# **Beechwood Bulletin**

### **Beechwood Primary School**

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# **NOTICEBOARD**

### ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Falcons with 98.8% attendance. Well done Falcons!

### **CLASS DRESS DOWN DAY:**

Congratulations to Falcons who have won with the highest overall attendance for this half term and will be treated to a dress down day on Friday. This means children



in Falcons class are able to come to school wearing their 'home' clothes on Friday.

### **FAMILIES WHO DRIVE PUPILS TO SCHOOL:**

We understand that drop off and pick up can be stressful, but we kindly ask that you remain considerate of our local community. Residents of Ambleside Close often find Beechwood families parked in front of or even on their driveways meaning they cannot get in or out of their own homes. Can we please remind parents and guardians that

they should not be driving or stopping in Ambleside Close, thank you.

Let's work together

to respect our neighbours and keep the area accessible for everyone.

### **KEEP US UPDATED:**

Please remember to keep the school office updated with any changes to your emergency contact details or if any medical information changes for your child.



Keep Us Updated

# **End of half term**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the first half term of the academic year. It has absolutely flown by. Our Year 6 pupils are ending the half term with a fabulous week at PGL in Swindon or here in school. The children all look like they are having a great time. Please do look at the wonderful photographs of their week on our Facebook page.

The NSPCC offers some great advice and support to parents and children about keeping safe online including free online safety resources such as setting up parental controls, online games and video apps, starting conversations about online safety as well as offering a free online safety webinar which you may find helpful: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety

We would like to wish Miss Goodwin all the very best as she leaves Beechwod on Friday to take on a new role at another school, thank you for everything you have done for the school and the children during your time with us.

Just to remind you that we break up at 3.15pm on Friday for half term. Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 4th November.

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Kind regards,

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Miss S E Hunter Headteacher



### Star Pupils -w/c 14/10/24

Butterflies— Marharyta Robins — Yara Hedgehogs— Ruby

Badgers — Caleb Foxes — Lottie

Woodpeckers— Ivy-Rose Owls— Simon Kites— Bella-Rae Falcons— Talal Hawks – Georgie Eagles— Sarjanan

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 95.7% which unfortunately is below our target but progress from last week.

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

Foundation Stage have been learning all about Diwali this week, they have learnt about how and why it is celebrated and are having a go at making their own Rangoli patterns. In maths the children have started learning about numbers 1, 2 and 3 and have been practising their subitising. Well done on a fantastic first half term Butterflies!

Year 1 have continued working on a book 'Leaf Man'. The children wrote lots of good sentences in their independent writing. In indoor PE we have learnt some sequences and put them together in an exciting (and at times a loud!) pirate dance. We have enjoyed using the computing room again where children practised their mouse and keyboard skills for creating a picture and typing their name. In geography we looked at some local pictures and children successfully identified physical and human features in them.

Year 2 and 3 have been learning about Mary Anning, the famous fossil collector and writing her biography in english. In maths we have been adding and subtracting 1 digit and 2 digit numbers to 100. We have ended our topic of rocks in science and Stone Age farmers in history. In art we have created our own stone age cave paintings using charcoal and pastels. The children have settled well into their new classes and worked hard this half term. We wish them a happy half term break!

Year 4 have been using their subtraction knowledge to estimate and choose an efficient method to work out problems. They have been independently planning and writing their non chronological report all about Romans. They have been completing a football tournament in PE in teams. We have been testing our knowledge with quizzes in history, french and science using the iPads.

Year 5 have been finishing off their space unit this week, and have designed and written a non-chronological report on their own planet. In art, the children have created wonderful backgrounds for their futuristic space pieces.

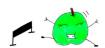
Year 6 have been having an amazing time at their residential and activity week! They have all enjoyed raft building and water activities. They have shown resilience, teamwork and determination with lots of them facing their fears! Keep a lookout for our Facebook updates to see more of the action!

# **House Points**

Outstanding Oranges



Amazing Apples



Super Strawberrie



Brilliant Bananas



House points will continue after half term due to Year 6 being on their residential

# **Dates for your diary:**

### Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st Nov

Wednesday 27th November

Tuesday 10th December

Thursday 12th December

— Half Term

Tuesday 5th November—Tuesday 3rd December — Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 6th November — School Photos (Individual)

Tuesday 12th November — Year 2/3 Trip

Thursday 14th November — Open Morning for Prospective Parents (booking required)
Wednesday 20th November — Family Learning Session, Hedgehogs Class Assembly @ 2.30pm

Tuesday 26th November — Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)

Year 1 Scooter Training

Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)

— Year 5 Trip

Monday 16th December — FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Church Service — Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Church Service

Friday 20th December — End of Term