



# The Beechwood Bulletin

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## Hello everyone,

Welcome back and a Happy New year for 2017.

My new year's resolution is to start a weekly blog for you to read online. I'm very envious of those headteachers who manage to do this every week so watch this space, you will be able to find it on our school website.

I will be increasing communication over the next few weeks and asking parents if they can help in the areas of, guided reading, promotion, PTA, self-help and becoming a business partner.

## Positive Playtime

The school has introduced a new way of managing children's behaviour at play times and it's called the Positive Playtime. The policy will explain how the adults i.e. teachers, teaching assistants and of course lunchtime controllers will all work together and in the same way to keep your children safe, deal with behaviour and accidents. It will take time to have the maximum impact but we are confident that more consistency will benefit everyone.

## Christmas Service

The whole school visited St. John's Parish Church in Woodley on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December for our annual Christmas service. The Christmas story came alive through songs and readings, delivered beautifully by the children. Thank you to all parents, grandparents and carers who attended the service.



## Christmas Fayre



The Christmas Fayre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December was very well attended and was a great success raising over £1000 for the school. Congratulations to the PTA for putting on a great afternoon's entertainment.

## Your Time to Shine

Congratulations to Lizzie and Megan (both in 3/4LR) for winning **My Journey Wokingham's Your Time to Shine** competition recently. They won individual prizes and hi-viz bags for their class too! Other children across the school won prizes for their poster and animation entries.

Your Time to Shine was a competition run by Wokingham to raise awareness about being seen in the dark.



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## Foundation Nativity

Foundation put on a wonderful performance for a jam-packed hall, featuring video performances and wonderful singing. There was rapturous applause from all who attended at the final curtain, very well deserved!



## House Competitions

The last week of term is traditionally dominated by House Sports Competition and this year was no different. There was a very close netball tournament with the Red Kites holding off a strong challenge from the Green Gators. The Gators had their revenge in the football narrowly beating the Kites into second place. Finally, the Gators beat off the Blue Sharks in the badminton tournament.

## New Staff

We extend a very warm welcome to Pauline Whitehead as the Heads PA. Pauline is to replace the retiring Mrs Lord!

## Lateness - WARNING

Letters were sent out before Christmas for children who are persistently late and missing lessons. Offenders will be reported to the authorities. The law clearly states that all children must attend school in this country every day and on time.

## Self Help Days

Please take note of the upcoming Self Help Days, shown below.

Saturday 21st January .....9.30am - 2.30pm  
Saturday 4th February .....9.30am - 2.30pm  
Saturday 25th February.....9.30am - 2.30pm  
Saturday 11th March.....9.30am - 2.30pm  
Saturday 25th March.....9.30am - 2.30pm

## 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.

### 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**

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