

Beechwood Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"



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12th March 2021



Dear Parents and carers,

It is so lovely to have all the children back in school with us, their smiles and the spring sunshine earlier this week made the world seem a better place. Of course, the reality of COVID 19 is still with us and we would like to thank you so much for your support and thoughtfulness with the safety measures we have in place.

Overall attendance has been very good this week, but we understand that these are emotional and tricky times for many families and the pastoral team have been welcoming children on site in the morning and contacting homes. If you feel your child would benefit from a Zoom call or some extra support with mental health please let us know:

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We do have hand washing, face masks, four bubbles and distancing, but we also want to continue to be the happy, caring, welcoming school we have always been. Our weekly Newsletter will give you more information on events as and when we are able to organise them safely, but for now, thank you for your amazing support and stay safe. Mrs Evans— Head of school.

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **8th March 2021**

Cloud	97.7%
Nest	93.5%
Tower	98.7%
Aurora	92.9%
Charm	97.9%
Dazzle	98.4%
Pride	97.9%
Swarm	99.2%
Memory	95.2%
Parliament	91.0%
Flamboyance	99.3%
Wisdom	94.6%
Pandemonium	90.8%

**Welcome
back to all our
children .**

Well Done !



SPOKES Programme - This programme has been postponed until 24th March . If you would like to take part please contact Jenny Oliver or email : Beechwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

RED NOSE DAY

**Friday 19th March
Red Nose Mufti**



Our School Champions have decided to support this year's 'Red Nose Day', by wearing Red mufti for a voluntary donation. Red noses can now be worn as they are no longer made of plastic and can be purchased from Argos

Thank you from the School Champions

WELLBEING DAY 1/4/2021



We are really looking forward to our Discovery MAT Wellbeing day in April. If there is anything you as a family do to support you or your child's wellbeing that you would like to share please let Lindsay Cooper – Smith know by emailing: L.cooper-smith@discoverymat.co.uk

POLITE REMINDER - PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE !

Please could you ensure that when dropping and picking children up from school that you only use the parking spaces provided. Parking on yellow lines and pedestrian crossings can make it very dangerous for children who need to cross the road or walk through our car park . We do realise that it can be quite tricky to find a space ,but hope you do understand our concerns. Thank You for your consideration.

Keeping Our Children Safe



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2020/2021

Fri 19th March	Red Nose Day Mufti
Thurs 1st April	Mufti Day for Easter
Thurs 1st April	Wellbeing Day
Fri 2nd April to	Fri 16th April - EASTER BREAK
Mon 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Mon 31st May	Fri 4th June - HALF TERM
Thurs 8th July	Year 6 Prom
Thurs 15th July	M&M Productions
Mon 26th July to	Tues 7th Sept - SUMMER BREAK

2021/2022

Mon 6th Sept	Non Pupil Day
Tues 7th Sept	Non Pupil Day
Mon 25th Oct to	Fri 29th Oct - HALF TERM
Fri 26th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Mon 20th Dec to	Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 21st Feb to	Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM

WILL YOU HELP US NAME THE POOLE FARM BEAVERS?

Have you seen our news?

Poole Farm, in Leigham, now have a pair of beavers!
They have been released into a safe area as part of a project called Green Minds, and they are the first Beavers to be seen in Plymouth for nearly 400 years!

Will you help us name them?

You could win a jar of Poole Farm honey for yourself, and a trip to visit the Beaver enclosure with your whole class!



MRS.

MR.

How to enter

- As a class, choose 1 name for Mr Beaver, and 1 name for Mrs Beaver
- Ask your teacher or grown up to submit these by 19th March
- A panel of VIPS will choose a shortlist
- Look out on our social media to see if your names made it to the public vote!
- 22nd March: Voting begins!
- 31st March: Voting closes and the winning names will be announced!

Photo: Chris Parkes



@PooleFarmPlymouth



Beechwood Primary Academy Nursery

Now enrolling children for September 2021

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Enrolling children from 3 years old.
Please contact us if your child is
due to start Nursery during the next
Academy Year.

Thank you.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS CRITERIA



You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM BUDDIES!

Please could parents make sure they put the size they require for their child when ordering Y6 leavers hoodies .
They cannot order until they have the size requirement you need . Email Beechwoodbuddies@hotmail.com

LATENESS

We would like to emphasise the importance of arriving at school on time. The POD doors open at 8.45am daily to allow children to be in class and ready for their lessons which begin at 8.55am.
Thank you.




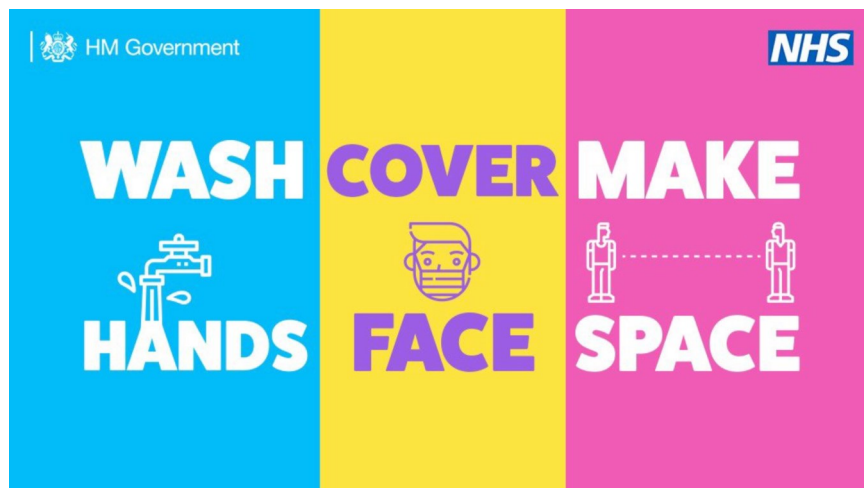
CHILD ABSENCE

If your child is unwell and is due in school, please leave a message on the child absence line by 9.00am each morning.
Thank you.

Have a Lovely Weekend— Mrs Evans



COVID-19 INFORMATION PAGE



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

NHS APP

The new NHS Covid19 app is now available to download.

This app is available for anyone **aged 16 years and above**. Please follow the link for further information.

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/introducing-the-app.pdf>

DFE HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION

The DfE have set up a helpline for Education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687

Email : DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

COVID TESTING - CALL 119

If parents or carers are unable to book a local Covid test slot, then they can use the email below explaining that the test is for a child attending a Plymouth school. The CCG team will triage those families with children and adults with symptoms and book them in for a test and provide information on how to get to the site. A priority is given to key worker parents, to help support the local key worker workforce and get staff back to work.

d-ccg.cornwalldevon.urgenttesting@nhs.net

POLITE REMINDER

Could we please remind parents/carers to follow social distancing whilst on the school grounds and to stay behind the red lines outside of the POD doors. This is to ensure that children, staff and parents are kept safe and we can abide by the 2m distancing rule.

We also request that all parents/carers please wear face coverings whilst on the school grounds.

Thank you to everyone who is following these guidelines and being prompt dropping children off at the doors reducing congestion on the school grounds.

Thank you.



For upcoming events for the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership or to read some of our blogs, please visit www.yourschoolgames.com and search for our school.
<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/> <http://www.plymouthssp.co.uk/>

