

# Beechwood Bulletin

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## Merry Christmas

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the last week our FS and Year 2 children have all enjoyed performing their Christmas nativities. I know the children worked extremely hard learning their words, songs and dances. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch. I am sure you will agree the children were all absolutely fantastic. A huge thank you to all the staff who were involved in putting them together.

As mentioned previously, Mrs Sandhu will be leaving Beechwood on Friday. I am sure you will join me in thanking her for everything she has done for the children in Woodpeckers class and wish her all the best for the future.

On Friday, as a festive end to the term, children are invited to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers/own clothes/Christmas accessories. A reminder that school closes at 1.10-1.30pm on Friday.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support of Beechwood.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable, well deserved and relaxing break. We look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January, which is the first day of term for the children.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter,

Headteacher



## NOTICEBOARD



### ATTENDANCE AWARD

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Woodpeckers with 97.8%. Well done Woodpeckers Class!



### Wokingham Libraries:

#### Winter Mini Challenge

The 2022 Winter Mini Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with Science Museum Group, has started!

### Activities for children & young people

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3:45-4:45pm** - Snowflake craft at Woodley Library

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10:30-11:30** - Storytime and crafts at Finchampstead Library

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 10:30am** - Storytime with Fiona Barker at Finchampstead Library

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2:30pm** - Storytime with Fiona Barker at Wokingham Library

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 10:30-11:30am**—Wreath making at Woodley Library (£1.50 charge booking required)

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 10:30am** - Storytime with Fiona Barker at Lower Earley Library

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 2:30pm**—Storytime with Fiona Barker at Woodley Library

[https://wokinghamboroughlibraries.wordpress.com/2022/12/07/christmas-at-the-library/?fbclid=IwAR3ByyLT3UNim3kinsx\\_g1jjoWBHC-7FF37O5mijg1rW6qrTDUHHXRMSvgOI](https://wokinghamboroughlibraries.wordpress.com/2022/12/07/christmas-at-the-library/?fbclid=IwAR3ByyLT3UNim3kinsx_g1jjoWBHC-7FF37O5mijg1rW6qrTDUHHXRMSvgOI)

## 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 5th December 2022 was 90.8% which unfortunately again is very much below our target.

### Star Pupils

Star Pupils will resume after the Christmas break

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

*Foundation Stage* have been getting into the festive spirit with a Christmas Market! The children brought in pennies to buy popcorn, hot chocolate and other treats from the stalls. There was even a special visit from Santa! Today Butterflies visited 'The Chestnuts' residential home to sing their wonderful Christmas songs. We would like to wish all of our Foundation Stage families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Year 1* have been celebrating the winter season by describing winter scenes using adjectives and similes. They have also been continuing their work on shapes in maths. In addition the children have created some fun Christmas crafts which they have really enjoyed.

*Year 2* have been busy with their nativity. We hope you enjoyed watching it! The children have enjoyed doing some Christmas crafts this week. Well done on your super work this term. The Year 2 team are wishing you a very Happy Christmas.

*Year 3* have been reviewing their knowledge of prehistoric Britain by linking their own stone age tools and going on a mammoth hunt. The children have been doing Christmas code breakers in maths and finished their Stonehenge models, which looked fabulous!

*Year 4* have really enjoyed making their Savanna Sunrise artworks this week. This involved blending red and yellow paints and then adding card silhouettes of plants and animals on top. In English, the children have been creating seasonal poetry, while in maths they have been revising a range of work covered during the term.

*Year 5* have thoroughly enjoyed completing their DT projects this week! They have been making parachutes that can deliver very fragile Christmas gifts and can't wait to test them this week. They have continued their work in science, learning about forces and enjoyed seeing how oil decreases the friction - making it much trickier to move jelly. In history they have learned about modern day crime and punishment and have been comparing this to the eras they have previously studied. Year 5 wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

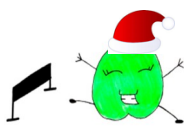
*Year 6* have been busy completing their work in English: creating new animals (Hexapods) and also ensuring they know how to write non-chronological reports. They have also been completing sketching in art where they have sketched beautiful observational drawings. They are looking forward to making their Christmas baskets this week and sending them home with some goodies!

## House Points

Outstanding  
Oranges  
93



Amazing  
Apples  
93



Super  
Strawberries  
119



Brilliant  
Bananas  
112



**Congratulations to Super Strawberries for collecting the most tokens last week.**

## Dates for your diary:

Friday 16th December	- Non-Uniform Day — End of Term—1.10-1.30pm finish
Tuesday 3rd January	- INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th January	- Start of Term
Tuesday 10th January	- Year 2 Zoolab Animal visit <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Wednesday 11th January	- Eagles Class Assembly—2.30pm
Wednesday 25th January	- Badgers Class Assembly—2.30pm
Wednesday 1st February	- Family Learning Session 9.00-10.00am <b><u>NEW DATE</u></b>
Wednesday 8th February	- Falcons Class Assembly— 2.30pm <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Monday 13th–Friday 19th February	- Half Term
Monday 20th February	- INSET DAY



# Woodley Library Christmas Crafts

*Join us for our Christmas Crafts. We are running a Snowflake Craft  
and Family Wreath Making this December.*



**Snowflake Craft**  
Drop-in Session  
Thursday December  
15th 3:45pm-4:45pm

**Family Wreath Making**  
Thursday December 22nd  
10:30am-11:30am  
This session needs booking  
and has a £1.50 charge.



For more information, please visit our website [wokingham.gov.uk/libraries](http://wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)



# STORYTIME WITH Fiona Barker

**Thursday 22nd December**

**2:30pm**

**Woodley Library**

Booking is essential

