

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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29th November 2021

Monday

Advent Begins

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

- Skylark Class Assembly

PARENT UPDATE



Last week staff completed training to refresh our knowledge around Read Write Inc and learning some strategies to support different children at school. The TAs have also been practicing their Interactive Whiteboard skills. It has been a really interesting and informative day of learning for the staff, thank you to Miss Gardner, Mrs Lock and Mrs Rust who all helped deliver the training to staff.



The children have been working on consolidating their STEM skills and building on their knowledge of their topics this term. Year 4 had a landscape artist, Josh Bygraves, in class teaching the children how to draw a beach scene. The work from the children was fantastic and Josh really enjoyed his visit to Beechwood, saying how much he enjoyed teaching the children. He brought some of his paintings to show us and he talked to the children about how he has developed his skills to be an artist, inspiring many of our children. It was a fantastic opportunity; the children had such an excellent experience. Thank you to Miss Giles who organised the visit. Year 4 will be organising an art exhibition later in the term.

As you know, one of our priorities this term has been sharing our learning with parents and carers. We hope that you have been able to look at the Facebook page which is updated regularly with photos and learning that the children have been doing and access Learning Journeys and class pages on our website. The newsletter also shares learning and school events as well as information relating to school life and I know that this is valued. We would be grateful if you could complete this very quick Google form survey

<https://forms.gle/BsrXYwJlgxbUpVUt7> so we can see how our parent and carer community access information. It will be open today and closes on Friday 3rd December. Thank you.

Thank you for the donations of secondhand uniform. We will quarantine this and then we will sort it and plan to redistribute it. Thank you also for the donations for Children In Need – we have counted this up and we raised a grand total of £255! Thank you for all of your donations, the money will make a great difference in our community.

This week is the beginning of Advent. We have discussed this and other festivals at this time of year in assembly and reflected upon what this time of year means to each of us. In school, we are preparing for our end of term celebrations, which will once again, be muted by the need to keep our community safe. We intend to share as much as we can on Facebook and the website in the last week of term. We will live stream the performance .



Due to a new Covid Variant, we are bringing in new restrictions to keep our community safe. A letter outlining these new measures will follow.

Mrs Bailey
Senior Head of School

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

Fri 3rd Dec	Yr6 Skylark Assembly
Fri 10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 13th Dec	Buddies Xmas Disco
Wed 15th Dec	Reception Christmas Show - 9.30
Wed 15th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 17th Dec	Class Parties
Mon 20th Dec to	Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS HOLS
Weds 16th Feb	Buddies Red Disco
Mon 21st Feb to	Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	Non Pupil Day
Mon 7th Mar	Nethercott Farm (All week)
Friday 8th April	Non Pupil Day
Mon 11th April to	Fri 22nd April – EASTER BREAK
Mon 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Mon 30th May	Bank Holiday
Tues 31st May to	Fri 3rd June –HALF TERM
Mon 27th June	NPD - In lieu of Jubilee
26th July	Last Day of Term

NETHERCOTT FARM - YEAR 4 / 5

The remaining spaces on this trip have now been offered to Year 5 children.

Please pay a deposit of £50 to confirm your place on this trip. This will be on a first come first served basis.

Thank you



CAR PARK SAFETY

I am aware of the children riding scooters and bikes in the car park on the way to and from school. We really like the fact that the children are using these environmentally friendly ways to travel to school, but please can you remind your children to stay on the paths and crossings. This is a public carpark, which is very busy at all times of the day and we would like to keep everyone as safe as possible.



CCTV UPDATE

Over the next few days we are having new CCTV installed. We are lucky enough to have a fantastic, large site, however we need to be able to keep eyes on what happens on the grounds and the old system needed updating. The new CCTV is a system that will allow us to make sure that our site is safe and secure and also a record of any visitors should we need it.

BRINGING FOOD INTO SCHOOL

We know that sometimes children like to bring food from home to celebrate birthdays, and in normal times, we are always happy to share this. However, at the moment, we request that no food is brought into school to minimise the amount of items brought in and that families are reassured that children are not sharing items from home. Thank you for understanding.



ATTENDANCE CUP

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **22nd November 2021**.

Robin	86.2%
Starling	84.2%
Chaffinch	89.0%
Dove	88.2%
Chough	87.5%
Swallow	88.9%
Goldfinch	86.9%
Sparrow	91.8%
Wren	88.0%
Woodpecker	83.3%
Raven	92.7%
Nightingale	95.5%
Skylark	89.8%

Well done!

The winners this week were **Nightingale class**. They will receive the Attendance Cup



RECEPTION SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open. Applications need to be made by **Saturday 15th January 2022**.

