

Beechwood Bulletin

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Parents Evenings

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break.

On Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th November we will be holding our Autumn term Parents Evenings. We have decided to continue to hold one face to face parents evening and one via Zoom.

Therefore this term Parents Evenings on the Monday will all take place face-to-face in school and the meetings on Wednesday will all take place via Zoom. If you are unable to find a slot on the day you require please do let us know. At these meetings your child's class teacher will discuss with you about how your child has settled into their new class and how they are progressing. The booking system will be going live to book your 10 minute appointment at 4pm on Friday 3rd November. Please look out for the text/email. Handy Club will not be open on the Monday, due to the Hall being used.

A huge thank you to our PTA for two wonderful discos before half term and to Mrs Caswell, our resident DJ. The children all looked fantastic and I know they had a great time. Thank you all for your continued support of all our PTA events.

As the weather has turned wetter and cooler please can we ask that you ensure your child brings a coat into school and is dressed appropriately for the weather with additional under layers if necessary.

Kind regards,

S E Hunter

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

Thank You

PTA!



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Kites with 98.9% attendance. Well done Kites!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER VISIT REMINDER

The school photographer Stanley Baker will be in school on the morning of Wednesday 8th November to take individual/sibling photo's of the children, for parents to purchase.

PTA DRESS DOWN DAY

Don't forget there is a dress down day on Friday 3rd November in exchange for a tombola prize. Please bring in an item in your child's year group colour (as per our email) to donate to the PTA Hampers to be won later in the term.



POPPY APPEAL & CHILDREN IN NEED

From Monday our Year 6 prefects will be on the playground at the end of the school day raising money for the above charities. Selling Pudsey ears (£2.50), Pudsey Bears (£5.00), Poppies (20p min donation), other poppy items (50p-£1.50 min donation).



CURRENT VACANCIES:

Please contact the office for more information if interested:

Lunchtime Controller

Required As Soon As Possible
1.25 hours a day, 5 days a week

Cleaner

Required November 2023
2 hours a day, 5 days a week

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 96.1% which is unfortunately a little below our target!

Star Pupils—w/c 16/10/23

Woodpeckers—Kailen-Wayne
Owls—Vladyslava & Rowan
Kites—Sam
Falcons—Amelia
Hawks—Ayanna & Abdulrahman
Eagles—Freddie
Butterflies—Kyla-Rae
Robins—Esa
Rabbits—Finnley
Hedgehogs—Arjun
Badgers—Ivy-Rose
Foxes—Whole class

Well done to all of our Stars!

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have explored the school grounds and the reflective garden looking for signs of Autumn. They collected different kinds of leaves from various trees and also found some acorns and talked about the changes in weather. In maths they have learnt about 1 more and 1 less. In English they are writing poems about fireworks and in drawing club the children are reading the story of "The Hairy Toe".

Years 1 and 2 have started their English unit on writing a diary. This week they are learning what a diary is and pretending to be Samuel Pepys thinking about what he would have seen. Next week they will be writing the diary. In science they have been learning about what opaque means and finding materials and objects that are opaque.

Year 3 have begun their new science topic of light and shadows by learning about light sources. The children have come up with lots of fantastic questions about the topic which they would like to find out about during the Lessons. In maths they are continuing to secure their understanding of column addition and subtraction with great confidence. Finally, in music, the children have begun to learn some Stone Age inspired music to go along with their Stone Age topic this term.

Year 4 are completing their maths unit on area and starting on a new one on multiplication and division. The children will start by looking at multiples of 3 and how to tell whether any given number is a multiple of 3, moving on to multiples of 6. In P.E. the children will be starting new units on gymnastics and hockey. They will be starting their first geography lessons, looking at the different regions of the world and their associated climates. In R.E. they will be beginning to learn about the Christian festival of Christmas.

Year 5 has started a new topic this term, Crime & Punishment. They have been looking at different crimes and punishments since the Roman era. In science the children are starting their new unit on forces. In P.E. the children have been outside enjoying their fitness lessons.

Year 6 have started their new topic in English and are enjoying reading biographies linked to Black History Month. In maths the children are comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators. They are learning about celebrating their unique differences in PSHE and have enjoyed their first hockey lesson in P.E.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
308



**Amazing
Apples**
216



**Super
Strawberries**
265



**Brilliant
Bananas**
255



Congratulations to Outstanding Oranges for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

Friday 3rd November	— Non-Uniform day in return for a PTA Hamper Item NEW
Tuesday 7th November	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required) — Year 6 Height & Weight NEW
Wednesday 8th November	— Individual School Photos Kites Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
Friday 10th November	— Remembrance Service at Woodford Park War Memorial—whole school
Monday 13th November	— Parents Evening 3.30-6.00pm in school
Wednesday 15th November	— Parents Evening 5.30-7.30pm online
Thursday 16th November	— Vision Screening for FS NEW
Friday 17th November	— Children in Need
Wednesday 22nd November	— FS library visit NEW Badgers Class Assembly @2.30pm
Thursday 23rd November	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Friday 24th November	— Year 3/4 Trip to Butser Farm NEW—details to follow
Tuesday 28th November	— Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum NEW—details to follow
Wednesday 29th November	— Year 1 Scooter training (free) within school NEW—details to follow
Wednesday 6th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Friday 7th December	— Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park NEW—details to follow