

# Beechwood Primary Academy

## Newsletter



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## 13th September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
• PSHE Week	• PSHE Week	• PSHE Week	• PSHE Week	• PSHE Week

### Welcome back to the Autumn Term



A big welcome to all our children this year, including our new starters and new Foundation children. We also welcome back our families and welcome our new families to the Beechwood Community. We have had a fantastic first few days back at school, the children have settled well into their new class which are named after birds this year. The staff and children have been hard at work making birds for our library which will be on display once the paint and the glue has dried!

This year we are going to be focusing on Reading, supporting our children to love reading and sending books home to read. We really welcome your support with reading at home and love reading the comments in the Reading Journals from parents and carers and children.

We are also going to focus on Timestable learning which has been disrupted due to the pandemic and we would like to develop fluency with numbers for every child. This will be a focus for the Autumn Term.

The Autumn Term will be shared with parents and carers through news on our Facebook page, using eSchools to share learning and Teams where appropriate.

If you have any questions about learning or how to support your child, please contact the school office or your class teacher.

We are so excited to be working with your children and look forward to sharing all the fantastic learning we will be doing.

### Routines Update

As you will be aware, we are not using the bubble system anymore and we have been able to have assemblies again! However, with the current numbers higher in the South West, we are still remaining as vigilant as we can and children and staff will still be sanitising/washing their hands through the day and respecting the space between one another.

We ask that our school community continue to respect distance when dropping off and collecting your children with all adults on our site. Any messages can be emailed, phoned into Reception or passed to the class teacher on the Pod door. If you are invited for an essential meeting, please wear a mask on entry to the school building and throughout your time in the school building.

## FLU VACCINATION

Dear Parents,

This year your child will be offered a free flu vaccination in school and we will shortly be sending communication via the school with regards to consent for this. However, we are aware there are some children that due to an underlying medical condition are at increased risk from the flu virus— if you believe that your child is in that category and you would like the opportunity to book them into an early community clinic, please contact our single point access (SPA) on

[0300 247 0082](tel:03002470082) or email at [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net).

Please note this is an extremely busy time for our phones and therefore if you are struggling to get through, please don't hesitate to contact us via e-mail and someone will return your call.

Best Wishes

School Age Immunisations Team  
Virgin Care Services Limited

Telephone 0300 247 0082



## STAFF UPDATE

**Congratulations** to our Assistant Head of School, who got married during the summer holidays and her name is now Mrs Sarah Rama-Dominguez

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

**Please do not** bring items from home into school to reduce risk of transference and to stop items from going missing.

Children should not have toys with them and will be asked to place them safely in their bags if they are brought into school



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have lots of pride in our school uniform and your children have come back to school looking extremely smart.

Please can I remind you that small studs only should be worn if ears are pierced.

Children should be all wearing black shoes and nail varnish should be taken off during the school week.

## DIARY DATES

*(These dates may be subject to change)*



### 2021/2022

Fri 2nd Oct	Yr6 Nightingale Assembly
Mon 11th Oct	Individual pupil Photographs
Fri 15th Oct	Yr5 Woodpecker Assembly
Mon 25th Oct to	Fri 29th Oct - HALF TERM
Fri 12th Nov	Yr2 Dove Assembly
Fri 26th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 3rd Dec	Yr6 Skylark assembly
Mon 20th Dec to	Mon 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Mon 21st Feb to	Fri 25th Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
Friday 8th April	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
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

## MEDICINE AND INHALERS



Please remember that all medicines and inhalers will require a new form to be completed in September.

## SCHOOL MEALS

The Summer menu will carry on until the October Half Term. This menu can be found on the school website.

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.



*Have a lovely week— Mrs Bailey*

## STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Please visit the following website for information and guidance on applying for your child's secondary school for September 2022

[www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
(from Monday 6th September 2021)

The deadline to apply is  
**31st October 2021**



## FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE



Please follow us on our Beechwood Primary Academy Facebook page.

