beaumont.croydon.sch.uk or through ClassDojo for all non-urgent enquiries. Please note that I do not usually have the time to look at my email or ClassDojo messages during the school day and therefore all urgent messages (such as changes to who is collecting your child at the end of the day) and messages regarding attendance or medical appointments should be sent to the office: office@beaumont.croydon.sch.uk (or telephone 020-86607707).

The children will be dismissed at 3:10 pm on the tarmac area of the field, where parents can wait at the end of the day. Make sure the school office holds current contact information for you in case we need to contact you during the school day; as well as up-to-date dietary and medical information for your child. It is also important that the details we have regarding your child's home time arrangements (e.g. names of people collecting) is up-to-date.

The school communicates with families mainly through ClassDojo – please make sure you have this app downloaded to stay informed with what is happening at school! I post regularly about the work completed in class and hope that this will help you to have an insight into your child's learning at school. If you like what you see, please click 'Like' so I know what content and at what frequency is popular with parents! ClassDojo login details should be used by people with parental rights only and not shared with wider families – please adhere to this as it is to keep the children safe.

The children should attend school in full school uniform and bring in a named book bag, a named waterproof coat and a named water bottle every day. Keyrings and other 'charms' on book bags and coat zips are useful for quick identification purposes but should be limited to one small one, please! Please also note that the optional Beaumont fleece is meant as an outside garment only and not as a replacement for the Beaumont jumper or cardigan. Our preferred water bottle type is the 'flip-top' straw water bottle, with no 'carry-on' straps attached, as these can be kept on desks and allow for frequent sips of water throughout the day – all other types of water bottles and bottles with straps attached must be kept in a tray in the classroom.

All children will be provided with a free school lunch; please help your child to make their choice daily from the lunch menu before they come to school. Fruit is also provided free of charge in Year 2 as a snack for mid-morning break, but milk needs to be ordered through <https://coolmilk.com/parents/> . If you choose to send in a packed lunch from home, please note that only healthy food items are allowed and that mid-morning snack should be fruit only.

Your child has been given a home reading book from their assigned book band. They should read every day and this should be recorded in their reading record log by the adult who heard them read. Your child has been shown how to change their reading book in class independently when they have finished it. Please note that as the books get longer,

your child is not expected to read the whole book in one sitting. We recommend ten minutes of quality reading time with an adult every day. This should include time for questions about the text they have read.

Home reading books and reading records should travel between home and school every day, regardless whether the book needs changing or not as we will need these when we hear your child read at school. Therefore, may we suggest that the book and the reading record always “sleep in the book bag”, please? We discourage the use of bookbags for anything else than carrying reading books and letters as placing drinks bottles, jumpers, hats, scarfs, mittens and so on in them stretches the fabric and makes them not fit for the purpose of keeping books and papers neat and dry. Thank you for your co-operation!

Home learning will be set on Fridays and home learning logs should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday to a box labelled “Home learning” in class to allow time for a comment to be made. Spellings will be sent home on Mondays (in a separate book) and tested on Fridays.

We will have PE on Thursdays and the children should wear their PE kit to school all day. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed. Our PE kit consists of a Beaumont round neck t-shirt and shorts and plain trainers or plimsolls. In colder weather tracksuit bottoms are recommended. In addition, we ask for a pair of plimsolls to be kept at school in a school shoe bag for extra activities taking place outside the PE lessons. It is also a good idea to keep a change of clothes in this shoe bag, too, in case your child has an accident at school that requires them to get changed. Please make sure all parts of the uniform - book bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, shoe bags, coats, hats, shoes and jumpers - are clearly labelled with your child's name as this saves a lot of time and confusion. “Pre-loved” uniform is a great idea, but please ensure that the name of the previous owner is removed and replaced with your child's name!

You can best support your child's learning by making sure they attend school regularly and on time. Attendance rate of 96% or more is considered good, and studies show that high attendance rates clearly correlate with good levels of attainment. Please make time to listen to your child read daily at home and provide them with a place and time to complete the home learning set. Your support in helping your child to become more independent at this stage of their schooling is crucially important. They should be encouraged to start taking responsibility for their daily reading, learning spellings and completing their home learning on time, as well as looking after their own belongings.

The children will have a very busy day learning here at school and they will be tired. For best possible learning outcomes, it is important they get enough rest. Ten to eleven hours of sleep a night is recommended for 6-7 –year-olds. Please consider the amount of afterschool activities your child attends and avoid screen time just before bedtime as this can be detrimental to sleep. Ensure your child has a nutritious breakfast every morning. Shared meal times provide a good opportunity to chat and catch up, allowing for your child to talk about their day, including any worries they may have - this is shown by research to promote good mental health and have a positive impact on learning outcomes, too.

Our Year 2 team here at school consists of myself and Mrs Carmody, the Year 2 Teaching Assistant (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays); as well as Mrs Donohue, our SENDCo, who will be teaching the class every other week, - half a day on Mondays and a full day on Tuesdays.

Should you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are all very much looking forward to working together with you and your delightful children!

We will hold a Curriculum Meeting for Year 2 parents and carers on Wednesday 9th September at 8.45am in the school hall - please make every effort to attend as lots of important information regarding academic expectations at the end of Key Stage 1 will be shared!

With kindest regards,

Mrs Kati Cock, Class teacher