

Beechwood Bulletin

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Harvest Celebrations

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children enjoyed celebrating Harvest at Christ Church. Butterflies sang an acapella version of "The Dingle Dangle Scarecrow" and showed some beautiful harvest art. Year 1 sang "Big Red Combine Harvester" and talked about their leaf printing unit and Year 2/3 read Autumn poems and we all sang some harvest songs. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on the trip and we hope you enjoyed the service as much as the children did.



Also a huge thank you to everyone who sent in donations for Woodley Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations. I know they will be very grateful to receive our donations which will be heading over to the Food Bank in the next few days. If you would still like to make a donation please send this into the school office tomorrow.

Next week we are holding our Autumn term parents evening where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to find out how they are settling into their new year group and discuss their learning so far. You will also have an opportunity to look at your child's books.

On Wednesday 23rd October we will be holding our first Open Morning of the academic year for prospective parents. If you know anyone local who has a child due to start school in September 2025, please encourage them to book onto one of our future open mornings. We would love to welcome them to Beechwood.

On Friday 18th October we will be supporting 'Wear it Pink Day'. Children (and staff) are invited to come to school wearing as little or as much pink as they would like. Any donations for this important cause would be gratefully received.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher



NOTICEBOARD

ATTENDANCE AWARD:

The class with the best attendance across the whole school last week was Kites with 99.2% attendance!



CLASS DRESS DOWN DAY:

At the end of each half term the class with the best overall attendance for that half term will be treated to a dress down day, please look out for which class has won a dress down day, coming soon.....

LUNCHBOX GUIDELINES:

Packed lunches can include:

- Sandwiches/ wraps/ pitta bread or a pasta/ rice alternative
- Healthy snack (e.g. cereal bar (no nuts), carrot sticks)
- Savoury snack (e.g. sausage roll, cracker biscuits)
- Pieces of fruit
- Yogurt
- 1 packet of crisps
- 1 small sweet biscuit bar



Packed lunches should not include:

- Nuts
- Fizzy drinks or energy drinks
- High sugar drinks or glass bottles
- Sweets/ confectionary items
- Cold leftover takeaway food

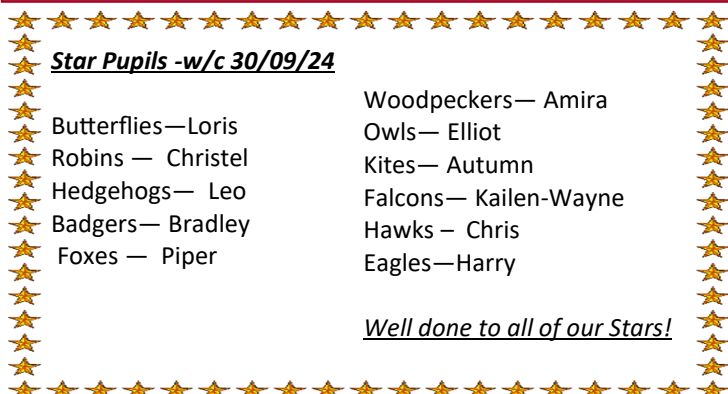
UNIFORM:

Please ensure your child's uniform is named, please also ensure that if you find your child has brought home someone else's named uniform this is returned to school as soon as possible.

WILD READING COMPETITION WINNERS:

Congratulations to:

Evren & Charlotte M—KS1
Bear, Indie & Laycie - KS2



Star Pupils -w/c 30/09/24

Butterflies—Loris
Robins — Christel
Hedgehogs— Leo
Badgers— Bradley
Foxes — Piper

Woodpeckers— Amira
Owls— Elliot
Kites— Autumn
Falcons— Kailen-Wayne
Hawks — Chris
Eagles—Harry

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 93.5% which unfortunately is well below our target.

Over the last week at Beechwood.....

Foundation Stage have been learning all about Harvest and Autumn this week. They performed their songs at the church fantastically. Today we made a delicious Gruffalo Crumble, they worked hard to prepare it themselves and tomorrow we will be writing instructions for how we made it. In maths we have started looking at and comparing size and weight.

Year 1 have been learning and writing lots of facts about another 2 woodland animals - a fox and an owl in English. In science we learnt about our 5 senses and used our taste buds to guess whether the 4 foods we ate (with our eyes closed) were either sour, sweet, salty or bitter. There were lots of funny faces pulled when lemon was offered but lots of children enjoyed dark chocolate! In computing we learnt the names of computer/laptop parts and practised using a mouse for navigating around. Thank you to parents who joined us walking to the church yesterday. Hope you enjoyed our song and the autumn printing pictures.

Year 2 and 3 have been practicing hard for their Harvest Festival performances. Thank you to all who came to support us. In history we have been looking at the changes to farming during the Stone Age and comparing it to now. In PE the children have all become proficient skippers and have enjoyed working on their skipping fitness.

Year 4 have started their new unit of work in maths on adding and subtracting numbers up to 4 digits. In RE, they have continued to learn about the festival of Shavuot and what happens during the festival and why. In swimming, they have used their pyjamas to learn how to save people using a noodle, pole and rescue tube. In music, Year 4 continue their work on Chinese music and will start to compose a piece of music using the pentatonic scale.

Year 5 have been enjoying writing their own version of the poem 'Blue extinction' in groups using different colours as inspiration. In maths they have been working on developing their knowledge of addition and subtraction. Finally, in science they learnt about the lunar cycle and its different phases.

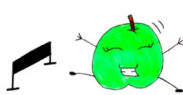
Year 6 have tested their growth mindset this week through learning long division but have done a fantastic job in learning a tricky method. In English, we have planned an innovated narrative based on The Midnight Guardians and have started to write the opening. In French, we have nearly completed revising our prior KS2 topics in preparation for moving onto how to tell the time. The children have loved designing their own games on Scratch and some even challenged themselves to link it to The Midnight Guardians.

House Points

**Outstanding
Oranges**
313



**Amazing
Apples**
338



**Super
Strawberries**
168



**Brilliant
Bananas**
276



Congratulations to Amazing Apples for collecting the most house points this week

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 8th October to Tuesday 15th October — Book Fair
- 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 — Wear it Pink Day— **NEW**
- FS-Year 3 Halloween Disco—6.30-7.30pm
- Year 4-6 Halloween Disco—7.45-8.45pm
- Monday 21st—Friday 25th Oct — Year 6 Residential/Activity Week
- Wednesday 23rd October — Open Morning for Prospective Parents (booking required)
- Monday 28th Oct—Friday 1st Nov** — **Half Term**
- 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)
- Wednesday 27th November — Year 1 Scooter Training **NEW— More info to follow**
- 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
- Friday 20th December** — **End of Term**