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Christmas is Coming!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week the whole school have been really getting into the Christmas spirit. Decorations are up, our social media advent calendar has started, rehearsals for performances have begun, Christmas songs have been sung and the meaning of Advent was the focus of assembly. We discussed how we can all relate to this whether we celebrate Christmas or not.

Next Wednesday is Christmas dinner day, which the children are very much looking forward to. On this day we are also inviting all children (and staff) to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper in place of their school jumper.

In preparation for this, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper collection at the end of the week. If you have a Christmas Jumper at home, that is no longer needed or no longer fits, and which you would be willing to donate to the school, please could we ask that you bring it to school on Friday. We will then put all the donated Christmas Jumpers out at the end of the day on Monday for anyone who would like to take one for their child.

Next week we also have our final open morning for prospective parents, our Year 6 exhibition to parents, our Year 5 trip to Winchester and the performance of our Foundation Stage nativity to parents.

Don't forget at 3.15pm today we have our Christmas Fair in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

Foxes — Maya



Wednesday 4th December 2024

NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Eagles again with 96.6% attendance Well done Eagles!



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 any class beat them in December?



CHRISTINGLE DONATIONS:

We are asking for donations of oranges so we can make

Christingles to take to the Christmas services on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th December. Please bring any donations to the office by Friday 13th December. Many



thanks.



Friday 6th December 2024 9.45 - 10.30am

Staff Room **Beechwood Primary School**

U ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR SEND COFF DRNING: A CHANCE FOR YOU TO NETWORK W THER PARENTS/CARERS IN A SIMILAR SITUA

Robins — Mia Hedgehogs-Badgers—Phoebe

<u>Star Pupils -w/c 25/11/24</u> Woodpeckers— Shanaya Owls— Harvey Kites – Daniel Falcons – Kenda Hawks— Anabel Eagles — Saniie

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 last week was 93.7% which unfortunately is well below our target.

Over the last week at Beechwood......

Foundation Stage have been learning all about owls this week and nocturnal animals. They have also been understanding how shadows work and had a go at completing their own shadow puppet show. In maths they have learnt how to use a part-whole model to understand the composition of numbers 4 and 5.

Year 1 have been comparing 'Little Red Riding Hood' with another version called 'Little Red and the very Hungry Lion' in english, the children will be innovating their story at the end of this week. In maths we have been learning to recognise and sort 3D shapes. In computing the children have made fantastic progress over this half term with developing their digital painting skills. This week they have created pictures in the style of Kandinsky by drawing/designing circle shapes and filling them in with different colours.

Year 2 and 3 have continued to monitor the volcano in Iceland and have been writing their own newspaper reports about this. In maths, year 2 are coming to the end of their addition and subtraction unit and will be moving on to 2d and 3d shape while year 3 are moving onto multiplication and division. The children have begun their own art pieces inspired by the artist Lois Mailou Jones which promise to be some very colourful pieces! In science the children were excited to use torches to look at the effect of shadows depending on how close the light source is.

Year 4 been very busy this week. They have been continuing their learning on multiplication in maths. In English, they have been looking at the story of Jack and the Baked Bean stalk and starting to plan a letter using this. They have worked hard in PSHE– they have learnt how they need to stay safe online and what they need to do if they think someone is being bullied. In geography, they have continued their learning of 4 figure grid references before moving to 6 figure.

Year 5 have been working on their adventure story writing skills using the music video Titanium to inspire them. They have completed their swimming lessons this week. They have behaved fantastically and worked hard at developing their skills. In PSHE, they have been looking at the question, 'Does money matter?'

Year 6 have started a new topic in french this week; they've begun to talk about their morning routine. In maths, the children are continuing to convert metric measures. In english we have read some outstanding writing linking our topic of WW2 to the 5 senses (touch, sight, hearing, taste and smell). We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the Year 6 Exhibition next Wednesday, 11th December at 2pm.



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

Dates for your diary:	
Tuesday 10th December	 Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Wednesday 11th December	 — Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
	 Year 6 Exhibition—2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 12th December	— Year 5 Trip
Friday 13th December	— FS Nativity Performance
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 Nativity Performance 2-3pm More details to follow
Thursday 19th December	 Year 2 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
Monday 10th—Friday 14th February	— Year 6 Bikeability <u>NEW</u>