

Beechwood Bulletin

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Merry Christmas

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Over the past week our Foundation Stage and Year 2 children have enjoyed performing their Christmas nativities to the rest of the school and to their families. I know the children have all worked extremely hard learning their words, songs and dances. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch. We look forward to welcoming more parents tomorrow. For those of you who have already watched, I am sure you will agree the children were all absolutely brilliant. A huge thank you to all the staff who were involved in putting them together.

This week the children have also enjoyed visits to Christ Church, where the KS2 children shared the Christmas story, KS1 children shared some art work and famous poems, all children sang Christmas songs and listened to a Christmas legend told by Reverend Jackie. Thank you again to the staff and parents who made these visits possible.

Following on from Christmas jumper day today, as a festive end to the term, tomorrow the children are invited to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers and Christmas accessories, and on Friday wearing their own clothes (or more Christmas clothes).

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. A reminder that school closes at 1.10-1.30pm on Friday.

We look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 3rd 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 Falcons once again, with 96.6% attendance. A very well done to Falcons once again!



FOOD BANK The Woodley Foodbank serves the people of Woodley and the surrounding area, fighting food poverty and ensuring that no-one goes hungry.

A big thank you to all parents who have supported our reverse advent by donating food items.

Information of how to contact the Woodley Food Bank can be found on their website:

<https://woodleyfoodbank.org/>

TERM DATES The term dates for the 2024.25 academic year are now on our website and can be accessed through the following link:

[Term Dates 2024.25](#)

SWIMMING Year 4 Swimming lessons will take place from Wednesday 10th January up until February Half term.

Year 5 will then have swimming after February half term up until Easter. Please see separate email for more information.

Star Pupils—w/c 4/12/23

Butterflies— Haris & Deniz
Robins — Will have 2 star pupils next week
Rabbits— Millie
Hedgehogs— Eden
Badgers— Ollie
Foxes— Paige

Woodpeckers— Jack
Owls— Jaya & Autumn
Kites— Sarjanan
Falcons— Lola
Hawks — Presley
Eagles— Joe

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 88.5% which is unfortunately well below our target!

Let's see if we can get that back up in the new year .

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been making various Christmas decorations. The children have also made and learnt about the meaning behind Christingles. In maths sessions they have been consolidating composition of 5. Butterflies have also enjoyed participating in their Christmas market.

Year 2 have worked so hard on their nativity and can't wait to show off their performance to all of you. Year 1 and 2 have been completing some Christmas crafts and finishing their winter art unit using oil pastels to add detail. The Year 1 and 2 team wish you all a Happy Christmas.

Year 3 have been creating stop frame animations about the Stone Age in computing, using stop frame animation apps. In art, they used natural made paints to create art based on stone age animals. In French they have learnt how to say the different rooms in the house as well as using French adjectives to describe them. Finally, in history they have created an information leaflet about the Stone Age using all of their knowledge from the term.

Year 4 are completing assessment activities in some of their foundation subjects. Some of these have been written activities that have taken place during their usual English time. In maths, the children have been looking at multiplication and division using informal methods, before looking at learning formal methods next term. They have also been very involved with Christmassy things this week, and are looking forward to seeing the virtual pantomime on Thursday. We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Year 5 have finished off their reading unit, by watching the film *Holes*, which is based on the book they have read this term. It gave the children a chance to find out what happened to Stanley and the other boys from Camp Green Lake. The children have also had a chance to finish off their history and science assessments and now look forward for some festive inspired fun! The year 5 team would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas.

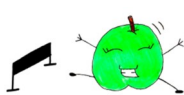
Year 6 have been busy finishing final lessons of the term this week! They have completed their independent pieces of writing in English; creating harrowing flashbacks from a soldier's point of view. They have learnt about metric and imperial measures in maths. They have also completed their final lessons in science, learning about the effects of diet, drugs and smoking on their bodies. The whole Year 6 team wish you a peaceful and joyful holiday!

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
136



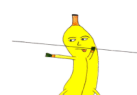
**Amazing
Apples**
198



**Super
Strawberries**
274



**Brilliant
Bananas**
333



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

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 14th December — Year 2 Nativity Performance 6.30pm

Friday 15th December — **END OF TERM 1.10-1.30pm**

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 — **START OF TERM**

Monday 8th January — Animal Club Workshop for Years 1 & 2

Tuesday 9th January — Additional Open Morning—9.30am

Wednesday 10th January — Eagles class assembly—2.30pm **NEW**

Wednesday 24th January — Foxes class assembly—2.30pm **NEW**

Wednesday 7th February — Falcons class assembly—2.30pm **NEW**

Monday 12th to Friday 18th February — HALF TERM

Wednesday 28th February — Woodpeckers class assembly—2.30pm **NEW**

Wednesday 13th March — Hedgehogs class assembly—2.30pm **NEW**