



Beechwood Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Well done Zaylie!

Zaylie L from Year 6 donated five bin liners full of toys to 'THAT Food Bank' over the Christmas period to be given to families who are struggling to provide the essentials such as food and fuel and have to face telling their children that they can't afford the presents their friends will be receiving this Christmas.

It was lovely to start the year with such positive news, knowing that Zaylie's donations have gone a long way to help put the smiles back on the faces of these youngsters this year.

At Beechwood, we try to create a school ethos with relationships and community at its heart. As part of this, we actively encourage all children to get involved in fundraising activities for both local and international charities. Our School Champions have increasingly stepped up to take the lead in organizing events and coming up with fundraising ideas. For this year's Children In Need day the classes created their own ideas for fundraising such as the 'Welly Throwing' and the kitchen sold 'custard teddy biscuits' which created a buzz and excitement that lasted throughout the day.

We are also grateful that our parents are also generous with their time and money, supporting every open day event in school and the Save the Children donations for the Christmas period raised a very respectable £215.00. Thank you from Mrs Evans.



UPDATE CONTACTS AND PHONE NUMBERS

Please can you ensure that we have up to date telephone numbers and names of contacts for your child in an emergency. We have had numerous occasions where we have been unable to contact anyone. Please ensure that we have second contact details also. Thank you for your support.



COATS AND JUMPERS

Please ensure your child has a coat or jumper in school for break and lunchtime. Thank you.



FROSTY MORNINGS

Please take extra care around the school site on frosty mornings. Thank you.



PARENT MEETINGS

Letters have been sent out this week inviting you to attend Parent Meetings for your child. Please return the slip as soon as possible to book a slot on either **Tuesday 15th or Thursday 17th January (Wed 16th for Curie Class)**.

Slips will be returned providing your allocated time. Please be prompt when arising for your meeting. Thank you.



CLUB LETTERS

Please look out for the Club letter which will be sent out with your child next week. Please return your slips as soon as possible. Thank you.



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLER

The Local Authority have appointed Daniel Callinan as the new School Crossing Patroller for Clifford Road. Daniel will be in attendance from **Monday 14th January 2019**.

Keeping our children safe!



ALAN LOMAX FOOTBALL CLUB

Alan Lomax football club letters have been sent out this week. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis, so please return your forms as soon as possible. Payment for this club will need to be paid in full and returned with your consent forms. KS1 classes will start on Wednesday 16th January and KS2 classes will start on Thursday 17th January and will run for 9 weeks. Thank you.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - IMPORTANT

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places need to be completed by **Monday 15th January 2019**. Please see more information on Primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2018/2019

Fri 8th Feb to	Fri 15th Feb - Nethercott Farm Yr 4/5
Mon 18th Feb to	Fri 22nd Feb HALF TERM
Mon 25th Feb	School re-opens at 8.45am
Mon 25th & 26th	Feb - London Trip - Yr 6
6th & 7th Mar	Book Fayre
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Mon 11th Mar	Bikeability - Year 5
Mon 18th Mar	Balancability - Rec
Wed 27th Mar	Class Photographs
Thurs 4th April	School closes for Easter
Fri 5th Apr	Non-pupil Day
Wed 24th Apr	School re-opens at 8.45am
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday
Sun 19th May	Schools Half Marathon Challenge
Mon 27th May to	Friday 31st May HALF TERM
Tues 23rd July	School closes for Summer Holidays
Wed 24th July	Non-pupil Day
Thurs 5th Sept	School re-opens at 8.45am
Mon 21st Oct to	Fri 25th Oct HALF TERM
Thurs 28th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 29th Nov	Non Pupil Day

BEECHWOOD BUDDIES RED DISCO



Wednesday 13th February
4.15pm to 5.30pm
More details to follow

Please Note:
All Beechwood Buddies events will now be paid through Parent Pay

LATENESS

We would like to emphasise the importance of arriving at school on time. **The doors open at 8.45am daily to allow children to be in class and settled ready for lessons which begin at 8.55am. Any child who is late will miss key elements which can have a negative impact on their learning.** Thank you.



LONDON TRIP - YEAR 6

Monday 25th to Tuesday 26th February
Polite reminder that the remaining balance for this trip needs to be paid in full by **Thursday 31st January 2019**. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss any payment issues. Thank you.



NETHERCOTT FARM RESIDENTIAL - YR 4 & 5 Friday 8th to Friday 15th February 2019

Letters were sent home this week providing more information for this trip. Please return all consent and medical forms as soon as possible. Could you please ensure the balance for this trip is paid by **Friday 25th January**. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss any payment issues. Thank you.



We did not have any suggestions in the ideas and suggestions box this week.



ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **17th December 2018**.

Sun	94.8%
Moon	95%
Hubble	89.7%
Newton	88%
Brunel	88.6%
Curie	85.7%
Jenner	97.9%
Anning	98.5%
Sharman	93.1%
Tesla	96.4%
Hawking	96%
Franklin	95.3%
Da Vinci	95.2%
Dalton	95.2%

WINNERS

Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

Coffee Morning for Support Group Parents Talk from PIAS

Thursday 17th January
9.00 - 10.00am

Parenting Through the Primary Years Course

Thursday 24th January until 14th March
1.30 to 3.00pm

For more information please contact
Jenny Oliver on 07729 435376



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS CRITERIA

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance, Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit or Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



Are you entitled?

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported Christmas Jumper Day. The school managed to raise a massive £215 towards Save the Children. Thank you.



Have a Great Weekend!
Lisa Evans - Head of School

