

## Beaucroft Foundation School

**VISION:** Every student to engage, enjoy and achieve. Developing self-esteem and resilience in preparation for adulthood. **Engage, Enjoy, Achieve!** 

Our aims and values for our Beaucroft Community are to THRIVE:

Thoughtful, Happy & safe, Resilient, Valued and Empowered.

**MISSION:** Our vision is achieved by providing an inclusive, vibrant and supportive community based educational provision.

# Newsletter w.e. February 24th, 2023

#### Hi everyone!

We are busy preparing for the opening of our new site and commencing additional improvements on the current site. This week we are excited about designing our new College logo and Café merchandise.

As you know we have arranged an additional 5 INSET days to facilitate the move; April 17th - 21st incl.

The move involves Post 16 and some senior groups moving to the new site in Wimborne. Classes on the current site will also be moving to their September 23 classrooms but remaining in their current academic year classes.

To facilitate this significant movement the school will be closed to all students, with all returning on April 24th.



The whole school has enjoyed exploring and celebrating other cultures through topic theme days including a Chinese New Year celebration and an Italian day that included a visit to an Italian restaurant. Thank you again to the John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation for funding this visit.



World Book Day— We will be celebrating all next week with a range of story telling activities including story massage, hot chocolate and biscuits. Sadly, our amazing literacy lead Naomi is leaving for a promotion at the end of this term. Please see her open letter to the Beaucroft community attached.

Please also see attached a flyer for a local charity fundraiser that has direct links with our school. The Shades of Different charity has recently donated invaluable sensory equipment—thank you!

Diane Makariou & Joe Barnett (Co-Headteachers)

### Dates for the diary:

CALENDAR

**Mufti day 06.03.23**—wear non-uniform and bring in a Bingo prize (eg, chocs or wine)

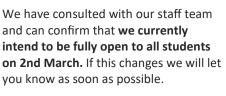
Bingo 23.03.23—Food (Pizzas!) from 5pm. Eyes down at 6pm

Parent Support: Catherine and Mandy - here to help!

INSET days: Friday March 31st

April 17th—21st inclusive.

#### Important teacher strike update:





















Dearest Beaucroft Community – Staff, learners, and their families,

After almost 14 years at Beaucroft School, my time as a teacher here is coming to an end. I will say my final farewell to you all at the end of March.

The school has been a part of so many aspects of my life-I got married in the first month of being here, I have had both my children, moved house, and navigated through a global pandemic and out the other side, all while working here at Beaucroft. At every point along the way you have all supported me, offered me kindness and comradeship throughout.

This is a special place, of that there is no doubt; my long service to the school is testament to that. I have made so many friendships and will remain in contact with you individually, and as a school, for years to come I'm sure.

To Joe and Diane, thank you for your encouragement, your unwavering confidence in my abilities and your promotion of my talents- class teacher, Specialist Leader in Education, ITT mentor, TADSS trainer and as the schools literacy leader- a role I really have loved.

To the staff (all 130+ of you!), you are a fabulously dedicated, friendly, family of colleagues that I have loved working alongside. I have been class teacher in middle school (Brownsea class) and early years (Seahorses class) and have had the pleasure of teaching so many wonderful, memorable learners over the years, working alongside amazing teachers and teaching assistants, with special thanks to those I have job shared with. One of the best bits about my role over the last few years has been that I have taught in every department, and visited and supported every class. Thank you for welcoming me to your classrooms.

To the parents, your dedication to get your child the best placement at the best school for them, is inspiring. It has been a honour to teach your children and help them learn and develop. I have got to know many of you very well and will miss everyone in the Beaucroft community, whether I taught your child, have met you through open evenings, over a cake at the RAFA café, at the summer BBQs or Christmas fairs, or through the Friends of Beaucroft.

To the learners, well, you are the reason why I wanted to join the school in the first place, and why I've been here for so long! I have seen you grow, develop, mature, hone your skills, and communicate in so many ways. You build on your academic abilities, social skills, and progress in your independent mindset in readiness for life beyond the school gates. You are the most surprising and wonderful bunch and have made me smile every day. Even on the toughest of pandemic lockdown days, we found things to giggle about or to connect through, and for that I am so grateful, thank you for letting me into your world.

I leave to you all to join another special school as an Assistant Headteacher. I will miss you all more than I can say, but know you will continue to THRIVE.

With much love and the very best wishes for you all, Naomi Austin















Shades of Different PRESENT:

A Charity Jive & Disco Evening

with DJ Bruce Gridley at the Verwood Hub - Studio 1

Brockway, Verwood, BH31 7QE

CAMBO TUNES Friday 12th May, 8.15 till Midnight, £10 on the door,

Contact Erika Petrie for more info and to pre-book / purchase raffle tickets:

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