

Beechwood Bulletin

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer break. We have had a wonderful start to term. It has been really lovely to welcome you and your children back into their new classes and school, and to see how well they have all settled and are engaging in their learning. We are looking forward to an exciting term and year ahead. A very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined us this week. It is lovely to have you with us as part of the Beechwood Family.

At Beechwood we value the importance of the school community and one of the ways we would like to ensure a "voice" for parents of children attending Beechwood Primary School is through our Parent Council. Parent Councils are designed to be flexible – to ensure they can effectively represent their own school community and interests. It is for parents to decide what is most important for their Parent Council to work on.

These are some of the most common ways:

- * Represent the views of parents and carers
- * Encourage links between the school, parents and carers, pupils and the wider community
- * Become more informed on issues that are important to them and their children
- * Help the school to understand how to most effectively involve parents in their children's learning and in the life of the school
- * Support the school and leadership team in developing strong home/school partnerships
- * Support the school in its development and improvement, and in understanding and making links with the wider community
- * Capture the unique and varied skills, interests, knowledge and experience that parents can offer
- Parent Councils provide an opportunity for parents to get involved in ways that suit them, and to support their school in providing the best education for all the pupils

Who can be on the Parent Council? Anyone who is a parent or carer of a pupil at Beechwood Primary School, can be a part of our Parent Council.

How often will they meet? Initially our vision is to hold meetings once every half term. These meetings will be held in the school.

What time will the meetings be held? This will be decided by the Parent Council in order to best suit the members.

If I am unhappy about something in school, should I bring it to these meetings? No. If you have a concern or a complaint, there is a procedure that needs to be followed.

We are currently looking for class representatives to join our Parent Council. If you would like to join and are able to commit to one meeting per half term, please let the school office know. The next meeting will be on Monday 25th September.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

PE Days

Monday—Year 1, Year 2 & Year 6

Tuesday—Year 4 & Year 5

Wednesday—Year 3 & Year 4

Thursday—Years 5 & Year 3

Friday— EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 & Year 6

Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days—Beechwood PE T-shirt, black shorts/leggings or joggers, black hoodie & trainers.

Drop off & Pick up times

Morning—8.35—8.45am

Afternoon—3.15-3.25pm

Any child arriving to school after the gates have shut will receive a late mark in the register.

Car park

A reminder that the car park permit form is available from our website:

<https://beechwoodprimaryschool.com/parents/forms/> Please park responsibly & respectfully in the local area if you aren't using the car park. Ambleside Close is a **NO PARKING** road.

Head Bump Text

Please be advised, should your child have a minor bump to their head (such as a light head bump with another child) we will text you to let you know, a head injury form will be completed and passed to the teacher and your child to be monitored.

Please be assured we would always call you for a more significant head bump or injury and we had any concerns.

Useful links:

- **Term Dates 2023.24**
<https://beechwoodprimaryschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/2023-2024-Term-Dates.pdf>
- **School Dinner Menu**
<https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/school/wokingham-borough-council/>

Attendance

Thank you for a positive start to term with minimal absences each day so far.

We hope to maintain this throughout the Autumn term with your support and aim to be above our percentage target each week when we publish the figures.

Just to remind you that if your child is going to be absent to either leave a message on the absence line or email the office by 9.30am.

Class Star Pupils will start next week



Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage: All of the adults in Foundation Stage are so proud with how the children in Butterflies have settled into school life. The children are adapting quickly to new routines and have been working hard in their phonics lessons. It has been lovely to see the children develop friendships and explore the resources and activities in the provision.

Years 1 and 2 have been introduced to their new topic of The Great Fire of London, and have thought about what they might be able to see, hear or smell if they were there. They have then been writing these into sentences remembering their capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In science, they have been learning about materials and what material various objects are made from. Year 2 have been thinking about their properties.

Year 3 have settled in fantastically to their new classes. The children have started to look at adventure stories in English and have begun learning about place value and number partitioning in maths. In science, they have been on a rock hunt and identifying properties of rocks. Year 3 have also really been enjoying reading the Stone Age Boy as their whole class read.

Year 4: It has been lovely to see our new Year 4 children back at school, looking smart, well rested and ready to learn. This week, in English they have started their first genre study: recounts. In maths they have been learning about place value, dealing with numbers up to 1,000. In P.E. they are starting two concurrent units: Outdoor and Adventurous Activities and football. The children will be starting their history based topic, which is on the Romans. In music, they are starting a unit on jazz, listening to Ella Fitzgerald singing, 'It Don't Mean a Thing', amongst others.

Year 5: The children have settled well into life as Year 5 pupils. In English, the children are creating character descriptions based on the book 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. In maths, they have been recalling their knowledge of place value. The children have also started to look at the solar system, and the order of the planets during science lessons.

Year 6: It has been wonderful seeing our Year 6s ease back into the structure and routine of school; eager to harness responsibility and make their mark at Beechwood. In English, they started the term exploring growth mindset using The Dot by Peter Reynolds and have since moved onto learning about the Planet of Pandora for their non-chronological reports. In maths they are completing their work on place value prior to starting the four operations. In PE they have practised dribbling and shielding the ball in football, and in computing they have explored variables in games on Scratch.

House Points

House Point totals will start next week

**Outstanding
Oranges**



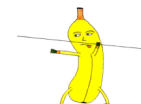
**Amazing
Apples**



**Super
Strawberries**



**Brilliant
Bananas**



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 20th September	— Year 6 information meeting 6.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 27th September	— Butterflies Parents meeting 2.30pm
Friday 29th September	— Macmillan Coffee Morning (time to be confirmed)
Tuesday 3rd October	— Family Learning 9.00-10.00am
Wednesday 4th October	— Hawks Class Assembly @2.30pm
Tuesday 10th October	— Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival @ Christ Church (more info to follow)
Friday 13th October	— PTA Halloween Disco (more info to follow)
Wednesday 18th October	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
	— Owls Class Assembly @2.30pm
Thursday 19th October	— Flu Nasal Immunisations
Friday 20th October	— Wear it Pink (charity day)
Monday 23rd—Friday 27th Oct	— Half Term
Tuesday 7th November	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Wednesday 8th November	— Kites Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
Monday 13th November	— Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm in school
Wednesday 15th November	— Parents Evening 5.30-7.00pm online
Friday 17th November	— Children in Need
Wednesday 22nd November	— Badgers Class Assembly @2.30pm
Thursday 23rd November	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Wednesday 6th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Friday 15th December	— End of Term