

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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3rd May 2022

Monday

- May Bank Holiday

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

- Chaffinch class Assembly 2.45pm

Friday

PARENT UPDATE



The children have all enjoyed a very exciting first week back after the Easter break. They have planted their seeds and we hope to see some wildflowers emerge and see bees and other pollinators visit them.

The Year 2 children have been to visit the Tamar Bridge and Heritage Centre, learning lots of history and geography as well as DT knowledge to start their new topic, British Bridges.



There has been a real buzz around the new topics the children are learning and we look forward to sharing this with you through assemblies this term, as well as the Facebook page, Newsletter and website.



This week, school clubs begin again. They are mostly running on a Friday evening, however there are some clubs on different nights, including Reading Clubs. We have been really lucky to run so many clubs and I really enjoy Friday evenings when a large portion of the school stay to enjoy extra curriculum activities. It is really exciting to see the children learning with different teachers and groups of children, Friday evenings are a lively evening at school!

This week also sees the beginning of the Solihull Approach course. We are really lucky to be able to run this group with expert facilitators, designed to support relationships in your families and communities. It is such an important approach that we will be running more groups in the future and we are also training our staff later in the year.

You can also join the online learning community In Our Place [Solihull Approach | inourplace | Understanding your child](#) (Password: TAMAR) which is free to join as our NHS Trust pays for everyone in Plymouth to have access. There are some fascinating courses which develop your understanding of different relationships and how to support family members in different circumstances. The opportunity in school means that parents and carers can meet face to face with knowledgeable, friendly experts to learn and develop ways to support their young people. This opportunity can only benefit our community, which is why our teachers will be trained so that they can use these approaches and knowledge in school.

On Thursday, the school site is used for Polling Day. However, the main school is unaffected, as voters access the site via the Edison gate and use our STEM room as the Polling Station. Please be aware that there may be more cars in the car park and more members of the public in front of the Reception area.



Have a wonderful week

Mrs Bailey

MTA VACANCY

PERMANENT MTA POST

GRADE A POINT 1

10 HOURS PER WEEK FOR 38 WEEKS PER ANNUM

We have a permanent MTA post become available. This position will initially be based at Weston Mill Community Primary Academy, but the successful candidate may be deployed to work at any of the schools that form Discovery MAT, where required.

We are looking to appoint a Mealtime Assistant to work within our Trust who –

- can work as part of a successful team
- is able to organise play activities
- is enthusiastic and patient
- has a range of behaviour strategies
- has a good sense of humour

If you are interested in this opportunity please complete an application form which can be obtained from the Discovery MAT website, and return to westonmill.office@discoverymat.co.uk.

Closing Date – Friday 6th May 2022 at 9am.

Interviews – Thursday 12th May 2022

Discovery Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out, references will be sought for all shortlisted candidates and all shortlisted candidates will be requested to complete a questionnaire about any convictions or adult cautions that are unspent. Guidance will be given to those shortlisted

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children may continue to wear white shirts or polo shirts, grey or black trousers with their navy school jumper or cardigan with white, black or grey socks or tights and children may now also wear blue checked summer dresses or grey or black school shorts as the weather gets warmer.

Please remember that PE kit is blue or black sports shorts or jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and black or plain plimsolls or trainers.

In colder weather, children may wear their school jumper or cardigan over the top. PE kit should come into school at the beginning of term and left at school until a holiday. If it has come home after a club, please remember to return it back to school!

If you need any support with uniform or PE kit, please speak to Jenny Oliver or any of the staff who will be able to help. We have donated school uniform and regular opportunities after school to collect any uniform you may need. Details of this is in the Newsletter or please ask Jenny Oliver.

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

Wed 11th May - Fri 13th May - Barton Hall - Yr 5
Mon 30th May Bank Holiday
Tues 31st May - Fri 3rd June –HALF TERM
Thurs 9th June To Fri 10th June - Bristol/Bath Trip
Mon 13th June Sports Week
Mon 27th June NPD - In lieu of Jubilee
Mon 25th July Yr6 Leavers Disco
Tues 26th July Last Day of Term

2022/2023

Wed 7th Sept Return After Summer Term

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

BARTON HALL RESIDENTIAL - YEAR 5

Polite reminder that the last payment for this residential is due on 31st March 2022. Thank you.

BRISTOL / BATH TRIP - YEAR 6

We have a few remaining places still available on this trip. Deposits can be made on Parent Pay. Next payment is due on 4th April 2022. Thank you.

Please speak to the office if you would like to discuss your payment or require a Parent Pay Bar Code letter.



Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **25/04/2022**

Robin	94.1%
Swift	88.3%
Starling	88.3%
Chaffinch	85.6%
Dove	83.2%
Chough	93.7%
Swallow	90.0%
Goldfinch	95.6%
Sparrow	92.1%
Wren	90.4%
Woodpecker	87.4%
Raven	88.0%
Nightingale	90.0%
Skylark	95.6%

Well done!

