

Beechwood Bulletin

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Parking Safety

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week is Road Safety Week and this year's theme is 'Let's Talk About Speed'. As there is a specific focus on this topic this week, please can we remind you to ensure you to park considerately and safely when dropping off and picking up from school. There should be **no parking** in the turning circle, on pavements, across residents driveways or down Ambleside close. Unfortunately we are still seeing this on a daily basis so for the safety of everyone please can we kindly ask that there is no parking or stopping whatsoever in Ambleside Close.

We are very lucky to have a number of car parks close to the school so please could we encourage you to either purchase a parking permit to park in the car park or kindly request that you park considerately down Arundel Road.

Pupil safeguarding and the promotion of fundamental British Values is the core principle of our work at Beechwood Primary School. Great importance is placed on identifying opportunities in the taught curriculum for children to learn about safeguarding. Our broad curriculum gives pupils opportunities to experience life in all its diversity, to acquire knowledge, understanding and skills that significantly impact on personal development, behaviour and welfare and equips every child with the knowledge and skills required for personal safeguarding.

As part of our commitment to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of the children in our care, we have a number of Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. These are Mrs Minter, Miss Hunter, Mrs Baker, Miss Radburn, Miss Mills, Miss Heaps and Mrs Blinco. Please do speak to one of our Safeguarding Leads if you have any safeguarding concerns or queries.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter,
Headteacher



Five people die on roads every day Why do we still think it's OK to speed?
www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Butterflies with 99.25% attendance. A very well done Butterflies!



GOOD LUCK MILLIE!

We would like to thank and send our very best wishes to Miss Haywood who leaves her position of Lunchtime Controller to start a new job. We will miss you!

CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL REMINDER

If you are able to support the PTA Christmas tree trail by designing and displaying a Christmas tree please email

Beechwoodprimaryschoolpta@gmail.com

Your Christmas tree can be designed in whatever style you would like. We would love it if you made your tree bright, colourful, interesting and fun. Or, you can just use the tree that you would be putting up anyway to celebrate Christmas.

DR BIKE FREE BIKE CHECKS at Woodley Library on Sat 12 Dec from 11:30 – 1:30pm places are by booking only – using the below link:

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/dr-bike-at-woodley-library-2-december-2023/>

SCHOOL TRIPS - YEAR 3/4 AND YEAR 5

Please ensure consent and payment is made on Parentpay for the Year 3/4 on Friday and the Year 5 trip next week. If you have any concerns regarding making the payment date please contact the school office.

Star Pupils—w/c 13/11/23

Butterflies— Umaina
Robins — Olly
Rabbits— Charlotte
Hedgehogs— Alex
Badgers— Boston
Foxes— Whole class

Woodpeckers— Thomas
Owls— Aliza & Rowan
Kites— Ibrahim & Jeslyn
Falcons— Bear & Vallabha
Hawks — Rylee & Arabella
Eagles— Darcy

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 is unfortunately below our target! Let's see if we can get that back up next week.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been on a scavenger hunt in the outside area. They have looked for and found pictures related to their story, 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' and used their phonics knowledge to write labels. They have made bear hunt collaged maps and bear masks. In English they have written captions using positional language. In maths sessions they have been adding 1 more and 1 less up to 5.

Years 1 and 2 have started their English unit on Stickman this week. They have been exploring the story in depth and next week they will be applying this into their writing. Year 2 are subtracting numbers in maths this week and Year 1 have moved on to learning about 2D shape. In science Year 1 have been looking at seasonal changes and Year 2 have been learning about the scientist John Dunlop and have been experimenting with which materials would be best to make a tyre with.

Year 3 are continuing their multiplication and division unit in maths, focusing on division this week. In RE they are looking at how Christians celebrate Christmas and their own winter celebrations. They are looking forward to their trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Friday.

Year 4 have been completing assessments this week and the staff are very proud of all the children and the effort they have put in. The children have continued the anti-bullying theme and extended this to cyber bullying, where the children have learnt that words matter even if written not said. The children are looking forward to their visit to Butser Farm on Friday. We look forward to seeing you bright and early at 8.10am!

Year 5 are busy completing their assessments in maths, reading and writing skills this week. In the afternoons, they have been continuing their fitness and gymnastics lessons in PE and have enjoyed learning about different punishments from the Tudor and Stuart periods. Towards the end of the week, the children will be starting their science unit all about forces and are very excited ahead of their trip to the Science Centre next week.

