

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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13th December 2021

Monday

- Buddies Disco

Tuesday

Wednesday

- Christmas Lunch

Thursday

Friday

- Christmas Party Day

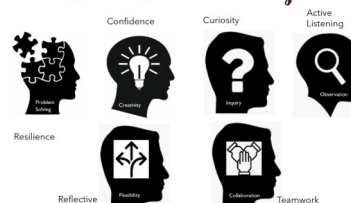
PARENT UPDATE

We are so looking forward to the festive break after a fantastic Autumn Term. The Learning Journeys for each class for Terms 3 and 4 will also be available on the website by the end of this week. These detail the learning your children will complete next term. They will be handed out in paper form for each child. I hope you have also been able to see our Facebook posts that are sharing lots of the lovely things that are happening in school.

Thank you for your support for the Book Fair. We are so disappointed it could not be run the way we wanted to, but we were delighted with the response from the children and it was lovely to see so much enthusiasm around reading. A huge thank you to Mrs Rust and Miss Gooding who made sure that every class was able to see the books and collected children who wished to purchase a book. It was so lovely to see the beginnings of a return to the events we like to have in school.

In school this week, we have been exploring STEM skills and linking those to the learning behaviours that inspire and support our children to be the best learners and celebrate the attitudes that we expect of children at Beechwood. The teachers worked closely together to make sure that the values of learning and the skills that we use everyday are linked and clear for the children. Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing these to the children in more detail in class and in assemblies.

STEM Skills with Linked Learning Behaviours



Please bring coats into school. It is so important that we are able to keep the children warm and dry when they are on the playground and the weather is particularly wet and cold at the moment.

We have an exciting week ahead as we share some Christmas activities together. We are disappointed that we cannot invite our community into school but we hope that we can share with you virtually. We want to do our best to ensure that everyone can enjoy their Christmas holidays with family and friends and therefore are minimising the amount of contact in school, particularly with the spread of the new variant.

Please read the information about Parents Evenings and Clubs for next term in the newsletter. Please also enjoy the celebration of learning that each year group has collected together – it has been a very busy and exciting term of learning.

Thank you for a fantastic Autumn Term, for the support you provide your children and the experiences they have enjoyed so far. Please join me in wishing the whole staff at Beechwood a very Merry Christmas and a huge thank you for their enthusiasm, support and dedication to supporting children in their learning. They are a very talented group of people.

We wish all our parents, carers, children and staff a very Merry Christmas and an exciting New Year and I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2022!

Tamsin Bailey Head of School

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

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.



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

We now have a new School Crossing Patroller starting on the 4th of January 2022. This is really good news as Plymouth City Council have had a few delays in organising this for us. Thank you for your patience while this was being organised. The School Crossing Patroller will be in place on Clifton Road from 8.30am – 9.00am and 3.00-3.30pm

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.



PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evenings for Reception to Year 6 children will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th January 2022 from 3.25pm until 5.40pm. Parents Evenings for Nursery children will take place on Tuesday 11th January and Thursday 13th January.

These will be booked via eSchools. The booking will open on Wednesday 15th December and close at the end of the day on Monday 10th January. eSchools will send messages and reminders when the booking opens and will send you a reminder of your appointment on the day.

Please wear a mask and remain socially distanced. Please go to the Pod doors of your child's class in time for your appointment, which alleviates any areas of the school where it is difficult to socially distance and minimise the amount of contact indoors. We are aware that our plan to invite parents in to school for these meetings may be hampered by Covid restrictions. If this occurs, the appointments will take place at the same time via Teams. Links will be sent to parents in the event we need to do this. If you would prefer a virtual consultation, please let your class teacher know and they will phone or arrange a Teams link for you instead during the time slot you have booked.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs in the Spring Term will be as follows. We will send paper copies out on the first day back after the holidays for booking.

Clubs are on a Friday evening from 3.15pm to 4.00pm and will start in the week beginning the 10th January. There are 30 spaces for each club.

DAY	CLUB	ADULT	KEY STAGE
FRIDAY	ART	MRS RUST MISS GILES	KS2
FRIDAY	DANCE CLUB	MISS DURBER	KS1 KS2
FRIDAY	CIRCUITS / RUNNING	MRS MCCARTHY	KS2

DIANA AWARD

The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Ambassador training was cancelled with short notice last week, due to circumstances outside of our control. We will rearrange for the Spring Term, as we know this will be a valuable project to be a part of.

CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

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 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 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

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.



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](#)