Beechwood Bulleti

Beechwood Primary School

Ambleside Close Woodley Reading Berkshire

RG5 4JJ Telephone: 0118 9695976 Email:office-beechwood@fraysacademytrust.org Term 1, Issue 11



Wednesday 27th November 2024



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Eagles with 98.6% attendance. Well done Eagles!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOK-WORMS:

Well done to Robins who once again have



had the most bookworms and have kept the trophy! Keep up the super reading. Can any class beat them in December?

CHRISTINGLE DONATIONS:

We are asking for donations of oranges so we can make Christingles to take to the Christmas services on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December.



Please bring any donations to the office by Friday 13th December. Many thanks.

NON-UNIFORM DAY—FRIDAY 29TH

NOVEMBER: We are having a nonuniform day on Friday in exchange for donations to the Xmas Fayre Tombola, FS-Y3 to bring sweets/chocolates, Y4-Y6 to bring unopened bottles of either food, drink or toiletries.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ORDERS: Please ensure you have ordered your child's Christmas dinner by Friday 29th November.

We cannot accept orders after this date.

Punctuality

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Regular school attendance is an extremely important part of giving children the best possible start in life. Equally important is that all children arrive on time. The main gate opens at 8.35am and closes at 8.45am enabling you to drop off your child at any point within this time.

We will be closing the gate promptly at 8.45am. If your child arrives after 8.45am then they will not be able to come into school via the main gate but should instead come in through the main office.

Registers are completed at 8.50am and children arriving after this time are recorded as late and will need to be signed in by their parent at the office.

If your child arrives at school later than 9.20am we are required to mark them as absent for that half day session and it is classed as an unauthorised absence. If a child is regularly late for school, a parent will be expected to attend a meeting to look at how punctuality can be improved.

Learning begins promptly at the start of the day and children miss vital learning if they are late to school. 10 minutes late each day equates to 6 days learning lost a year. 30 minutes late each day equates to 18 days lost a year. Please try to ensure your child arrives at school on time each day.

Please find attached our Punctuality Pyramid and another copy of our Attendance Ladder.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



Star Pupils -w/c 18/11/24 Woodpeckers — Adam

Butterflies— Eden Robins — Benji

Hedgehogs— Rosamay Badgers— Two star pupils

next week

Foxes — Two star pupils next week

Owls— Jack Kites - Josh Falcons — Vihaan Hawks— Freia

Eagles - Amber

Well done to all of our Stars!

Attendance

Our minimum attendance target is 96.5%. Please help us to ensure your child receives the best education by attending school regularly and being on time.

Our whole school attendance for last week was 93.9% which unfortunately is well below our target.

Over the last week at Beechwood......

Foundation Stage have been using the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar in their maths lessons this week to learn about the numbers to 5 and think about 1 more and 1 less. We have been busy learning lots of facts about bears and have written some fantastic facts, ask your child if they can tell you anything about bears! Today we worked very hard to do some paintings of bears using forks to create the fur

Year 1 have started learning about the traditional story 'Little Red Riding Hood' in english. The children have sequenced the story and then used this story map for re-telling it. They will also be writing the story this week. In maths we have learnt how to subtract numbers on a number line. In PSHE the children discussed how they are different compared to their learning partner. During science we went for a sensory walk and recorded things we can hear, smell, see, touch and taste outside.

Year 2 and 3 have been loving learning about volcanoes in geography so when we saw the news about a recent volcanic eruption in Iceland we knew we had to research what happened. BBC Beechwood will be reporting on this current event and we will be writing newspaper articles later this week.

Year 4 have been working really hard this week. We have been inputting our setting descriptions into an AI image generator to see whether the picture matched our description. We have been looking at our 9 times table and beginning to see how the 3 and 6 timetables link to them. We have been looking at how our assumptions and stereotyping can lead us to wrong judgements about things. In geography we have continued to look at 4 figure grid references before we challenge ourselves with a 6 figured one.

Year 5 have had a fantastic time at swimming this week, learning how to rescue others from the water while keeping themselves safe and while wearing clothes. In maths they have been continuing to improve their knowledge of fractions. In English, they have started a new adventure writing topic, with a focus on setting descriptions to begin.

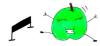
Year 6 have completed writing their biographies independently and have started their new unit of narrative writing linked to WW2. In maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide fractions. In history we have explored the experience of evacuees during WW2 and have written a diary entry in role. We are enjoying working collaboratively in computing, researching and designing presentations about The Battle of Britain.

House Points

Outstanding Oranges 146



Amaz<u>ing</u>



Strawberries 145





Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points last week winning by just one point!

Dates for your diary:

Friday 29th November Tuesday 3rd December Wednesday 4th December Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December Friday 13th December Monday 16th December Tuesday 17th December Wednesday 18th December Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Wednesday 22nd January

- Non-uniform day for tombola contributions NEW
- Year 6 Height & Weight Measuring
- PTA Xmas Fayre 3.15-4.30pm NEW
- Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Year 6 Exhibition—2.00-3.00pm NEW
- Year 5 Trip
- FS Nativity Performance More details to follow
- FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Church Service
- Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Church Service
- Year 2/3 Nativity Performance 2-3pm More details to follow
- Year 2/3 Nativity Performance 6-7pm More details to follow
- End of Term—1.15pm
- Inset Day
- Start of Term
- Year 1 Trip
- Woodpeckers Class Assembly