

Beechwood Bulletin

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Road Safety

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week is Road Safety Week and as there is a specific focus on this in school, please can we remind you to ensure you park considerately and safely when dropping off and picking up from school. There should be **no parking** in the turning circle, on pavements, across residents driveways or down Ambleside Close. Unfortunately we are still seeing this on a daily basis so for the safety of everyone please can we kindly ask that there is no parking or stopping whatsoever in Ambleside Close.

We are very lucky to have a number of car parks close to the school so please could we encourage you to either purchase a parking permit to park in the car park or kindly request that you park considerately down Arundel Road.

Pupil safeguarding and the promotion of fundamental British Values is the core principle of our work at Beechwood Primary School. Great importance is placed on identifying opportunities in the taught curriculum for children to learn about safeguarding. Our broad curriculum gives pupils opportunities to experience life in all its diversity, to acquire knowledge, understanding and skills that significantly impact on personal development, behaviour and welfare and equips every child with the knowledge and skills required for personal safeguarding.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of the children in our care, we have a number of Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. These are Mrs Minter, Miss Hunter, Mrs Reece, Miss Mills, Miss Heaps, Mrs Baker, Miss Stock and Mrs Blinco. Please do speak to one of our Safeguarding Leads if you have any safeguarding concerns or queries.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter,
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Woodpeckers with 99% attendance. Well done Woodpeckers!



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins who once again have had the most bookworms and have kept the trophy! Keep up the super reading. Can they hold on for the whole of November?



COLD WEATHER:

As we start to experience more cold weather please ensure that you send your children into school with a warm coat and a hat and gloves if you feel they need them. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.



Star Pupils -w/c 11/11/24

- Butterflies— Khadija
- Robins — Oscar
- Hedgehogs— Finnley
- Badgers— Isaac
- Foxes — Sami

- Woodpeckers— Ace
- Owls— Emily
- Kites— Arianna
- Falcons— Frankie
- Hawks— Harsirath
- Eagles— Frankie

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 the last week of term was 95.5% which unfortunately is still below our target.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about bears this week. In literacy we have been using the story 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt', we drew one of the settings in the story and later in the week will be going on our own bear hunt and drawing a story map. In carpet time we have been learning about what hibernation is and which animals like to hibernate. We have had a fantastic family learning session today making some reindeer food after discovering some very hungry reindeers broke into our classroom in the hunt for some food!

Year 1 have continued with subtraction in maths; we took away a number by drawing counters and crossing them off to see how many were left. In computing children learnt how to draw the lines and fill in the boxes with prime colour paint as we are working on creating a picture in style of Piet Mondrian. We have changed our indoor PE for yoga for this half term so children started learning different poses on their mats.

Year 2 and 3 had a fantastic family learning session this morning making amazing Christmas bracelets, look out for these at the Christmas Fayre in a couple of weeks. In music, we have been using our unit of Volcanoes to compose our own volcano inspired music using a graphic score. In maths, Year 2 have been continuing their learning on 2-digit addition and subtraction using the column method and Year 3 will now be moving onto their multiplication and division unit.

Year 4 have been working really hard to complete their assessments. In english we have been looking at foodscapes and have been creating a setting description based on it. In geography we have been looking at grid references. In RE we have continued looking at symbolic things in the nativity story and have been creating our own symbols using this.

Year 5 have been composing polyrhythms inspired by African Music in music. In history they have been learning about crime and punishment in Tudor Britain and Roman Britain, comparing the two. Finally, in science they have been learning about air resistance and making paper airplanes to investigate the effects of air resistance on objects.

Year 6 have enjoyed working towards their exhibition which will take place on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm. They have been multiplying fractions in maths and innovating a biography on Katherine Johnson. This is in preparation for choosing their own iconic figure to write about next week.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
280



**Amazing
Apples**
256



**Super
Strawberries**
193



**Brilliant
Bananas**
256



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points last week

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 26th November	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Wednesday 27th November	— Year 1 Scooter Training
Tuesday 3rd December	— Year 6 Height & Weight Measuring
Tuesday 10th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Wednesday 11th December	— Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	— Year 5 Trip
Friday 13th December	— FS Nativity Performance More details to follow
Monday 16th December	— FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Church Service
Tuesday 17th December	— Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Church Service
Wednesday 18th December	— Year 2/3 Nativity Performance 2-3pm More details to follow
Thursday 19th December	— Year 2/3 Nativity Performance 6-7pm More details to follow
Friday 20th December	— End of Term—1.15pm
Monday 6th January	— Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January	— Start of Term
Wednesday 22nd January	— Year 1 Trip
	— Woodpeckers Class Assembly