



The Beechwood Bulletin

Issue 3 – Autumn Term 2016

Hello everyone,

Armistice Day at the Woodford Park memorial was very well attended by the people of Woodley, who have made it a very special place to remember our fallen heroes. The children were magnificent, standing in the strong sunshine with absolute respect and reverence. I complimented my staff on moving all the children across the Headley Road. These occasions make me feel very proud as a head teacher.



Proposed Expansion

Please make some time to come and view the plans to expand our school. We're holding this event during the parent consultation evening on Wednesday 23rd November 3.00pm - 8.00pm.

New Staff

We extend a very warm welcome to Alison Cowen (Bursar), Abi Rapley (TA) and Nilima Rane (TA) to the staff. We hope you all enjoy your time at Beechwood!

Goodbye Mrs Freeman

With new staff arriving there are always some leaving and we today say goodbye to Sharon Freeman who is leaving us after 4 years to pursue a career in the travel industry. We wish you well.

Year 5/6 Visit Reading Museum

This week 5/6T went on a trip to explore Reading Museum. The children had the opportunity to further learn about the Huntley and Palmer's history and heritage within Reading and the UK. On top of this there were other excellent exhibitions like the Bayeux Tapestry and the John Madejski gallery. The children had a fantastic time exploring the various activities including a Roman workshop where the children had a chance to dress up as Romans and discover what the Romans did for us such as Arched Bridges and sewer system. The Museum was very helpful for our learning and the children had a brilliant time.



Beechwood goes Pink for Charity

The staff & the children turned Beechwood PINK on Friday 21st October in support of the charity 'Breast Cancer Now'. Chief organiser Melissa Baldwin reported that we raised in excess of £700 for the charity. We had a lot of fun!



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Parents Evening Booking Goes Live

The online booking system went live this week for the Parent/Child Consultations (Year 1-6) on the 21st & 23rd November. 85% of parents have already booked their appointments. Bookings can still be made online but will close on Tuesday 15th November.

Please contact the office if you are experiencing any difficulties.

Save the Date: The Foundation Stage Parent & Child Consultations will take place on the 5th, 6th & 7th December. More details to follow...

Sports News

The Year 5/6 Hockey team were warmly welcomed by Crosfields in our first ever hockey match against them. With a not a full squad we ended the game with a 2-1 victory. The pupils enjoyed the afternoon and particularly enjoyed the after match tea!

Reading Bluecoats District Rugby Tournament: After the initial group stage matches we made it through to the semi-finals against Rivermead, spirits were high and Beechwood showed excellent team work winning the game 8-6. Captain Cameron Oakley kept the team going leading by example. Nearly all team members scored or assisted over the six rounds of the competition. In the Final versus The Coombes we narrowly missed the win going down 5 tries to 6. It was a good benchmark tournament showing a bright season of rugby to come. Overall we couldn't ask for more effort and well done to all the team.

Six Nations Rugby Championship kicks off today at Winnersh Primary School, here are the expectant squad before the first game of the tournament. Results to follow...



Division 1: Thames Valley Cross Country League Race:

The year 3/4 girls finished the strongest, with 4 of our girls finishing in the top 50. Strong individuals such as Spencer Pengreave, Alex Calutas, Jaiden Bayliss, Anya Lees and Freya Hill showed positive attitudes, fitness and experience in achieving top scores. Strong competition from Polehampton, Oakland's and improved running from the Coombes makes for an exciting season ahead and with further scheduled practice our squad performance will improve greatly. It was a great start to the season and we look forward to every race now, as too do the Beechwood pupils.

Year 5/6 Football (league):

St Dominic's V Beechwood. We suffered a heavy defeat, going down 8-0 to St Dominic's. Spirited goalkeeping from Edson Corser secured him the Man of the Match on the day.

Woodley C.E. V Beechwood. A better performance this time round for our boys but we still suffered a 3-0 defeat. The boys kept real shape, passed effectively and showed more team morale and spirit.

Year 3/4 Sports hall Athletics: A Good afternoon was spent at Bulmershe Leisure Centre for the annual Sports Hall Athletics run By Sainsbury's School Sport where 18 boys and girls took part in both track and field events. There was strong running in particular from our 4x1 relay teams (Maddison Knight-Reed, Poppy Christian, Emilija Zelenka, Jessica Richardson & Ruben Punia, Jerome McIntrye, Josh Davey-Cuthbert and Isaac Jenner) led to us winning our heat. There were good performances in the speed jump, standing jump and chest push which contributed to a good scoring afternoon. We wait to see how we fared in the event overall.

Reminders...

Car Parking

It is not acceptable to park your car outside the school gate, and left in Ambleside Close whilst delivering your child to school. It blocks residents' drives and causes congestion. Please drop off or park in Headley Road car park or in Arundel Road.

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Self Help Days

Please note that the next Self Help Day is tomorrow
Saturday 12th November9.30am - 2.30pm
Saturday 26th November9.30am - 2.30pm
Saturday 10th December9.30am - 2.30pm

Lost Property

A plea to all – please encourage your child to pick up their clothing and any other items, whether they are out on the field, within our school hall or in the classroom. Please ensure your child's clothing is labelled and that they have their own clothing and have not accidentally picked up another child's.

Water bottles are now being banned from outside at playtime because they being left all over the place.

I welcome your backing and support on this.

Uniform - this must be worn smartly with no trainers and the girls should have their hair tied back. Please refer to the website for full details.

PE Kit – please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day for PE lessons, clubs and matches. No-one should be going home in shorts during the winter months.

Kit should include: tracksuit (top and bottom), long sleeved PE top, long socks and shin pads.

Moulded studded boots which are supple and soft – for football, hockey and rugby – *please do not buy expensive boots – your child's feet are growing!*

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

Mobile phones are not permitted in school and will be confiscated if they are found being used.

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

Gordon Davies

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary – Autumn term 2016

Monday 14 th November	School Photographs
Tuesday 15 th November	Class 5/6G and 5/6D Reading Museum Trip
Thursday 17 th November	Cross Country at Black Park, Slough
Friday 18 th November	KS1 Trip to the Cinema Class 5/6D Assembly 11.30am Year 5/6 Six Nations Rugby at Rivermead Class 3/4F Cake Sale
Monday 21 st November	Parent/Child Consultation Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday 23 rd November	Parent/Child Consultation Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Friday 25 th November	Year 5/6 Six Nations Tag Rugby at Winnersh
Friday 2 nd December	Class 3/4LR Assembly 11.30am Year 5/6 Six Nations Tag Rugby at Beechwood 2.00pm – 4.00pm Class 1/2K Cake Sale
Sunday 4 th December	Woodley Extravaganza
Monday 5 th December	Foundation Stage Parent & Child Consultations 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday 6 th December	Foundation Stage Parent & Child Consultations 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Foundation Stage Parent & Child Consultations 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Friday 9 th December	Dress Rehearsal of KS1 Nativity 2.00pm
Saturday 10 th December	PTA Xmas Fayre 12.00 – 4.00pm
Monday 12 th December	Xmas Carol Service at St Johns C of E 1.45pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Matinee Performance of KS1 Nativity - 2.00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Evening Performance of KS1 Nativity - 7.00pm
Thursday 15 th December	House Badminton Competition 9.00am School Christmas dinner 11.30am – 2.30pm
Friday 16 th December	Foundation Singing Performance 9.30am Christmas Carols in the precinct 11.00am House Football Competition 1.30pm
Monday 19 th December	House Netball Competition 9.30pm
Tuesday 20 th December	End of Term 1.30pm

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