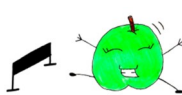
Year 6 have been exploring methods to multiply and divide fractions during their maths lessons. In English, they have been independently writing a biography linked to Black History Month and have been enjoying reading Pig Heart Boy in Whole Class Reading. In RE they have been learning about Christianity and are exploring why Mary was chosen to be Jesus' mother. They are also enjoying their art lessons, where they are using their sketching skills to draw blood cells.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
258



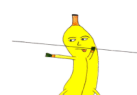
**Amazing
Apples**
228



**Super
Strawberries**
274



**Brilliant
Bananas**
312



Congratulations to Brilliant Bananas for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 23rd November	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Friday 24th November	— Year 3/4 Trip to Butser Farm
Monday 27th November	— Rescheduled Parents Evening, in person from 3.30—6.30pm
Tuesday 28th November	— Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Wednesday 29th November	— Year 1 Scooter training (free) within school
	— Kites Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
	— Rescheduled Parents Evening, online from 5.00—7.30pm
Friday 1st December	— SEND Coffee Morning 9.45-10.30am NEW
Wednesday 6th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Thursday 7th December	— Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
	— FS Nativity Performance 2pm
Monday 11th December	— KS2 Christmas Celebration @ Church
Tuesday 12th December	— KS1/FS Christmas Celebration @ Church
Wednesday 13th December	— Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day ORDERING DETAILS TO FOLLOW
	— Year 2 Nativity Performance 2pm NEW
Thursday 14th December	— Year 2 Nativity Performance 6.30pm NEW
Friday 15th December	— End of Term 1.10-1.30pm

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

December Dates

We appreciate Christmas is a very busy time for all so we have put together the key dates and events in the hope this helps all our families feel prepared for the festive season. We also have a few key messages.

At Beechwood we are right in the centre of Woodley and this year we really want to focus on giving back to the local community in a variety of ways. This Christmas we are going to be holding a reverse advent calendar where we are asking each class to donate an item towards the local food bank. Please bring these items in to school on the day stated below and we will organise for the food bank to collect it all from Beechwood on the last day of term.

Our Facebook advent calendar will be running throughout December please do share these posts as it really helps build our school profile within the community.

28 th November	Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Museum
29 th November	Year 1 Scooter Training Kites Class Assembly
1 st December	Butterflies – Reverse advent calendar – Christmas accompaniments such as stuffing, cranberry sauce, chutneys and Jams SEND Coffee Morning 9:45am PTA - hamper raffle draw
3 rd December	Woodley Extravaganza 10 – 3pm Toy run
4 th December	Robins – Reverse advent calendar – Savoury snacks such as crisps and cheese biscuits Whole School - Post box will arrive for Christmas cards (Please can all Christmas cards have the child's name and class on them to make it easier for our prefects to sort and deliver these Whole-School - The school will be decorated by staff. We like to keep this a surprise for the children but appreciate some children may need to be pre-warned due to the change and sensory impact this can have. Please make a judgement as to whether your child needs preparing for this.
5 th December	Rabbits – Reverse advent calendar – sweet treat such as wrapped cakes, mince pies, etc
6 th December	Hedgehogs – Reverse advent calendar – Pasta, rice, snack pots and soups Butterflies – Nativity Dress rehearsal

Explore, Discover, Achieve

7 th December	Badgers – Reverse advent calendar – non-alcoholic drinks such as juice, squash, fizzy drinks, tea and coffee. Year 6 - trip to Bletchley Park Butterflies - Nativity 2pm
7 th December	Foxes – Reverse advent calendar – Christmas sweets and chocolates
8 th December	Owls – Reverse advent calendar - Christmas accompaniments such as stuffing, cranberry sauce, chutneys and Jams
11 th December	Woodpeckers – Reverse advent calendar – Savoury snacks such as crisps and cheese biscuits KS2 - Christingle making in the morning KS2 – Christmas celebration at Christchurch 1:30pm KS1 - Selling calendars after school
12 th December	Falcons – Reverse advent calendar – sweet treat such as wrapped cakes, mince pies, etc KS1 – Christmas celebration at Christchurch 1:30pm
13 th December	Kites – Reverse advent calendar – Pasta, rice, snack pots and soups Year 2 - Nativity 2pm Whole-School - Christmas Jumper day (over normal school uniform) Christmas Dinner day
14 th December	Hawks – Reverse advent calendar – non-alcoholic drinks such as juice, squash, fizzy drinks, tea and coffee. Rock Steady concert for parents 9:30am Year 2 Nativity 6:30pm Whole-School - Children may wear a Christmas jumper – over normal school uniform Whole-school - PTA funded virtual Pantomime for the children
15 th December	Eagles – Reverse advent calendar – Christmas sweets and chocolates Whole-School - Children may wear their own clothes with a Christmas theme End of term 1:30pm

