

Beechwood Bulletin

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Thank you very much

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA (including both our former and current committee) and the whole school community for all the amazing fundraising you have done for the school over the last couple of years. As a result, this term, we have been very lucky to have been able to buy a significant amount of resources and equipment for the school. This included whole class books, Read, Write, Inc books, lots of musical instruments including glockenspiels and djembes, visualisers for each classroom, a digital pantomime and Christmas crackers.

Congratulations to everyone who won one of the beautiful coloured hampers this week. Thank you to everyone who donated to this fantastic fundraiser.

We are aware as a number of parents evenings consultations took place via zoom, that you did not all have the opportunity to see your child's books and learning in class as part of this. Therefore, on Wednesday 13th December from 3.00-3.30pm we would like to invite all parents to come into school to look at their child's books with their child.

Our Year 6 pupils are looking forward to their trip to Bletchley Park tomorrow and our Foundation Stage children are excited to be performing their nativity to parents.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter,
Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Falcons with 99% attendance. A very well done to Falcons!



WINTER ILLNESSES GUIDANCE

We know that winter is one of the peak times for adults and children to come down with mild illnesses such as colds, coughs and sore throats. We would like to share the following guidance from the NHS to guide you in making judgements about mild illness, as well as wider guidance:

[NHS Guidance: Is my child too ill for school?](#)

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the 2023 Poppy Appeal. You collected a total of £93.28. Woodley collected a huge £8778.58 in total.



2ND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS

The PTA are pleased to accept any donations of 2nd hand uniform that you no longer need. Please bring any uniform you would like to donate to the school office.

Star Pupils—w/c 27/11/23

Butterflies— Eiliyah

Robins — Rocco

Rabbits— Eddie

Hedgehogs— Stella-Maris

Badgers— Simon

Foxes— Indie

Woodpeckers— Sahasra

Owls— Hashim

Kites—Hajra & the whole class

Falcons— Sophie

Hawks — Vuk

Eagles— Josh

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 93.8% which is unfortunately well below our target! Let's see if we can get that back up next week.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage's nativity rehearsals are in full swing in Butterflies, ready for tomorrow's performance! The children have been working really hard and are excited to perform to their adults. The children have also been busy investigating ice and learning about how Arctic animals are adapted to their environment.

Years 1 and 2 have been learning about letter writing this week and are writing a letter to Father Christmas. In maths, Year 1 have been learning about 3D shape and Year 2 have completed their addition and subtraction unit and will now be moving onto shape. Year 2 are doing really well with their nativity practice. Keep practising those lines at home and remember your costume for Friday!

Year 3 have been learning about bakery food in French and learning how to order a variety of foods and drinks. In history, they have learnt about the stone age settlement of Skara Brae and its importance. In science, they have been conducting an experiment on the best kind of materials to make curtains!

Year 4 have been busy learning about advent traditions in guided reading, and in English they have been writing their own haikus and Kennings poems based on the topic of Christmas. In maths they have been learning about factors and how they can help the children to multiply. The children have also rehearsed and filmed their advent calendar videos and carols for next week's carol service.

Year 5 have started to plan an escape story for Stanley and Zero, who are characters from the book Holes, which we are studying in our reading lessons. In maths, we have moved on to subtracting fractions. The children have also enjoyed practising Christmas songs during music lessons

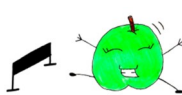
Year 6 have produced some fantastic writing linked to World War 2 and are looking forward to starting their independent writing this week. In maths, they have started their converting units of measure unit and have recapped on what they learned in Year 5. The pupils enjoyed mixing the classes for their final hockey lesson this week and are looking forward to learning about the code breakers of WW2 when we visit Bletchley Park tomorrow.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
198



**Amazing
Apples**
187



**Super
Strawberries**
326



**Brilliant
Bananas**
279



Congratulations to Super Strawberries for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

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 — Year 2 Nativity Performance 2pm — Book Look 3.00-3.30pm NEW
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 **NEW**

Monday 8th January 2024	— Animal Club Workshop for Years 1 & 2 NEW
Tuesday 9th January 2024	— Additional Open Morning—9.30am NEW

Monday 12th to Friday 18th 2024— HALF TERM