Please see the link below:-

[School admissions | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://plymouth.gov.uk/school-admissions)

Thank you



BOOK FAIR

The Book fair its running from 6th December until the 11th December from 3.15 - 3.45 in the community area. Cash payment only on the day please.



SKYLARK CLASS ASSEMBLY

Unfortunately due to the new Covid restrictions ,we are unable to invite parents to the Skylark Class Assembly this **Friday 3rd December**

We are taking every measure possible to keep our children and members of our community safe.

Thank You



CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

Friday 10th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper instead of their school Jumpers. All donations towards Save the Children

Monday 13th December

Buddies Disco with Santa

Wednesday 15th December

9.30am

Reception Christmas Performance

Reception Christmas Performance

pm

To Whole School

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch

Lunch can be booked on the day
More details to follow

Friday 17th December

Class Parties

More details to follow



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - Upcycle last year's jumper - don't buy new!



On Friday 10th December pupils at Beechwood will be able to put on their warmest, wackiest and most wonderful festive woollies for Christmas Jumper Day.

Children will be joining millions of people in schools, offices and homes up and down the country as they don their daftest festive knits for the day and donate £1, or whatever they can give. We would particularly like to see upcycled jumpers rather than buying new ones.

All monies raised will be donated to 'Save the Children'.

BEECHWOOD BUDDIES

DISCO WITH SANTA

YOUR CHILD IS INVITED TO THE BEECHWOOD BUDDIES

DISCO WITH SANTA

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER

FOUNDATION & KS1 - 4.15PM - 5.15PM

KS2 - 5.30PM - 6.30PM

CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT (OVER 18).

ENTRY IS £4.50 TO BE PAID ON PARENT PAY ONLY

BY TUE 6TH DECEMBER NO CASH PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED

THERE WILL BE NO TUCK SHOP

THIS INCLUDES A GIFT FROM SANTA & A DRINK.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Wednesday 15th December

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings

Vegetarian option

Selection of puddings

Christmas meals can be booked on the day with children's class teachers

Please ensure your child's Parent Pay lunch account is topped up if they are in Year 3 to Year 6.

All meals need to be paid for in advance.

Thank you.

COVID UPDATE

The government has released new guidance over the mandatory wearing of masks. Please make sure that you wear a mask, unless exempt, in the main Reception area and please consider if your visit could be completed over the phone. You may like to wear masks when on site. The children will continue to hand wash and all high touch areas will be cleaned regularly as usual. At the moment, there is no additional advice for schools. We will always take decisions to keep everyone safe based on advice from the government and will update you if we make any changes.



RECEPTION CLASS PERFORMANCE

Wednesday 15th December

9.30am

Unfortunately due to new Covid restrictions, Parents will be unable to attend the Reception Class Performance on **Wednesday 15th December**

We are taking every measure possible to keep our children and community safe.

Thank you



PARENTS / CARERS - Courses Information

As one of our school priorities is to share and support our learning with our community, we are delighted to have the opportunity to offer you some free Level 2 courses with the AIM group to help better understand some key issues around neurodiversity, young people's mental health and wellbeing. Please see below:-

The Aim Group are able to support **Discovery Multi Academy Trust Schools** with several **Free** online Level 2 Accredited Courses available to Parents and Families to help better understand some key issues around neurodiversity, young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Here's some of our most popular subjects available:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** (tailored to understand how separation, divorce and death in a family can influence a child's mental health) **three week course**
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia and Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties).
- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism).
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges in Children** (supporting positive behavior, effective communication and how to manage challenging behaviour).
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues).

We also have some other fantastic courses around areas such as **Safeguarding and Prevent, Equality and Diversity, Business Admin, plus many more**. All courses are accessed online within a **6-week window** and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams or end point assessments are involved, and the courses are purely detailed Q&A based with all the information needed provided, which is available to you 24/7. Once finished **You can do as many as you like**, however you can just do one course at a time.

The only criteria the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following:

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2021
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government-funded course (Apprenticeship for example)



The course is completely free, but the learning provider reserves the right to charge a drop out fee in the event a learner enrolls but then drops out without providing a reason. **That said, the college will grant extensions if the learner has a reason as to why they won't be able to complete it with in the allocated time.**

Please note: under the college request you will need to attend a short zoom induction to ensure we get you successfully enrolled onto the correct course.

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link asap. This will then allow me to contact you and send over the relevant Enrolment details and of course, answer any questions you have.

<https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/0014J00000dfT1K>

There are also some courses from the NSPCC to support language and communication from your children. The opportunities to develop early language skills support your children for the rest of their lives and it is never too late to begin these conversations that build and extend language skills.

[Responsive relationships builds strong brains](#) | [Serve & Return](#) | [NSPCC - YouTube](#)