



Beechwood Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2018/2019

Tues 16th Oct	Story Telling Session - Rec 1.45pm
Wed 17th Oct	Buddies Disco
Thurs 18th Oct	Year 6 Sleepover
Fri 19th Oct	Anning Class Assembly - 9am
Mon 22nd Oct to	Fri 26th Oct HALF TERM
Thurs 8th Nov	Grandparent's Remembrance Lunch
Fri 9th Nov	Grandparent's Remembrance Lunch
Fri 9th Nov	Curie Class Assembly - 9am
Fri 16th Nov	Children in Need Mufti
Fri 16th Nov	Franklin Class Assembly - 9am
Mon 19th Nov	School Photographs
Fri 23rd Nov	Mufti - Sweet Donation for the Fayre
Fri 23rd Nov	Newton Class Assembly - 9am
Wed 28th Nov	Buddies Fayre - 3.30 to 5.30pm
Fri 30th Nov	Dalton Class Assembly - 9am
Fri 3rd Dec	Tesla Class Assembly - 9am
Mon 17th Dec	Decorations Afternoon
Tues 18th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Wed 19th Dec	KS1 Carol Concert - 2.00pm
Thurs 20th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert - 2.00pm
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
Fri 8th Feb to	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
Mon 11th Mar	Bikeability - Year 5
Mon 18th Mar	Balancability - Rec
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

BECHWOOD BUDDIES DISCO

Wednesday 17th October

Rec/KS1 and KS2 Disco
4.15 to 5.30pm

(A Disco for all age groups)



Beechwood Buddies

Autumn Fayre

Wednesday 28th November

3.30pm to 5.30pm



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.

Mufti Information

Friday 23rd November - Sweet Donation

ANNING CLASS ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in Anning Class are invited to their assembly on **Friday 19th October** at **9.00am**.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please use the black gate entrance by the main entrance. Thank you.



LOST PROPERTY

Could you please remember to add your child's name to their jumpers, cardigans and coats. They can then be passed back to your child if found in school. Thank you.



ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **1st October 2018**.

Sun	90.4%
Moon	92.3%
Hubble	81.8%
Newton	95.0%
Brunel	97.4%
Curie	91.1%
Jenner	96.3%
Anning	93.7%
Sharmen	91.2%
Tesla	91.9%
Hawking	93.5%
Franklin	98.3%
Dalton	90.0%
Da Vinci	91.9%

Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup

WINNERS



STORY TELLING SESSIONS - RECEPTION - Parents of children in Reception Classes are invited to their Story Telling Session on **Tuesday 16th October 2018** at **1.45pm**. Thank you.

Teaching and Learning at Discovery MAT

Over the last year, the Department for Education has commissioned a number of organisations to review the effectiveness of marking and the impact that this has on children's learning and progress. Many different methods were reviewed including talking to children through conferencing, marking policies and using assessments during lessons. Following these investigations, reports were published to support the best ways observed. Many of these highlighted that feedback given to children in lessons not only resulted in the children's learning progressing at a faster rate, but also provided teachers with more time to prepare focused lessons as less time was spent providing written feedback in books.

As a result of these reports and recommendations, Discovery MAT has reviewed our marking and assessment policy to highlight the importance of first-hand feedback to children in lessons, whilst still allowing them to review their achievement in books, supported by teachers. As parents, you may notice a difference in what you see in your children's books, but what we will ensure is that every child receives support and challenge to make good progress in lessons.

Many schools are now reviewing this and we hope that this decision will allow our teachers to plan, review and deliver teaching and learning that has an even better impact on every child's learning. All of our children will be given support to understand these new methods, and we hope to see the impact in our school monitoring, which I will be undertaking with The Head of School shortly.

I would like to thank you all for the support you provide to the school and if you have any specific concerns, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

YEAR 5/6 CHILDREN & PARENTS

Please be aware that all Year 6 parents will need to apply for their child's secondary school place no later than **Wednesday 31st October 2018**.



Please visit www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions for information on how to apply and understand the admission criteria for individual schools. "The Next Step Parent's Guide" is available from the School Admission Team in Windsor House. If you require any assistance, please contact Jenny Oliver here at the school.

LUNCH-BOX INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

Thank you to the parents who came to the Michael House information session on Thursday. The feedback was positive and hopefully dispelled any concerns.

As we said in the letter, children do not need to opt out of the project as **it is their choice** to show their lunch-box and receive a token.

Also, **school dinners are balanced over a three week period** so if your child only has a dinner on their favourite meal day (Fish and chips for example) it will not be balanced.

We are giving **tokens for good manners** only to school dinner children so they can help their class to win awards.



SPORTING NEWS

Bronze Ambassadors Award - 10th October 2018

Five responsible sporting leaders spent a very active afternoon being trained by a group of enthusiastic secondary PE leaders at the Life Centre. At the end of the afternoon, the children had qualified to be our Sporting Ambassadors, who will work with Mr Johnson and the coaches to develop P.E., host sporting days and encourage children to achieve their personal bests. Well done!



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



Have a great weekend!
Mrs Evans - Head of School