

Beechwood Bulletin

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Parent Survey.....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful to see the children each day on our Beechwood Advent calendar. If you have not done so already, please do visit our Facebook page to see what is behind the window each day. Thank you to those of you who completed our parent survey last month. We are really pleased with the results, with notable improvements since our last survey. We will however, be using your feedback to look at ways to make changes and improvements to enhance what we do.

As promised, I wanted to begin to share those results with you. From those of you who responded;

95% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed their child feels safe in school, and no respondents disagreed with this comment.

93% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed teaching is good and no respondents disagreed with this comment.

90% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed their child likes school and is happy at Beechwood, and no respondents disagreed with this comment.

85% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed staff expect their child to work hard and do their best, and no respondents disagreed with this comment.

85% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed the school is led and managed well, and no respondents disagreed with this comment.

It is clear you would like more information about how your children are getting on in school throughout the year, as well as a wider range of sporting opportunities and competitive opportunities moving forward which is something we can look to develop when we are able. Some of you also commented that you feel your child could have greater challenge in lessons. Challenge for all, and what the children understand by the term challenge, is an aspect of teaching and learning we have been focusing this term and will continue to do so after Christmas.

Finally, I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank you for all your understanding and support during the last couple of weeks when we have had to close bubbles, and make changes in school due to the number of COVID cases we have at any one time in school.

As we move closer to Christmas, we are very mindful that we want to do everything we can to try and safeguard this precious time for you, whilst also trying to ensure the end of term is fun filled in school.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter,
Headteacher

NOTICEBOARD



Christmas Jumper Day Children may wear a Christmas Jumper (instead of their school jumper) on Wednesday 15th December for a suggested donation of £1. This year money collected will go to Daisy's Dream Charity. If they children wish they may then continue to wear their Christmas Jumpers up to and including the last day of term. Can children please wear their normal uniform/PE kit with their Christmas jumper.



Reminder Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 15th December. Any children who do not have a pre ordered lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch from home.

Foundation Stage, Year 2 and Year 3 Nativity

A final decision will be made later today with regards to parents being able to join us for the Christmas Performance or alternatively a video being recorded and distributed to parents.

For your information: If you need to book a PCR Test these can be booked online – if you find they are fully booked please keep checking as new appointments are released at different times during the day. Early evening can be a good time to source a test slot for the following day. There are local tests sites at Dinton Pastures and Sindlesham Court in Winnersh.

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 the week commencing 29th November was below our target at 91.4%



Star Pupils

for w/c 29th Nov

Robins — Ivy Rose

Wrens — Billy

Hedgehogs - Vanessa

Rabbits - Georgia

Badgers - Ava

Woodpeckers - Leo

Kites - Isla

Falcons – Emilia

Hawks — Greyson

Eagles— Umit

Well done to all
of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Butterflies have enjoyed continuing to learn about Christmas . They have designed and created their own wrapping paper, Christmas cards and tree decorations. During maths sessions they have been learning about the value of 1p and 2p coins and the various ways you can make 4p. They have also begun writing lists to Santa.

Year 1 had lots of fun learning about and making our own windsocks last week as part of our weather unit in Geography. This week they have been revisiting stick man and have worked really hard on their golden book writing. Well done for your super writing Year 1!

Year 2 have been identifying the different coins and bank notes. They have been making given amounts using different coins and in different ways. In English they have written a letter to father Christmas. The rest of the week has been dedicated to practicing the nativity play, where they have all been absolutely amazing.

Year 3 have had a week to remember! They have worked so well under trying circumstances and adapted to all the changes. They are still practising for the nativity, as well as keeping up with the Maths and English in Multiplication and Diary Writing respectively. They should be so proud of themselves!

Year 4 have been writing informal letters, after learning about the language features and structures that are typical to this text type. In Maths, they have been working on their 7 and 9 times tables, including using these skills to solve connecting division problems. They have also been comparing climate graphs from different biomes around the world.

Year 5 have been doing a fabulous job with their assessments. They have also had the privilege of taking a break from assessments to watch a performance of Matilda at Bulmershe. It was amazing!

Year 6 have been publishing their persuasive writing about turtles and polluted oceans. The children are incredibly proud of their work and so are we. In the afternoons the children have continued to work on their impressionism art. Some have started their final piece and the rest have been perfecting different brush strokes ready to start their final piece next week.



House Point Totals

Congratulations to Super Strawberries for collecting the most tokens over the past week

Outstanding
Oranges
118



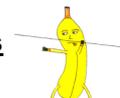
Amazing
Apples
99



Super
Strawberries
129



Brilliant
Bananas
111



Dates for your diary:

Monday 13th December

Year 2 and 3 Nativity to Year 2 Parents@2.00pm - to be confirmed

Tuesday 14th December

Year 2 and 3 Nativity to Year 3 Parents @2.00pm - to be confirmed

Wednesday 15th December

School Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day, PTA Classroom disco

Thursday 16th December

FS Festive Performance @ 2.00pm - to be confirmed

Friday 17th December

End of term 1.10-1.30pm

Tuesday 6th January

Open Afternoon for prospective parents @ 4.00pm (revised date)