Please also refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

## 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.



### Beechwood Primary Academy Nursery

Now enrolling children for September 2021

Beechwood Primary Academy  
Rockfield Avenue  
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01752 706360  
[beechwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:beechwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)

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

Thank you.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

In preparation for the start of the Autumn Term, we would like to remind parents of our uniform guidance and policy. Please refer to our website which provides information on the correct uniform.

- Navy Jumper or Cardigan (with or without logo)
- Grey Trousers / Shorts / Skirt / Pinafore
- White shirt or plain white polo shirt
- Blue summer gingham dress (in warm weather)
- White socks or plain blue or grey tights.
- Black sensible shoes
- P.E. Kit - Black shorts and plain white t-shirt

Please be reminded the wearing of leggings, trainers, coloured clothing and any jewellery is not permitted in school.

From September, all stationary will be provided by the school. Children to bring in PE kits, coats, water bottles and packed lunch if required.

All school uniform, book bags, etc can be ordered through the following website:-

**[www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)**



## 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.

**Plymouth Emergency Food Support For Families**

**Plymouth Foodbank, Stonehouse**  
Tel: 01752 254981  
Foodbank voucher needed. Call for details

**North Plymouth Foodbank**  
[www.northplymouthfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.northplymouthfoodbank.org.uk)  
Foodbank voucher needed. Call for details

**Devonport Help a Neighbour**  
Tel: 01759 803990  
Community order for Devonport residents

**Love Your Neighbour**  
Tel: 07796 522007  
Food for families with children throughout summer in PL4 area

**Four Greens Community Trust**  
Tel: 01752 875996  
Community foodbank for PL5 postcode

**A Bigger Table, Huxley BC**  
Tel: 01752 203546  
Food parcels available for local residents

**Onward House Community**  
Tel: 01752 662533  
Food available for Greenbank residents

**Plymouth Foodbank**  
Tel: 01752 808086  
Foodbank voucher needed. Call for details

**Village Hub, Stoke**  
Tel: 01759 955349  
Community foodbank for Stoke & Morcasdown residents

**St Budeaux Churches**  
Tel: 01752 367860  
Community foodbank for St Budeaux area

**Hillborough Spiritualist Church**  
Tel: 01778 912382  
Community foodbank for Huxley area

The map pins are an illustration of areas where food support for families can be found in Plymouth. Contact the group for full address details and to arrange assistance. More details of food support can be found at: <https://pfnan.odoodle.org.uk/food-access-map/>

(Summer 2021)

## More Support Available For Plymouth Families

### Uniform Store Plymouth

A pop-up shop (run through summer school holidays) and an on-going 'Click and Collect' service to support families kit out children with free school uniforms.  
[www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk](http://www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk)

### Plymouth Football Boot Bank

Plymouth Football Boot Bank offers used football boots, goalie gloves, shin pads, etc in good condition to parents of young players who may be having financial difficulties.  
E: [plymouthfootballbootbank@yahoo.com](mailto:plymouthfootballbootbank@yahoo.com)

### Baby Basics - Baby Bank

Our baby basics include items such as nappies, wipes, nappy cream, wearing products, formula milk, muslins, cot sheets, teething aids and blankets.  
E: [babybasicswhiteleigh@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:babybasicswhiteleigh@salvationarmy.org.uk)

### Suited to Help

Supporting unemployed men with donated clothing suitable for a job interview. We aim to reduce the barriers to employment, financial impact and promote self-confidence.  
E: [suitedtohelp@gmail.com](mailto:suitedtohelp@gmail.com)

### Children's Storehouse

We offer donated children & baby clothes, toys, shoes, equipment and hygiene items  
E: [storehouse@plymouthvineyard.org.uk](mailto:storehouse@plymouthvineyard.org.uk)

### Bramble's Pet Food Bank

A Pet Food Bank in Plymouth to help people who have furry loved ones and are struggling to feed them in these challenging times.  
[Facebook.com/PetFoodBankPlymouth](https://www.facebook.com/PetFoodBankPlymouth)

### Healthy Start Vouchers

[www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)