



# The Beechwood Bulletin

Issue 2 – Autumn Term 2016

## Dear Parents

Hello again, we must start with some very happy news and congratulate Mr Sewell and his wife on the birth of twin girls on Monday, both girls and mum are doing very well.

## Condover Hall Residential

Year 4 went to Condover Hall in Shrewsbury, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, for their first ever school residential. Condover Hall offers outdoor and adventurous activities and our Year 4s went wall climbing, abseiling and buggy building and also took part in archery, fencing and a camp fire. As they always do when we're away, the children represented their school brilliantly; they slept all night and behaved superbly. They all felt challenged by the experience but had a great time learning more about themselves and each other.



## Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival was a hugely popular event at St James C of E Church on Monday. The whole school was crammed into the church along with many parents and grandparents who also helped escort the children to the church. It was a lovely service with wonderful singing from the choir, excellent presentations and spoken word by the three classes 3/4F, 1/2K and 5/6D. Thank you to everyone who donated food to the Woodley Food Bank.



Woodley Food Bank is a local initiative to provide local people with food in a time of crisis. The food bank is based in the centre of Woodley with a distribution point in Woodley Baptist Church where people may collect a food parcel without an appointment between 9am - 12.30pm on weekdays or arrange a delivery by telephoning 07806 658995 between 9am - 4pm on weekdays. Woodley Food Bank can provide parcels for anyone living or working in Woodley and the surrounding areas without the need for a referral from another organisation.

## Roald Dahl Day

Today we celebrated the very popular children's author Roald Dahl. The children dressed up as a character from one of his many books and year 1/2 even made chocolate bars based on the Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory story.



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## Ben Smith "The Marathon Man"

Ben Smith, the Marathon Man, visited the school on Friday 23rd September 2016. He talked to the children about the challenge of running 401 marathons in 401 days and also why he was taking on this enormous challenge to raise money for two anti-bullying charities (Kidscape and Stonewall). Afterwards he was joined by some of our children and local fun runners in a lap around Woodford Park before setting off on his 389<sup>th</sup> marathon around Reading. He finished this amazing challenge on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October in Bristol. For more information and to donate to the charities visit [www.the401challenge.co.uk](http://www.the401challenge.co.uk).



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

The PTA held a Macmillan coffee morning last Friday and the event was very well attended and raised £253. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and to everyone who attended!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING**

**WE RAISED £253**



## Sports News

The girl's year 3/4 hockey team won their first trophy at the Eagle House hockey tournament this week by winning all their games.



Next week, on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> the year 5/6 rugby teams (A and B) will take on the Bracknell tag rugby champions Meadow Vale.

## Clubs

The clubs are now in full swing and it is great to see the popularity of gymnastics and cookery, both of which are new.



## Reminders...

**Self Help Day** is tomorrow Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am- 2.30pm. There are lots of jobs to be done and any help would be very much appreciated.

**Parking** - please ensure that you refrain from parking in and around people's driveways along Ambleside Close and Arundel Road. Please refer to letter sent out on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

**School Gates** are open from 8.35am and close by 8.45am. Lateness will not be tolerated.

**The Weather** is now turning colder and wetter, please ensure your children come to school with a coat.

I welcome your backing and support on this.

That's all for now, I hope everyone is settling down really well in the new school year.

**Gordon Davies**

**Head Teacher**

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## Dates for your diary – Autumn term 2016

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| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October                          | Year 5/6 Football Beechwood v St Dominic's at 3.45pm  |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October                        | Year5/6 Netball Beechwood V St Dominic's at 3.45pm  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October                           | Governors Day<br>Class 3/4S Assembly 11.30am<br>Crossfields Football Tournament 1.30pm - 4.30pm<br>1/2D Cake Sale |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October                           | Boccia at Bulmershe 1.30pm - 4.30pm   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October                          | Open Day 9.30am   |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October                        | Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Bluecoats 1.30pm<br>Year 5/6 Hockey at Crossfields 2.30pm - 4.00pm               |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October                         | Cross Country at Reading Bluecoats, Sonning   |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October                           | House Reading Aloud Competition KS1 – 1.15pm and KS2 – 2.15pm<br>PTA Halloween Disco from 6.30pm - 8 :30pm        |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October | HALF TERM HOLIDAY   |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November                          | Open Day 9.30am   |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                           | Class 1/2D Assembly 11.30am<br>House Mental Maths Competition KS1 – 1.15pm and KS2 – 2.15pm                       |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Remembrance Service at Woodford Park War Memorial<br>Year 5/6 Six Nations Rugby at Churchend                      |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November                         | Open Day 9.30am   |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November                        | Cross Country at Black Park, Slough   |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Class 5/6D Assembly 11.30am<br>Year 5/6 Six Nations Rugby at Rivermead  |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November                          | Parent/Child Consultation Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm   |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                       | Parent/Child Consultation Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm   |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Year 5/6 Six Nations Tag Rugby at Winnersh  |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                         | Open Day 9.30am   |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                           | Class 3/4LR Assembly 11.30am<br>Year 5/6 Six Nations Tag Rugby at Beechwood 2.00pm – 4.00pm                       |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Dress Rehearsal of KS1 Nativity 2.00pm  |

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| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December    | Xmas Carol Service at St Johns C of E 1.45pm   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December   | Matinee Performance of KS1 Nativity - 2.00pm   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Evening Performance of KS1 Nativity - 7.00pm   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December  | House Badminton Competition 9.00am<br>School Christmas dinner 11.30am – 2.30pm   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December    | Foundation Singing Performance 9.00am<br>Christmas Carols in the precinct 11.00am<br>House Football Competition 1.30pm |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December    | House Netball Competition 9.30pm   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December   | End of Term 1.30pm   |

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