

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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14th March 2022

Monday

- STEM Week

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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- Wellbeing Walkers Grp

Thursday

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Friday

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- Red Nose Day - Red Mufti

PARENT UPDATE

What a busy week! The Y4 children have had a ball at school and at the farm, making amazing farms that they designed themselves, Eton mess and making and decorating cake pops. They were expertly looked after by Mrs Marker and Miss Young and the children had a wonderful, instructive week. The children at Nethercott Farm arrived home on Friday evening looking tired and very happy – they had lots of stories to share and it was lovely to see how excited parents were to see them arrive home. We still have lost property from the farm which we will attempt to find the correct homes for this week. If there is anything you are missing please ask the Y4 teachers if you can have a look through the box. After this week, we will find new homes for anything left. Thank you to Mrs Rama-Dominguez, Miss Tricker, Miss Giles and Miss Hemelik for their enthusiasm and care of the children during their adventure.



The Year 2 children enjoyed a visit to Dartmoor Zoo. They had a lovely time experiencing all of the animals and learning about different animals during their workshop. I am really proud to say that the children were excellent role models and ambassadors for Beechwood and their families as members of the public commented on how polite and respectful the children were while enjoying their time exploring the zoo. Thank you to all of the staff who enabled this trip to happen, these rich experiences are a key component of our curriculum as we continue to cautiously find our normal again.



Year 3 Goldfinch Class parents enjoyed watching their children in their class assembly this week. It is lovely to see parents in the school again, enjoying a “private viewing” of the assemblies on a Thursday afternoon. Please note that this week there is a change to the assemblies, **Starling Class Year 1 Assembly will take place next week for parents on Thursday 24th of March at 2.45pm.**



Some of our parents are taking part in a STEM adult learning course organised by Jenny Oliver. They had a great time exploring Lego kits with their children and it is another opportunity to offer interesting and engaging courses to our families. Jenny is also organising a Solihull Approach Parenting programme, which supports mental health and wellbeing for anyone with children. It is practical, clear and is designed to support your parenting approach with clear advice to support your children at any stage of development. If you would like a place, please call the school. We will be running these courses in the future. You can see more about the approach using [Solihull Approach](#) | [inourplace](#) | [Understanding your child](#) and the code TAMAR. There are online courses here to support you and your children too.



There will be a school uniform sale on Monday after school in the dining hall. Please do stop by if there is something you are looking for, we have donated and clean second hand uniform ready to go to a new home so the children have the right uniform for school.



This Friday the 18th March is Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform in exchange for a donation to this charity. All donations will be sent to Comic Relief.



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022


Fri 18th March	Red Nose Day - Mufti
Thur 24th March	Starling Class Assembly - 2.45pm
Mon 28th March	Easter Competition Entries due
Tues 29th March	Fri 1st April - Yr6 Trip Eden Project
Wed 30th March	Class Photos
Thur 31st March	Yr 1 Easter Assembly 2.45pm
Tues 5th April	Rec/Yr6 - Weights & Measures
Friday 8th April	Non Pupil Day
Mon 11th April -	Fri 22nd April – EASTER BREAK
Mon 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
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 27th June	NPD - In lieu of Jubilee
Tues 26th July	Last Day of Term

2022/2023

Wed 7th Sept **Return After Summer Term**

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **07/03/2022**

Robin	92.6%	Well done!
Swift	96.9%	
Starling	88.7%	
Chaffinch	95.9%	The winners this week are Swift Class
Dove	96.2%	
Chough	86.3%	
Swallow	86.9%	They will receive the Attendance Cup
Goldfinch	95.2%	
Sparrow	94.4%	
Wren	95.6%	
Woodpecker	91.9%	
Raven	92.8%	
Nightingale	95.0%	
Skylark	92.6%	

YEAR 1 EASTER ASSEMBLY

The Chaffinch class assembly will be moved to next term (date to follow). This will be replaced by a Year 1 Easter Assembly. This will be held on Thursday **31st March at 2.45pm**. Parents are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you.



RED NOSE DAY - COMIC RELIEF

On **Friday 18th March** children are invited to dress up in red mufti for a contribution towards Comic Relief. Children can wear either official red noses or be creative and make their own. Thank you.



RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

BARTON HALL RESIDENTIAL - YEAR 5

Polite reminder that the third payment for this residential was due on 28th February 2022.

BRISTOL / BATH TRIP - YEAR 6

We have a few remaining places still available on this trip. Deposits can be made on Parent Pay.

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



Thank you.

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.

EASTER BONNET AND EASTER EGG COMPETITION

The Buddies we will be holding an Easter Bonnet and Easter Egg decorating competition in school this Easter.



KS1 - Children are invited to make an Easter Bonnet.



KS2 - Children are invited to decorate a hardboiled egg.

Please bring your bonnets and eggs into school on **Monday 28th March** in preparation for judging.

All entries will receive a small prize. But a larger prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both KS1 and KS2.

