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Merry Christmas

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past week our Foundation Stage and Year 2 children have thoroughly enjoyed performing their Christmas nativities to the rest of the school and to their families. I know the children worked extremely hard learning their words, songs and dances. I am sure you will agree they were truly wonderful and the shows were a great start to Christmas. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to watch. We look forward to seeing more of you tomorrow for the evening performance of the Year 2 nativity. A huge thank you to all the staff who were involved in putting them together.

This week the children have also enjoyed visits to Christ Church, where the KS2 children shared the Christmas story and KS1 children shared some winter artwork and talked about Christingle symbolism, all children sang Christmas songs and listened to a Christmas stories told by Reverend Jackie. Thank you again to the staff and parents who made these visits possible.

As a festive end to the term, on Friday children (and staff) are invited to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers and Christmas accessories, and/or wearing their own clothes.

A reminder that school closes at 1.15pm on Friday. (Gates will open from 1.10pm to 1.25pm for parents/guardians to collect their children).

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support of Beechwood and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable, well deserved and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 7th January, which is the first day of term for the children.

Kind regards,

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Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



Wednesday 18th December 2024

NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Hawks with 96.6%. Well done Hawks.



LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:

Well done to Robins. Congratulations on being last week's top bookworms and being overall best bookworms for this half term.



CATERLINK JOB POSITION:

We have a vacancy for a General Assistant in our kitchen. Hours of work will be 16 hours a week, please contact Caterlink directly to express your interest: https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/



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.

Butterflies — Whole Class Robins - Remy Hedgehogs- Noah Badgers – Megan Foxes - Molly

Star Pupils -w/c 09/12/24 Woodpeckers- Maria Owls- Phoebe Kites— Krithik Falcons— Ruba and Amjad Hawks— Braxton Eagles- Riley

Well done to all of our Stars!

Our whole school attendance for last week was 93.8% which unfortunately is well below our target.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been busy doing lots of Christmas crafts this week. They had a lovely time at the Church on Monday and then did some wonderful carol singing at the Chestnuts Care Home yesterday. Well done on all your super work this half term Butterflies, the Foundation team wish you all a lovely Christmas.

Year 1 have worked very hard and finished off their Design Technology project this week. Their puppets look great! In english the children have written a letter to Santa or a wish list so watch out for some last minute present ideas:-) It has been lovely to spend this week doing some festive activities and getting into the Christmas spirit. The Year 1 team is wishing you all a happy holiday!

Year 2 have really enjoyed performing their nativity to the whole school and their parents and are looking forward to their final performance tomorrow evening, tickets are still available to purchase on Parentpay. Year 3 enjoyed their visit to Christ Church on Monday for the Christingle service and were proud to take their hand made Christingles with them. The children have had a great last week of term doing lots of festive activities. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Year 4 have been 'wrapping up' their term by completing some end of term quizzes. They are still completing their cross stitching which has proved to be a very popular task. We have finished our class novel 'Sky Hawk' and are looking forward to starting a new class novel in the new year. We wish all our families a very Merry Christmas break and will see you all next year.

Year 5 have completed their science topic on forces by completing an investigation into friction using jelly, chopsticks and oil! In music they have finished off their African inspired compositions and performed them to the class. Finally, they enjoyed watching the movie Holes to find out the ending of our class text!

Year 6 have had a very busy week, completing our final independent write in english - a WW2 flashback - they are brilliant! In science we have learned about how our blood absorbs nutrients and oxygen and transports them around our bodies; we have also explored how to keep our bodies healthy and learned about the benefits of different food groups on our bodies. In PSHE, we have considered how difference can be a point of celebration as opposed to conflict. Well done Year 6 - you have worked incredibly hard this term and we are so proud of you. We wish all of you a wonderful break and all the best for the new year - The Year 6 Team.



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

Dates for your diary:	
Thursday 19th December	— Year 2 Nativity Performance 6-7pm
Friday 20th December	— Non Uniform Day - End of Term - 1.15pm
Monday 6th January	— Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January	— Start of Term
Thursday 16th January	— Census Day—More information to follow
Wednesday 22nd January	— Year 1 Trip — Woodpeckers Class Assembly
Monday 3rd February– Friday 7th February	— Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 10th—Friday 14th February	— Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 11th February	— Safer Internet Day