**The winners
this week are :-**



KS1— Robin Class

**KS2— Goldfinch
and Skylark Class**

**They will receive
the Attendance
Cup**

ABSENCE REQUEST

Please provide proof of any medical appointments before they occur. For any other absences, please complete an absence request form in advance to allow authorisation by the Head of School. Please attempt to make all appointments out of school time. Thank you.

EXCAVATIONS— ROCKFIELD AVENUE

We have been made aware that over the coming weeks Kier Utilities will be laying new electricity cables in Rockfield Avenue.

The new cables will be laid in a trench in the road, therefore roadside parking will not be available. This should not affect entrance and departure to the car park on the school site.,

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Paul.horrell@kier.co.uk or telephone 07896 279134

NEW GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN

[People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, but have not taken a test, and you have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until you no longer have a high temperature (if you had one) or until you no longer feel unwell.

For children:

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

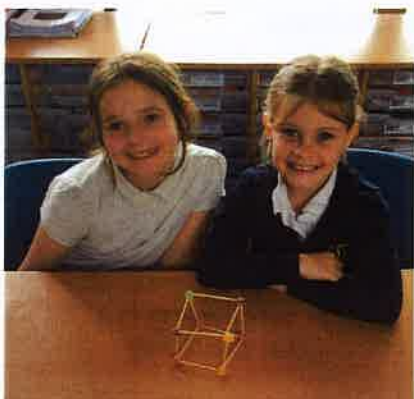
OUTDOOR LEARNING WITH RECEPTION CLASS

Robin class have enjoyed using the new outdoor resources this week (even the cardboard boxes they arrived in). Every day they have become more creative, and their previous designs have improved. It has been fantastic to see such excellent collaboration taking place.



YEAR 3 LEARNING MATHS

Year 3 are really enjoying learning all about 3D shapes in maths. We made 3D shapes out of sweets and cocktail sticks and loved eating the result! We then used nets to create our own pyramid. The children were able to spot that it was a square-based pyramid and enjoyed linking it to our topic the Egyptians.



EXPLORING INSTRUMENTS

Children have appeared to enjoy exploring instruments this week, hearing the different sounds, and making music with one another. They have made loud music and calm, soothing sounds to- playing individually and as a band.





FSA Termly News



Day	Time	Event & place	Staff	Additional information
Monday 28th March 4th & 25th April	2.45-3.30pm	School uniform & old books sale School Dining hall	Jenny Oliver	We have had lots of used school uniform donated & we have lots of old used school reading books for sale. All proceeds will go back into buying new school reading books.
Tuesday Starting 3rd May. Booking required	9.15-11.15am	Barnardo's Solihull course STEM room	Kelly Beaumont	This is a course to help with relationships between parent & children. More information below or see Jenny Oliver.
Wednesday (Every week)	9-10.15am	Well-being walkers Group Southway & surrounding areas.	Jenny Oliver	This is a walking group for all abilities and is aimed at improving mental and physical health & wellbeing we finish at the Sway Cafe at the Hendwell centre.
Thursday 10 weeks starting 28th May -7th July Booking required	9.15-11.15am	Well-being Art & crafts	Yaz	We are going to be holding Adult learning courses Next term its Well-being arts & crafts. to Bookings use the information below. Or contact Jenny for more information. A crèche can be provided for siblings 12m & over but needs prior booking. Also if you can make Jenny aware when you have booked & which child you would like joint learning with so we can arrange with the class teachers - thank you.

Adult Learning Information

Well-being arts & crafts This is a 10 week course where you can take part in different activities Like jewelry making, Glass painting & more. If you are interested you can enroll with the link below & use the course number:- **W14BF41Y**

If you feel you may like to do more than one course with On course you can go to :-

On Course South West - <https://forms.office.com/r/BuZed5sd>

Register as a learner, then each time you want to join a new course just login & just enter the code.

Coming soon to Beechwood :-The Solihull Approach -Parenting Programme

From 3rd May-12th July 9.15-11.15am

Key Facts

- Open to parents of children aged 0-16.
- 10 week course - 10th July 2024
- This is a parenting programme for parents of children aged 0-16.
- Open to all parents regardless of their ethnicity, religion or social class. The programme is designed to help parents in the area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please can you PAY IN ADVANCE for all lunches.

ALL outstanding dinner and breakfast club accounts must be cleared as soon as possible for the end of term. Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner and breakfast club debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance. Thank you.



BORROWED CLOTHING ITEMS

Please could we ask that you wash and return to school any items of borrowed clothing ,ie Knickers and pants, that your child may have needed to use. We rely on these items of clothing in case of these small emergencies. Thank You