



Beechwood Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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BRASS ASSEMBLY

On Monday the children were lucky enough to be introduced to a variety of brass instruments such as the trombone, clarinet, tuba, amongst others.

They were able to witness how these instruments are played and to investigate the different sounds they make.

The tutor, Vincent was very inspiring and will be back at Beechwood in the new year to deliver tuition to our children.

A letter will follow to register interest!



ACTIVE TRAVEL NEWS

Shake your Sleighbells we're off to Lapland!



Sustrans are pleased to announce that their winter active travel challenge is back - **The Journey to Lapland 2018!**

Cycling, scooting and walking are a great way for children to get some much needed exercise during the winter months. As an incentive to get more active this winter, children can pick up a Journey to Lapland Passport and bring it with them every time they come to school before 14th December. If they have cycled, scooted or walked to or from school, they will get a sticker, stamp or signature in their passport. If they manage to get all 12 stops on the way to Lapland filled, they can hand their completed passport to their teacher and receive a certificate.

We are also encouraging families to make a "My School Journey Pledge" for 2019. Think of a way you can change your school journey to make it more active, environmentally friendly and fun and put it into writing, or a poem, rap, drawing, collage - use your imagination! Sustrans will be featuring some of the pledges in their January newsletter and following them up in their Easter newsletter. There will be rewards for children whose pledges are featured! Please return pledges to Mrs Taylor by the end of term.

Winter riding is fun, but it is important to stay safe too. Make sure bikes and scooters are in good working order, especially the brakes. Get children to wear the right gear - waterproof jacket and gloves, and a helmet if they have one. Be safe, be seen, encourage wearing bright colours, reflectives and using lights to be as visible as possible. We are aware that some parents live further away and need to drive to school - why not park 10 minutes away (much easier to find a parking place) and walk the rest of the way... "Park and Stride" counts as an active journey and also improves air quality and safety for children by cutting down on school gate congestion. Why not get your bike out and help your children with this challenge if you are able to. Good Luck

KIDS BIKE SALE

Our good friends at **Bikespace** are putting on a kids bike sale on **Saturday 15th December** with second hand, full serviced bikes starting at just £10! This is a great opportunity for parents to get their children on a properly sized bike at a bargain price. : Bikespace, Unit 7, Devonport Park, Plymouth



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2018/2019

Thurs 13th Dec	Disco with Santa - 4.15 to 5.30pm
Mon 17th Dec	Decorations Afternoon - 1.15pm
Tues 18th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Tues 18th Dec	Nativity Production- 2:15pm
Wed 19th Dec	KS1 Carol Concert - 2pm & 5pm
Thurs 20th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert - 2pm & 5.30pm
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Jumper Mufti
Fri 21st Dec	Christmas Carols - 2.00pm
Fri 21st Dec	School closes for Christmas
Mon 7th Jan	School re-opens at 8.45am
Tues 8th Jan	Fluoride Varnish - Rec and Yr 1
Fri 8th Feb	Fri 15th Feb - Nethercott Farm Yr 4
Mon 18th Feb to	Fri 22nd Feb HALF TERM
Mon 25th Feb	School re-opens at 8.45am
Mon 25th & 26th	Feb - London Trip - Yr 6
6th & 7th Mar	Book Fayre
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th Mar	Bikeability - Year 5
Mon 18th Mar	Balancability - Rec
Wed 27th Mar	Class Photographs
Thurs 4th April	School closes for Easter
Fri 5th Apr	Non-pupil Day
Tues 23rd Apr	School re-opens at 8.45am
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Mon 27th May to	Friday 31st May HALF TERM
Tues 23rd July	School closes for Summer Holidays
Wed 24th July	Non-pupil Day

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **26th November 2018**.

Sun	92.5%
Moon	85.7%
Hubble	92.7%
Newton	91.3%
Brunel	92.5%
Curie	93.8%
Jenner	92.0%
Anning	99.1%
Sharmen	91.8%
Tesla	85.2%
Hawking	88.8%
Franklin	90.8%
Da Vinci	88.4%
Dalton	96.8%

WINNERS

Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places need to be completed by **Monday 15th January 2018**.

Please see more information on primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk



NATIVITY - (NURSERY & REC)

Letters have gone out this week inviting you to the Nursery and Reception children's Nativity Performance on **Tuesday 18th December at 2.15pm**. Please return your slips as soon as possible to reserve your seats. Only two tickets will be allocated per family due to seating restrictions. Younger children are welcome to attend with their parents. Thank you.



KS1 (YR1 & YR2) CAROL CONCERT

Letters have gone out this week inviting you to the KS1 Carol concert on **Wednesday 19th December at 2.00pm and 5.00pm**. Please return the slip as soon as possible for tickets to be issued (two per family). Any spare seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Pre-school children are permitted to attend the 2.00pm performance only. Children to wear a Christmas t-shirt or jumper. Thank you.



KS2 (YR3 to YR6) CAROL CONCERT

Letters have gone out today inviting you to the KS2 Carol concert on **Thursday 20th December at 2.00pm and 5.30pm**. Please return the slip as soon as possible for tickets to be issued (two per family). Any spare seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Pre-school children are permitted to attend the 2.00pm performance only. Children to wear a Christmas t-shirt or jumper. Thank you.



CHILDREN IN NEED 2018

FINAL TOTAL : £1236.80
Thank you for your support.



Have a great weekend!
Mrs Evans - Head of School



Beechwood Buddie's Disco with Santa

Thursday 13th December
Rec / KS1 / KS2 4.15 to 5.30pm

Thank you for returning your slips and money.
Tickets will be issued soon.

Beechwood Buddies Autumn Fayre ** NEW DATE **

Monday 17th December
3.30 - 5.30



Come along & support the school at the Buddies Autumn Fayre
We have lots of stalls - The ever popular tombola, raffle, Jewellery, Glitter Tattoos, Face Painting, refreshments and much more.

DECORATIONS AFTERNOON

We would like to invite parents into school on **Monday 17th December** from 1.15pm to 3.00pm for Decorations afternoon. Unfortunately we can not cater for babies or pre-school children. Children to wear old mufti clothes.

Please queue by the black gates outside the dining hall. Thank you.



We did not have any suggestions in the ideas and suggestions box this week.

