



# Beechwood Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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## 5th October 2018

### BEAM HOUSE RESIDENTIAL - YEAR 5

The children from Year 5 visited Beam House last week. Their residential lasted for two nights and the children had a fantastic time completing many challenging activities. They also had the opportunity to make friends with children from the two other schools in our Multi-Academy Trust. We had a brilliant few days and the children have written several extracts below explaining all about what we got up to!



#### Challenge Course

*In one of our challenges we were asked to complete lots of mud challenges. As you can see we got very muddy! We had to crawl through mud and enter a mud pit at the end of the challenge! The leaders even made us shout 'I love Challenge Course!' whilst hosing us off at the end! - Archie*

*I loved being at Beam House because it was so much fun. Our rooms were nice and I loved the high ropes! The food was so good that I always wanted more! I loved learning all the songs and going to the campfire. The people were so lovely. It was the best school trip ever!*

#### Quad Biking

*First we had to complete a driving test with the leader. When everybody had had a go we could go around the tracks on the quadbikes all on our own! We had to wear a big helmet and goggles for safety—along with long sleeves. It was great fun!*



#### Zip Wire Challenge

*This activity was very fun! You had to put a harness on. At first the zip wire felt really high, but it was definitely not as high as the high ropes! Although I was scared at first it was actually so much fun! I definitely want to do it again" - Daisy.*



**STORY TELLING SESSIONS - RECEPTION** - Parents of children in Reception Classes are invited to their Story Telling Sessions on **and Tuesday 9th and 16th October 2018 at 1.45pm**. Thank you.

## DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



### 2018/2019

Tues 9th Oct	Story Telling Session - Rec 1.45pm
Fri 12th Oct	Sharman Class Assembly - 9am
Tues 16th Oct	Story Telling Session - Rec 1.45pm
Wed 17th Oct	Buddies Disco
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	Franklin Class Assembly - 9am
Mon 19th Nov	School Photographs
Fri 23rd Nov	Newton Class Assembly - 9am
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
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 **24th September 2018**.

Sun	90.8%	WINNERS
Moon	99.5%	
Hubble	95.6%	Well done!  The winners will receive the Attendance Cup
Newton	96.3%	
Brunel	98.5%	
Curie	94.5%	
Jenner	98.5%	
Anning	91.1%	
Sharmen	95.0%	
Tesla	97.1%	
Hawking	97.2%	
Franklin	97.9%	
Dalton	95.6%	Well done!
Da Vinci	93.7%	



## BECHWOOD BUDDIES DISCO

Wednesday 17th October

KS1 and KS2 Disco  
4.15 to 5.30pm

(A Disco for all age groups)



## SHARMAN CLASS ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in Sharman Class are invited to their assembly on **Friday 12th October at 9.00am**.

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



## CHANGE OF MENU

**WORLD SPACE WEEK**  
Wednesday 10th October

Shuttle Burgers  
or  
Nasa Cheese Wheels

Apollo Brownies



## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLER

The position of School Crossing Patroller will become vacant after Half Term. If you would be interested in applying for this position, please contact Theresa Blake at Plymouth City Council on 01752 307076 or apply on-line on the Plymouth City Council website.

The hours are 8.25am to 8.55am and 3.05pm to 3.35pm - Term time.

Keeping our children safe!



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



change  
4 life  
Eat well Move more Live longer

At Beechwood Primary Academy we are proud of our on-going commitment to maintaining and improving the health and wellbeing of our children.

Please refer to the letter, which has been sent home with your child today with information about the **healthy lunch box project**.

**HEALTHY CHILD  
QUALITY MARK**





## INTERNATIONAL NEWS



On Tuesday, we were visited by teachers from various countries in Europe, including Germany and Portugal. They were interested in the British education system and especially in the way we teach maths. They had a tour of the school and were treated to a Year 4 maths lesson taught by Miss Warren. Afterwards, they visited the STEM centre and our outdoor learning areas. They were very impressed!



We have also been reaccredited with the International School Award. This award is in recognition of our efforts to develop and maintain links with partners with other schools from different countries. Last year, we wrote to various schools across Europe and we enjoyed reading their responses. We also hosted Chinese students who taught us how to play the Chinese whistle, amongst many other things. We also enjoyed learning about musical instruments from around the world. We will be continuing to keep up these links and work on new projects with schools from different countries.

## FAREWELL ALI AND JULIE!

IT IS WITH SADNESS WE SAY FAREWELL TO OUR LONG SERVING CLEANERS  
JULIE BRYANT AND ALI MARSDEN.

Following over thirty years working for the children of Southway keeping everything spic and span, Ali and Julie will put down their dusters and hoovers in school for the last time this week. We will all miss their laughter and end of day chats and I know the days ahead will be filled with entertaining Grandchildren and wine! (but not at the same time!). Ali will continue her lunchtime MTA support; for which are very grateful.

May you always have work for your hands to do.  
May your pockets hold always a coin or two.  
May the sun shine bright on your windowpane.  
May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend always be near you.  
And may your heart be filled with gladness and good cheer.



Happy Retirement from the staff and children at Beechwood school!



Earlier this year, our beautiful son, Coby, died from flu. He was just nine-years old and lived with us here in Devon. Like every child, Coby was a special little boy. He loved maths, computers and playing with his friends. We miss him every day and our life is not the same without him.

We don't want anyone to go through what we've been through. That's why we're urging parents to get their child vaccinated against flu.

With thanks and best wishes,  
Louise and Jamie, Coby's mum and dad

#ThumbsUpForCoby

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to help protect children against flu. Children from reception to year five will receive a consent form from their school, via letter or online. Consent forms must be completed for your child to be vaccinated. Many parents have already returned their forms.

If your child is aged 2 to 4, or has a long-term condition, like asthma or diabetes, contact your GP and book them in for a vaccination. Clinics are available now and are filling up.

Protect your child and those around them now. Get the flu vaccine.

www.NHS.uk

Vaccinations will take place in school on **Wednesday 14th November**. Letters of consent will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

**Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Evans– Head of School**