

# Beechwood Bulletin

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## NOTICEBOARD



**Christmas Card Designs** Children will be coming home with a design pack for Christmas cards. Please see email sent home for more information. We look forward to seeing the children's designs.

**School Photographer** The school photographer visits us on Weds 11th Nov to take individual photographs. Due to current restrictions there will be no sibling photographs this year. Please ensure that all children are looking smart with tidy hair, full school uniform with a burgundy sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan.

**Uniform** We are aware that some families are still awaiting delivery of their uniform orders. However, we have noticed an increase in children wearing non uniform items for PE. Please can children wear their Beechwood t-shirts for PE. If they do not have one then we ask for a plain dark t-shirt to be worn, thank you.

As previously communicated the new logo uniform is being phased in for children in Years 1 to 6. We do have a small selection of 'old logo' uniform we can offer to parents, whilst the phase is happening over this school year, for a nominal donation to the school. If your children receives pupil premium funding a donation is not required. Please email the school office with your requirements to see if we can help you.

**Walk to School Week** Thank you to all that were able to support walk to school week last week, we can announce the top three classes were: Owls, Foxes &, Eagles. Well done

### Dates for your diary

**Mon 19th Oct**—Parent Consultations

**Wed 21st Oct**— Parent Consultations

**Fri 23rd Oct**—IQ Christmas Card Designs due in

**Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd Oct**—Parent Pay open for Christmas card payments

**Weds 11th Nov** — School Photographer visits

**Fri 13th Nov**—Children in Need non uniform day

## Reading Top Tips



**Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read. Start with 'Where did we get to last time?', 'Can you remember what's happened so far?' and 'What do you think will happen next?'.

## Harvest Week

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday the children enjoyed a Harvest Assembly led by Mr Compton on Zoom. This was a great way to start our Harvest week. The children have also been busy learning more about Harvest in class. Thank you to everyone who brought in donations for Woodley Food Bank today as part of our Harvest Celebration this week. If you haven't done so already and would like to do so, there will also be a shopping trolley by the main gate tomorrow and on Friday.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us in our new drop off and pick up system this term at the start and the end of the school day. As this process is now enabling drop off and pick up to be very well spaced out and in order to support us further extending the children's learning time, from after half term we will be shortening the drop off and pick up window by 10 minutes. From after half term, children can be dropped to school from 8.30-8.50am, and children can be collected from 3.10-3.30pm.

As we move closer to half term we have also been further developing our remote and blended learning policy and procedures which will be in place for the children should it be needed from the end of the month.

From after half term we will be solely setting all home learning via this platform. Parents and Guardians who do not have access to Google Classroom should let the office know so homework can be sent home in the usual way. We would ask that where possible, children are also submitting their home learning via Google Classroom.

We are also in the process of investigating the possibility of beginning to provide hot meals for the children at lunch time again later this term.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you next week at our parent consultation evenings. If you haven't done so already, please do contact the office to book an appointment time with your child's class teacher. We will be writing with the Zoom link separately.

Kind regards

*S E Hunter*

Miss S E Hunter  
Headteacher



### Star Pupils

**Robins**— Arabella

**Wrens**— Hashim

**Hedgehogs**— Mason

**Rabbits**— Freia

**Badgers**—Heath

**Foxes**— Maisie

**Owls**— Kyla-Rose

**Woodpeckers**— Aliyah

**Falcons**— Zoha

**Kites**— Adrian

**Eagles**— Madisyn

**Hawks**— Noah

**Well done to all!**

**Butterflies will join later in the term**

## 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.

We understand that in the current situation our attendance will be affected. However following new guidance from WBC children not in school in relation to Covid-19 will not be reflected in our weekly figures.

Our whole school attendance for the week commencing 5th October 2020 was below our target at 94.4%.



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

Foundation Stage Butterflies have learning about autumn ,exploring changes in weather and making hedgehogs out of clay.

Year 1 this week have been learning about Shape in Maths. They have had lots of fun finding shapes on a shape hunt and then making their own 2D shapes using spaghetti and marshmallows. In English they have been finding out about Autumn and writing about what we can see in Autumn.

Year 2 have finished their innovated Toby and the Great Fire of London narratives. They all presented their work beautifully for their Golden Books. Hedgehogs have been in the ICT suite this week learning how to open and save documents whilst improving their mouse control and typing speeds. Rabbits will be using the ICT suit next week! Thank you for donating the materials we need for our DT project after half term! Keep them coming!

Year 3 have been developing their addition and subtraction skills, using their knowledge of number bonds to solve problems. In English, the children have been learning about Information texts, and they are looking forward to creating some of their own next week. The children's Science work on Rocks has been particularly interesting this week, as they have been learning about soil and the layers of the Earth.

Year 4 have been starting to think about instructional text, looking the at the features and the vocabulary that is needed within an instructional text. In Math's they have been extending their understanding of how to add and subtract three and four digit numbers using the column method. In Science they are investigating changes states and identifying the water cycle.

Years 5 and 6 have started learning about the features of Non-Chronological Reports. The children are currently making up their own Pokémon to write a report on. In Maths, Year 5's have been working on addition and Year 6s have been doing test revision and division.

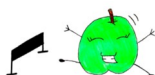
### House Competition :

**Well done to all of our Brilliant Banana's for collecting the most tokens this week!**

**Outstanding  
Oranges**  
199



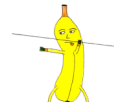
**Amazing  
Apples**  
231



**Super  
Strawberries**  
227



**Brilliant  
Bananas**  
261



### Harvest Donations—Woodley Food Bank

The food bank collection trolleys will be outside the school every morning for the rest of the week for harvest donations.

Our most urgent needs are currently:

- Meat meals in a tin or vacuum packet (and vegetarian alternatives)
- Custard packet mixes (preferable to tins due to weight)
- Small bottles of cooking oil
- Tinned or vacuum packs vegetables, potatoes and tomatoes
- Breakfast cereals
- Longlife milk
- Longlife fruit juices and squashes
- Biscuits
- Household cleaners and toiletries
- Pasta sauces



We are currently finding the need for food parcels rising in Woodley as you would expect. If anyone is in need, or knows someone else in need, please contact 07806 658995 or visit Woodley Baptist Church on Hurricane Way to collect a parcel. Please see over for a list of items urgently needed.

Thank you for your support  
Woodley Food Bank