



The Beechwood Bulletin

Issue 2 - Autumn Term 2017

Hello Parents,

Three weeks into term and things have settled down well in class as we get to grips with the extra numbers, a relatively new staff team and a building which is at best restricted. Thank you for your patience in the morning and at the end of the day when bringing and collecting your children.

The building work is progressing slowly, however I am hoping construction will speed up soon as we are behind schedule as we hope to open the new foundation stage block by the start of November. You will have seen the steel frames going up near the playground which is the second of four new builds so that you are now getting some idea of this large expansion. I am afraid to say there will be further disruption over the



coming months. We will undoubtedly minimise the disruption to your children's learning as much as we possibly can.

RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY

This year and perhaps for many years to come we have decided to support the families of our servicemen and women who have been injured or killed in conflicts such as Afghanistan where we are still deployed. We are asking the children to come to school in the colours of our British flag Red, White and Blue and to give £1, which will go to the supported charities, on Friday 6 October.

This year the day will be celebrating women in the forces, commemorating the 100th birthday of the Women's Royal Naval Service (WRNS) and exploring all the roles women have taken up



when serving their country. The money raised will be split between three long-established charities which all have close ties with our Armed Forces.

ROALD DAHL DAY

Last week saw the children celebrate Roald Dahl day by dressing up as their favourite characters from one of his many fabulous books. As always there were some excellent costumes and we are pleased to say we raised £189.82.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs started up this week and it's good to see the usual variety offered and the attendance of 19 pupils 'learning to play the guitar' with Mr Daniels after school. Clubs will function as normal despite the disruption to the building thanks to the efforts of the schools staff.

CONDOVER HALL RESIDENTIAL

Next week, the first residential of the year goes off to Condover Hall in Shropshire. The party will be led by Mr Lovegrove and Miss Watkins and backed up by Mr Pechell, Miss Rowse and Mrs Randy. 27 pupils from year 4 will have a wonderful time learning outside the classroom and many if not all will gain self confidence, increased self discipline and improved communication and team-working skills.





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HARVEST FESTIVAL

We go to Church on Monday 9 October to celebrate the Harvest Festival and you are welcome to join us. We shall be walking to St James Church, South Lake where the service is due to commence at 1.50pm.

SELF HELP DAYS

Self Help Days will continue despite the building works on the following Saturdays:

Saturday 30th September 9.30am- 2.30pm

Saturday 14th October 9.30am- 2.30pm

Saturday 11th November 9.30am- 2.30pm

Saturday 2nd December 9.30am - 2.30pm

REMINDERS

- Mobile phones have turned up in school "in class and on the playground" and our house rule is "No Mobile phones in school" They appear to be predominantly with girls so once again please leave them at home or they will be confiscated. Clear warnings were issued in assembly on Friday. Parents would you please ensure they are left at home. The school will no longer keep them in the office.



- Water bottles - every child should have their own water bottle in school and not be asking for cups or water all the time unless it is needed it for medical reasons. As for other items, it's the child's responsibility and once school has begun please keep non-urgent deliveries to a minimum.



- Please do not DROP your children off, by car, at the rear gate. We have had two ugly incidents with parents arguing already this term caused by irresponsible parking and dropping off of their children at the gate. Please note that the turning circle is not the place to drop your children, it places the children in danger!

SCHOOL TIMINGS

Please can I ask you to recognise the times for dropping off your children in the morning and collecting at the end of the day.

- School gate opens at 8.35am as normal
- Children must be in school in their classroom by 8.45am and they must settle down to work immediately. The gate closes at 8.45am as per normal.
- Pick up is from 3.10pm until 3.25pm - please note the gate will close to allow builders to carry on with their work. If you need to see a teacher please wait for the teacher to escort you out from inside the building to the front.
- The school gate will re-open at 4.30pm every day when CLUBS commence (Monday 18 September).
- Parents should pick up their children from the field/playground as normal 4.30pm-4.45pm when clubs finish.

That's all for now folks!

Gordon Davies

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DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 25 September - Friday 29 September	House handwriting Competition Week
Monday 25 - Wednesday 27 September	Year 4 Condoover Hall Residential Trip
Thursday 28 September	Invitational Games 3.30pm- 6.15pm
Friday 29 September	1J trip to Rushall Farm PTA MacMillan Coffee morning 9.00am - 10.30am 4M Cake sale 3.00pm
Saturday 30 September	SELF HELP DAY
Monday 2 October - Friday 6 October	Years 5&6 Bikeability all week for selected pupils
Monday 2 October	PTA meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 3 October	Tag Rugby Beechwood v Oaklands A and B
Wednesday 4 October	Class 5/6L Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 4 - Monday 9 October	Book Fair
Thursday 5 October	Promotions Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 6 October	Red, White & Blue Charity day - non uniform £1
Monday 9 October	Harvest Festival Service at St James, South Lake 1.50pm (school departs at 1.10pm)
Tuesday 10 October	OPEN morning 9.30am
Wednesday 11 October	1H trip to Rushall Farm
Thursday 12 October	Flu vaccination for Years FS2, 1, 2, 3 and 4 Thames Valley Cross Country at Blue Coats
Friday 13 October	Governors' day 5G Cake sale 3.00pm
Saturday 14 October	SELF HELP DAY
Tuesday 17 October-	OPEN Morning 9.30am
Wednesday 18 October	Class 3/4W Assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 19 October	Promotions Meeting 7.30pm
Friday 20 October	House Reading Aloud Competition - KS1 1.15pm and KS2 2.15pm PTA Fancy Dress Disco KS1 6.30pm - 7.15pm and KS2 7.30pm - 8.30pm