

# Beechwood Bulletin

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## NOTICEBOARD

### ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Woodpeckers with 100% attendance! Followed closely by Falcons on 99.6% Well done to Woodpeckers!



### REMINDER CENSUS DAY:

Tomorrow is Census Day. The data collected impacts the amount of funding the school receives so it is greatly appreciated if you are able to support the school by ensuring your child has a hot dinner on this day. This is particularly important for EYFS-Year2 & free school meals children where the school receives funding for Universal Free school meals based on the number of children who take a hot dinner option on this day. The cost to children in Years 3 - 6 is £2.65.

The Meal options on the day will be: Fish fingers & Chips, BBQ Quorn & chips or Jacket Potato with beans.

### HARVEST DONATIONS:

Please bring any donations of tinned or packet food items to the school office on Monday for the Harvest Festival Celebration on Tuesday.



## Communication

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As mentioned last week, communication was highlighted on our recent parent survey as an aspect some respondents felt we could further improve at Beechwood. This year we have already made some changes; sending out one letter which covers all visits to the church this year, trying to give you more notice on trips and events which have a voluntary contribution to enable us to spread the cost for you. We are also finalising a document which highlights as many of the key dates throughout the school year as we can to give you as much advance notice as possible.

As ever I am firmly committed to maintaining a school with open lines of communication and positive partnerships with parents.

Therefore, I would like to invite you to join our Parent Forum. Parent Forum is a way for parents to raise everyday questions and concerns, express opinions and make suggestions about how the day to day life at Beechwood can be enhanced for the benefit of pupils, parents and staff.

The aim of the Parents Forum is:

- to provide a 'voice' for parents of children attending Beechwood Primary School
- to ensure the school is aware of issues affecting children and parents/guardians
- to provide an opportunity for parents and carers to share information and views
- to enable the school to consult with parents and provide information about strategic developments
- to help formulate a solution to any issues to feedback to parents

Hopefully being part of our Parent Forum isn't too time consuming or onerous as meetings only take place once a half term and can be joined remotely via Teams if you are unable to attend in person. If you are unsure please do come along to one of our meetings and join us for a cup of coffee to see what's it all about. Ideally we are looking for a parent representative to come to one meeting per half term during the school day, to represent their child's class. These are usually held at 2.15pm on a Monday afternoon. Each representative would also be responsible for obtaining the views and opinions from the parent body in their child's class as well as providing feedback. If you willing and able and would like to be involved, please contact the school office to let us know.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

### Star Pupils -w/c 23/09/24

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| Woodpeckers— Ekam |
| Owls— Hosna       |
| Kites—Freddie     |
| Falcons— Giulia   |
| Hawks – Jaiarna   |
| Eagles— Bella     |

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 96.7% which is above our target which is fantastic!!

## Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about their local area this week and are looking forward to their scavenger hunt tomorrow. In drawing club they have been looking at the story 'Rosie's Walk' and have written and drawn about the characters and thought of some fantastic ideas for how the fox can trap Rosie. Today the children created a whole class map of Rosie's walk and thought of the initial sounds in the words.

Year 1 have been learning and writing lots of facts about a hedgehog in english. In maths we finished the Place Value unit and we are moving on to Addition and Subtraction within 10. In PSHE we discussed our rights and responsibilities within our class and the children drew lovely pictures based on it, most of them were about tidying up the classroom. Hope you enjoyed the paintings we sent home this week; they were created during our art session when we did printing, using lots of classroom objects.

Year 2 and 3 have been reading a new book called the Stone Age Boy. We have been practicing making predictions about the plot of the story. We will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of Om, a stone age girl. In art we have been using charcoal to create some Stone Age style pieces. We are all looking forward to Harvest Festival on Tuesday 8th. Please let us know if you can walk with us to the church and stay to watch.

Year 4 have been working really hard this week. They have continued to learn place value in maths. In english the children are adapting the story of the lighthouse to a story about a Roman slave boy. They have changed the setting to a Roman market. On Tuesday, the children had a Roman workshop to further their knowledge about the Romans. In science, the children have been looking at teeth and looked at what different drinks do to them. They are conducting an experiment with eggs, then making their own toothpaste to see how much cleaning they need.

Year 5 have finished their character description in english and have moved onto their poetry unit: looking at the poem 'Blue Extinction'. In maths they have begun their addition and subtraction unit. In science, they made a model of the solar system in order to see the distances between each planet.

Year 6 are continuing to enjoy reading The Midnight Guardians by Ross Montgomery and are currently exploring the character of The Midwinter King, in preparation to write in character. In maths, we are developing our skills when dividing using not only formal methods but our knowledge of rules of divisibility to assist us. We have enjoyed classifying unusual animals in science and will be learning about the Linnaean Classification System this week.

### House Points

**Outstanding Oranges**  
235



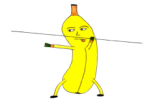
**Amazing Apples**  
208



**Super Strawberries**  
211



**Brilliant Bananas**  
182



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

#### **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 3rd October	— Census Day <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Tuesday 8th October	— FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Harvest Church Service
Tuesday 8th October to Tuesday 15th October	— Book Fair <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Wednesday 9th October	— Send Coffee Morning <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th October	— Parents evening—in person—3.30-6.00pm
Tuesday 15th October	— Parent Information Session—2.30pm
Wednesday 16th October	— Owls Class Assembly @2.30pm
Friday 18th October	— FS-Year 3 Halloween Disco—6.30-7.30pm <b><u>NEW</u></b>
	— Year 4-6 Halloween Disco—7.45-8.45pm <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Monday 21st—Friday 25th Oct	— Year 6 Residential/Activity Week
Wednesday 23rd October	— Open Morning for Prospective Parents (booking required)
<b>Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st Nov</b>	— <b>Half Term</b>
Wednesday 6th November	— School Photos (Individual)
Thursday 14th November	— Open Morning for Prospective Parents (booking required)
Wednesday 20th November	— Family Learning Session, Hedgehogs Class Assembly @ 2.30pm
Tuesday 26th November	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Tuesday 10th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Monday 16th December	— FS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Christmas Church Service
Tuesday 17th December	— Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Church Service
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	— <b>End of Term</b>