

Beechwood Primary Academy

Newsletter



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8th November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
• Yr 5 Swimming •	Yr5 Swimming •	Yr 5 Swimming •	Remembrance Day •	Dove Class Assembly

PARENT UPDATE

What a fantastic first week back! We have celebrated our first Star Learners of the new term – I was particularly impressed by the number of children described as being Ready, Respectful and Safe by their teachers, as well as hearing how they are role models and enthusiastic learners. Year 5 have been really enjoying swimming, sharing their skills with each other and being great role models for the school. They are also more tired than usual! Year 6 had a great time on Dartmoor, exploring and consolidating all of their learning from last term. It was a fantastic way to end their topic and their teachers commented that they were really impressed with the perseverance and how the children applied their knowledge and learning as they explored South Hessay Tor at Princetown.

This week is Remembrance Day on the 11th. Please bring donations through the week and the children will have opportunities to make a donation to the Poppy Appeal. We also have poppies in Reception if you would like a poppy. All the donations will be sent to Royal British Legion at the end of the week to support ex and serving military personnel. Please visit the website if you would like some more information [Royal British Legion](#) | [Armed Forces Charity](#).

In school, we will be discussing progress of the children and planning how we will support learning over the next few terms. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate and share the learning of the last term and fine tune our next steps.

Mrs Francis has been busy making some short times table videos for the website and Facebook. They have some ideas about how you can practice times tables at home and eventually, we hope to have a video for every times table. Thank you Mrs Francis, they contain some great ways to practice at home. We would love to hear if you have been using them.

On Friday the 19th of November, we are holding a short open evening for parents of children who would like to visit Beechwood with children who start school next year from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. Please do let friends and family know if they have children who might like to start in our Nursery, age 3, or Reception, age 4, next year. It will be exciting to share what we do with new parents!

Tamsin Bailey

Head of School



NETHERCOTT FARM - YEAR 4

There are still a few spaces available on the Nethercott Farm trip for Year 4 children.
An initial deposit of £50.00 is required by **Monday 15th November** to secure a place for your child. Please see the letter on the website for more details.

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

Thank you



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Polite Reminder that NO dogs are allowed on site. This is to protect the health and safety of our families, staff and children. Thank you.



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2021/2022

Fri 12th Nov	Yr2 Dove Assembly
Thurs 18th Nov	Flu Vaccinations all years
Fri 19th Nov	Spotty Mufti
Fri 26th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 3rd Dec	Yr6 Skylark assembly
Mon 13th Dec	Buddies Xmas disco
Mon 20th Dec to	Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Weds 16th Feb	Buddies Red Disco
Mon 21st Feb to	Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	Non Pupil Day
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	Fri 3rd June –HALF TERM

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.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2021

Children in Need – Friday 19th November
WE will be having a spotty mufti to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Children may wear ONE item of spotty mufti for a donation.

We will also be placing pennies on Pudsey Bear again this year, so please also give your child any spare pennies that you would like them to place on our Pudsey . Thank You

ATTENDANCE CUP

Week beginning 1st November 2021

Robin	96.8%
Starling	97.7%
Chaffinch	93.9%
Dove	98.5%
Chough	94.9%
Swallow	92.8%
Goldfinch	92.3%
Sparrow	98.5%
Wren	93.0%
Woodpecker	98.5%
Raven	94.6%
Nightingale	91.5%
Skylark	93.3%

Well done!
SPARROW
Class
and
WOODPECKER
Class
The winners will
receive the
Attendance Cup



WELLBEING

As we are more settled into term, this is sometimes the time that children and families can find that tiredness can affect their wellbeing. The NHS provides free, lifetime access to In Our Place, a parenting website that supports adults and families with advice and free courses to support you with children from birth to teenagers www.inourplace.co.uk The code is TAMAR and it will give you free access to these wonderful resources. Please speak to Jenny Oliver if you would like any more advice. For primary children, we recommend 3a Understanding Your Child as a good place to start. Jenny Oliver also takes lots of parents walking every Wednesday morning, meet at 9.00 outside the front of school, they leave around 9.15 and stop for coffee on the way. It is a fantastic way to meet new parents and also to seek advice about any aspect of parenting or family life.

Have a lovely week— Mrs Bailey

FLU VACCINATIONS

Dear Parents/guardians,

Your child is in Year R to Year 6 from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on: [Thursday 18th November](#)

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

[Find your NHS number - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding/accessing your child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

We will be operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your school's link will close at midnight on the 10th November 2021. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a local community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

CLIMATE CHANGE SURVEY

We are part of a pilot to raise the awareness of climate change and the environment called the Ministry of Eco Education. <https://www.ministryofeco.org/>

As part of the project we would like to gather the views of different parts of our community. The results will support some of the things we can do at Beechwood to make our school more environmentally friendly and to reduce our impact on climate change. The results will help us to understand what our community wants from the project and feed into our school curriculum.

[nature connectedness survey](#)



EXPLORING DARTMOOR YR6 TRIP

Discovery MAT's minibus's first outing!

Year 6 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to use the brand new minibus for our Dartmoor trips last week.



Skylark (Year 6) trip to Princetown.

On Wednesday Skylark were able to visit Dartmoor to add context to their learning from last term on the topic. We were so lucky with the weather – we only had a sprinkling of rain. The children and staff were able to climb to the top of a tor and experience the most amazing views on such a clear day. We also investigated the segments of rock and the children were able to collect different stones on the walk. The children were also able to apply their map reading skills that we have been using in Geography to plan the route.

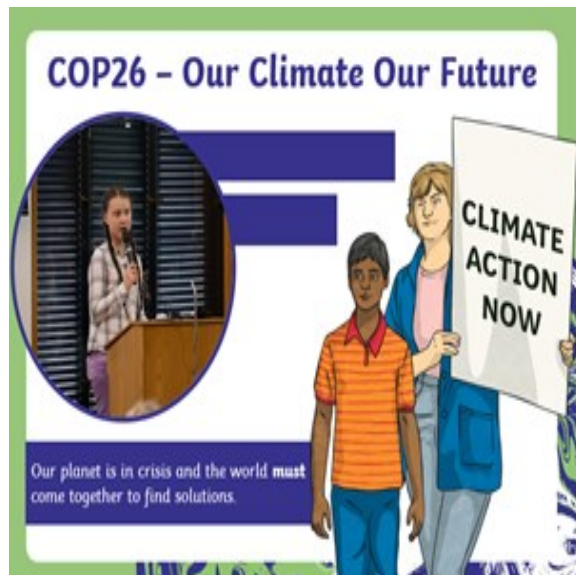


GYMNASTICS FUN

Sparrow class did some fabulous learning in Maths last week .
We have also been learning a range of different partner support poses in gymnastics.



COP 26 - SWITCH OFF FORTNIGHT



In school this week we learnt about COP26 and how this could impact us. We learnt that world leaders are discussing how to reduce our carbon footprint in order to help reduce climate change. As part of our work on this, the school champions will be leading a project in school called 'Switch Off Fortnight', which will start on Monday. This will give the children an opportunity to make small changes in their lives that will save energy and help to protect the planet. For example, by switching off the lights when they leave a room. We will be encouraging the children to share these ideas with people at home too!