



# Beechwood Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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## 20th December 2019

### Nethercott Farm

Children from years 4 and 5 participated in an exciting residential trip to Nethercott Farm last week, which is part of Michael Morpurgo's Farms For City Children. The children and staff travelled to a working farm near Iddlesleigh in West Devon where they were able to participate in various tasks and experience what it is like to live and work on a farm! This was a fantastic experience for all involved but was hard work! Their farm jobs began at 7am and even continued until after dinner, in all weather! Our children worked incredibly hard and were an asset to Beechwood Primary Academy, demonstrating great behaviour as they worked together as a team and impressed the staff at the farm!



I am mad proud of facing my fear of going up to the animals



I am really proud of the work I did and how I worked with people I have never worked with before.







I tried lots of new food and liked it!

When I get home, I will go for a Sunday walk and be more interactive with animals.



You have to wake up really early in the morning, but you get to learn a lot about animals.



Please remember not everyone feels ok at Christmas. It is often the loneliest, hardest time to suffer with your mental health as you watch everyone around you appear to be happy and celebrating. Just because it's Christmas it's still OK not to be OK. Don't suffer in silence, you are not alone.

National Suicide Prevention Line 1- 800 273 8255  
 Samaritans : 01752 221666  
 Childline : 0800 1111

Most importantly .... Through the Emergency Duty services .... We will be available to assist.

Stay safe this this Christmas, not just physically but mentally too.

**Ask for Help!**

Talk to friends or family or contact:  
 Samaritans 116 123  
 Lifeline 0808 808 8000  
 Childline 0800 1111



## DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



### 2019/2020

Fri 20th Dec	School closes for Christmas Hols
Mon 23rd Dec to Mon 6th Jan	Fri 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK Return to School
Thurs 9th Jan	Character Day - Rec & Nursery
Thurs 13th Feb	London Trip - Yr 6
Mon 17th Feb to Mon 30th Mar to Mon 4th May	Fri 21st Feb - HALF TERM Mon 13th April - EASTER BREAK Non Pupil Day
Fri 8th May	VE Day Bank Holiday
Mon 25th May to Thurs 23rd July	Fri 29th May - HALF TERM Summer Holidays Begin

## ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **9th December 2019**.

Archimedes	91.9%
Plato	87.4%
Nash	91.7%
Pascal	100%
Aristotle	93.3%
Lovelace	94.8%
Johnson	98.1%
Carroll	91.1%
Boole	98.6%
Pythagoras	90.7%
Venn	92.4%
Kelvin	94.2%
Turing	96.0%
Tao	93.3%

**WINNERS**

**Well done!**

**The winners  
will receive  
the  
Attendance  
Cup**



## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places need to be completed by **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. Please see more information on [primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk)  
Thank you



## BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS TOKENS

Please remember to collect 'Books for Schools' tokens which appear in The Sun and The Sun on Sunday newspapers, until **Saturday 18th January**. Thank you.



## DEVON AND CORNWALL FOOD ACTION TRUST

Thank you very much for the mufti donations on Decorations Day. The school managed to raise £99.55 towards Devon and Cornwall Food Action Trust. The trust helps many families across the city with near to date or out of date food. The deliveries they make to us and other schools has saved 210,000kg of food going into landfill this year. Our school alone have been given 4732kg of food during the past 7 months. Anyone can request support from them. Thank you again.



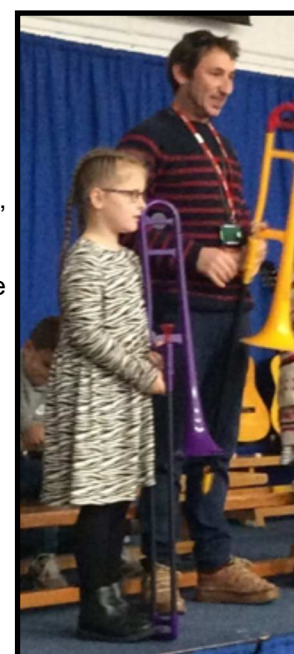
## BEECHWOOD MUSICALITY

This term many of our children have been building on their musicality. From recorders in Year 1 to learning about the history of music in Year 6, we have been having lots of fun developing these skills. Last week, thirty children from Year 6 participated in a carol service at St Andrew's Church along with children from other schools in Plymouth. Singing their hearts out, they sang three traditional carols and then stepped into the limelight to sing "Stary Night".



In addition, over twenty children have accessed music lessons in both brass instruments and guitars through our external music teacher. All of these skills were brought together for our music assembly on Monday. Alongside Reverend Ian, we had a collective worship and enjoyed singing Away in a Manger. Our brass children then treated us to a number of carols as well as the Little Green Mouse, with Leo and Neveah playing solos on the baritone and cornet. Jaimee and Olly lead our guitars with Jingle Bells and our Ukulele club then brought up the finale with solos from Meiszko, Emerson, Shannon, Mia, Nevaeh and Taylor joined by an amazing chord segment lead by Jazmyne.

Everyone put a lot of hard work and heart into their performances. We cannot wait to see more next term.



*Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!*  
*We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 6th January 2020*  
*Mrs Evans - Head of School*