STARLING CLASS ASSEMBLY

Starling Class assembly has been moved to **Thursday 24th March at 2.45pm**





FSA Termly News



Day	Time	Event & place	Staff	Additional information
Monday 7th, 14th 28th March	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 5 weeks 8th March-5th April	9-12am	Adult learning Courses STEM room	Andy Robinson	We are going to be holding Adult learning courses based on STEM - "How does your child learn?". Half an hour will be joint learning with your child. Booking information is 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.
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 Café at the Hendwell centre.
Thursday (Starting from 10th March)	9-10am	Chill, chat & coffee time STEM room	Jenny Oliver	This is a time to meet up with other parents for a brew and support each other with any issues. We will also have guest speakers, for example the school nurse, police and other agencies.

Adult Learning information

STEM "How does your child learn?" This is a 5 week course where you can take part in different activities that are to do with STEM - Science, technology, engineering & mathematics. If you are interested you can enroll with the link below & use the course number:- **W14BF22E**

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

[On Course South West](#)

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 March-12th July 9.15-11.15am

Key Facts

- Open to parents of children aged 0-16.
- 10-week course, 2 hours a week, term time only.
- Focus on building a positive relationship between parents and children.
- Open to all parents regardless of their situation who want to look at building or maintaining good relationships within the family.

Please contact Jenny Oliver for more information.

STEM WEEK

This week in school is STEM week, where children will have lots of opportunities to explore Mars. Please look out for our Facebook updates to see what the children have been learning.



NETHERCOTT FARM TRIP - YR4/5

Children from Year 4 and 5 had a fantastic time at Nethercott Farm last week. They met, fed and helped clean out lots of animals including horses, pigs, sheep and donkeys. They were up early each morning feeding the animals and collecting eggs for breakfast. They tried lots of delicious food, helping harvest, prepare and cook it first and also made lots of delicious gingerbread and cakes for pudding.



DARTMOOR ZOO TRIP - Year 2

Year 2 children went on a trip to Dartmoor Zoo last week. They were very excited from the beginning and were eager to get to see all of the animals. They worked their way around the park and were lucky enough to see all of the big cats, even though some were asleep! After lunch, they had a lesson with one of the keepers about animal habitats. She was very impressed with the children's knowledge of different areas and the animals that live there. The children were even lucky enough to hold an animal and see some up close. What a great few days for Year 2.





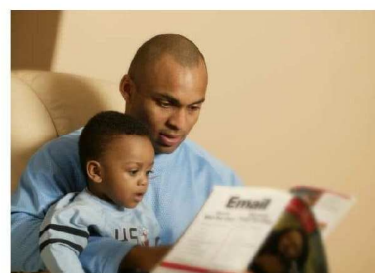
Where does it come from?

The Solihull Approach was first developed in Solihull in 1996 by Health Visitors and Psychotherapists working with families whose children were having feeding, sleeping, toileting and/or had behaviour difficulties. It has since been developed further and is now used by a wide range of professionals from different agencies who work with families. The Solihull Approach Model provides a framework for thinking about children's behaviour



The Solihull Approach - Parenting Programme

The programme is based on the Solihull Approach to parenting and focuses on the parent/child relationship. It aims to support parents in building positive and responsive relationships with their children.



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FSA INFORMATION - The Solihull Course will be coming soon every Tuesday from the 3rd May -13th July at Beechwood. Please contact Jenny Oliver for a referral form or more information. Thank you.

Time for You

Supportive Zoom groups for mums of children with additional needs in Plymouth

In these small, friendly groups we use words, images and coaching tools to find new ways to look at ourselves and our situations. It's a place to be with others who 'get it' and a **chance to build a toolkit to help you to navigate life's ups and downs.**

Supportive
"It's not like other zooms, we feel close to each other"

Positive
"I can be myself and that leaves me feeling better"
"Sharing stuff with people who get it makes me feel I'm not alone"

Burnout Avoidance
"I can't usually get 5 minutes to myself. Having this time has been so healing".
"It's a chance to stop your mind racing, use self-compassion and avoid burnout"

Creative Solutions
"Because my mindset is different, I feel I can cope with things better now".

To book a space...
For mums of children with additional needs in Plymouth.
Free 10-week group Mondays 11am - 1pm from Mon 9th May
Booking essential. Priority if on benefits. Please contact jo@mums4achange.org or visit Facebook @mums4achange

Run by: Jo Ball, a life and career coach, trainer, mum of two, with an Arts Therapy background. Supported by Cass Povey-Naylor a trained counsellor, OT, mum of children with additional needs.

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To book a space...
For mums of children with additional needs, in Devon/ Cornwall
FREE 11 week Zoom group, Fri at 9.30 - 11.30am, from 29th April.
Booking essential. Priority if on benefits. Please contact jo@mums4achange.org or visit Facebook @mums4achange

Run by: Jo Ball, a life and career coach, trainer, mum of two, with an Arts Therapy background. Supported by Clare Gale, a trained counsellor who has a son with complex medical needs.

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