

# Beechwood Bulletin

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### **NOTICEBOARD**

#### **ATTENDANCE AWARD:**

The class with the best attendance across the whole school for the week before half term was Badgers with 99.2% attendance. Well done Badgers!



#### **LOWER SCHOOL BOOKWORMS:**

Well done to Robins who had the most bookworms the week before half term and have won the trophy! Keep up the super reading. Who will win next week?



#### **EQUIPMENT:**

As the weather turns colder and wetter 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.



#### **CHILDREN IN NEED:**

Next Friday 15th November is Children in Need. Children are invited to come into school wearing Children in Need accessories with their school uniform.

#### **THANK YOU:**

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.

## **Anti Bullying Week**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. Next Week, 11th-15th November is Anti Bullying week and this years theme is 'Choose Respect', which is also one of our school values. Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Therefore we are inviting all children, staff and parents to come to school wearing odd socks (with their regular school uniform) on this day. These can be socks of any kind as long as they are odd. Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks. Next week we will be holding a special Anti Bullying Week assembly where we will be reinforcing the importance of choosing respect over bullying. All you need to do is wear odd socks on Tuesday!

I also wanted to let you know that Miss Mills will be leaving Beechwood at Christmas as she has been appointed as Deputy Head Teacher at Parsons Down Partnership in Thatcham. We are absolutely delighted for Miss Mills who takes the next step in her career but know how much she will be missed at Beechwood. I am sure you will join me in thanking Miss Mills for everything she has done for the children and school during her time with us and wish her all the very best in the future.

As a result we are in the process of recruiting for a new lower school phase leader, and I will be let you know as soon as we have secured someone into this position.

Kind regards,

Miss S E Hunter,  
Headteacher



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| ★ <b><u>Star Pupils -w/c 21/10/24</u></b> | Woodpeckers— Saifan |
| ★ Butterflies— Emel                       | Owls— Alex          |
| ★ Robins — Haniya                         |                     |
| ★ Hedgehogs— 2 star pupils next week      | Kites— Hussein      |
| ★ Badgers— Mykola                         | Falcons— Shafi      |
| ★ Foxes — 2 star pupils next week         |                     |
- 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 the last week of term was 94% which unfortunately is well below our target.

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

Foundation Stage have been learning all about fireworks, we have been looking at firework stories and songs. We have also been creating firework pictures using paint as well as painting on an iPad. In maths this week, we have been learning about finding 1 more using 'The Gingerbread Man' and 1 less using '5 Little Speckled Frogs'.

Year 1 enjoyed their local walk on Monday where they identified different human and physical geographical features. In English we have started our two week unit on 'Where the poppies now grow.' This book, as well as our history learning for this half term, are focused on Remembrance Day and its significance. In science we have looked at different animal groups based on their diet. The children learnt that by looking at animals' teeth we can say whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.

Year 2 and 3 have had an exciting start to the term. We have been learning to move and dance like machines in indoor PE and have made volcanoes in the playground using vinegar and baking soda as a hook to our new geography unit. We are very excited for our school trip to Butser Farm next week!

Year 4 have started their new guided reading book called Sky Hawk. We have been looking at area in maths and have measured different items using post it notes. Did you know a piece of A4 paper is 12 post it notes? In English, we are immersing ourselves in Wonka World and have tasted different flavours which has aided us to build great vocabulary to use in our writing.

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to their swimming lessons this week, showing up with enthusiasm, excitement and great listening! In maths, we have started a new unit on fractions while in English we have begun a unit on persuasive writing.

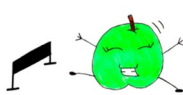
Year 6 have enjoyed a busy start to the half term. In English we are exploring biographies, in particular the life of the notable author Malorie Blackman. In maths we have started our unit on fractions and have practiced comparing and ordering fractions with different denominators. We have enjoyed our first football session in PE and have started to investigate how networked computers communicate and send data.

### House Points

Outstanding Oranges



Amazing Apples



Super Strawberries



Brilliant Bananas



**House points will resume next week**

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th November	— Remembrance Service @ Woodford Park <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Tuesday 12th November	— Year 2/3 Trip
Wednesday 13th November	— Year 5 Fire Safety Visit <b><u>NEW</u></b>
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
Tuesday 3rd December	— Year 6 Height & Weight Measuring <b><u>NEW</u></b>
Tuesday 10th December	— Open Morning for prospective parents (booking required)
Wednesday 11th December	— Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day <b><u>NEW</u></b> —More details to follow
Thursday 12th December	— Year 5 Trip
Friday 13th December	— FS Nativity Performance <b><u>NEW</u></b> —More details to follow
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
Wednesday 18th December	— Year 2/3 Nativity Performance 2-3pm <b><u>NEW</u></b> —More details to follow
Thursday 19th December	— Year 2/3 Nativity Performance 6-7pm <b><u>NEW</u></b> —More details to follow
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	— <b>End of Term</b>