



Beechwood Newsletter

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IT'S BEEN A WEEK OF SCIENCE AND SPECTRES THIS WEEK AT BEECHWOOD!

Thank you Beechwood Buddies for the very successful Spooky Disco, we had record numbers of children dressed in very scary costumes! The Buddies are saving up for our next special event for the children.



We were very lucky to have secured a visit from the children's author and environmental scientist **Ellie Jackson** this week. Ellie read her story about Duffy the turtle to the children and she was very impressed with how much Beechwood does to care for the environment. You can see her books at www.wildtribeheroes.com

We will be sharing more news about our STEM week after half term.

EDISON CENTRE

The children from the Edison Centre have been having some Parkour lessons from Plymouth Parkour.

Their website: <https://plymouthparkour.uk/> shows sessions available for children from 5 years old.



Beboffins@gmail.com

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The children in the Edison Centre had a visit from Be Boffins last week.

They enjoyed taking part in some amazing science activities.



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS CRITERIA



Every child from Reception to Year Two is entitled to a Universal Free School Meal.

However



Please help our school claim this funding, which will provide extra resources, books, contribution towards school trips, etc.

Please ask at reception for a blue Free School Meals form.



Some children are in receipt of either:-

- Universal Credit
- 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.



Did you know ... Our School can receive additional payment for these children, if you complete a Free School Meal Application form.



**DEVON &
SOMERSET**
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Free Home Safety Visits

Dear Parents and Carers,

You are eligible for a FREE Home Safety Visit and it's easy to arrange.

What is a 'Home Safety Visit?'

- It's a FREE visit from a trained technician who will advise on any fire or safety risks in the home.
- FREE equipment may be provided. This can include: smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, extension leads, fire retardant bedding, smoke alarm testers and more.
- It's a FREE advice service: Our technicians are trained to look for risks that you may not have thought of.
- It's available to any household with children.
- We will discuss electrical safety including the safe charging of phones and tablets.
- We will identify and advise on fire safety risks such as overloaded sockets to help prevent the chance of a fire starting in your home.
- We will discuss an escape plan for you and your family.

We want to help to keep your family safe from fire.

Contact us by phone or
email:

Quote code 401

Make the call!
0800 05 02 999
firekills@dsfire.gov.uk



DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2019/2020

Mon 21st Oct to	Fri 25th Oct - HALF TERM
Tues 29th Oct	Story Telling Session - Rec - 1.45pm
Mon 4th Nov	Individual Photographs
Fri 8th Nov	Carroll Class Assembly (Yr3) - 9am
Mon 11th Nov	Grandparent's Lunch - Rec/KS1
Tues 12th Nov	Grandparent's Lunch KS2
Fri 15th Nov	Children In Need Mufti -TBC
Fri 15th Nov	Venn Class Assembly (Yr5) - 9am
Tues 19th Nov	Flu Vaccination Visit
Fri 22nd Nov	Pythagoras Class Assembly - 9am
Wed 27th Nov	Mufti
Thurs 28th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 29th Nov	Non Pupil Day
Fri 6th Dec	Plato Class Assembly (Yr1) - 9am
Fri 6th Dec	Nethercott Farm (Year 4)
Tues 10th Dec	Dental Visit - Rec/Yr 1
Mon 16th Dec	Decorations Afternoon - TBA
Wed 18th Dec	Children's Christmas Lunch
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Sing-a-long Assembly
Fri 20th Dec	School closes for Christmas Hols
Mon 23rd Dec to	Fri 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Thurs 13th Feb	London Trip - Yr 6
Mon 17th Feb to	Fri 21st Feb - HALF TERM
Mon 30th Mar to	Mon 13th April - EASTER BREAK
Mon 4th May	Non Pupil Day
Fri 8th May	VE Day Bank Holiday
Mon 25th May to	Fri 29th May - HALF TERM
Thurs 23rd July	Summer Holidays Begin

ATTENDANCE

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the attendance for week beginning **7th October 2018**.

Archimedes	94.4%
Plato	96.7%
Nash	96.7%
Pascal	99.0%
Aristotle	93.6%
Lovelace	97.4%
Johnson	88.8%
Carroll	94.3%
Boole	97.8%
Pythagoras	94.4%
Venn	90.7%
Kelvin	94.1%
Turing	98.7%
Tao	96.0%

Well done!
WINNERS The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION



Nethercott Farm - Yr 4 & Yr 5

Polite reminder - The final payment for this trip is due on **Friday 22nd November 2019**. Thank you.

Please speak to the office if you would like to discuss payment or require a barcode letter.

STORY TELLING SESSIONS - RECEPTION

For the past two Tuesday afternoons, reception have had Ginny Jones come into class for a storytelling session. We invited parents and carers in to share the experience. The children (and adults) have engaged in the sessions and enjoyed learning new stories.

We have two weeks left after half term where we are looking forward to some more fun sessions.



BEECHWOOD BUDDIES DIARY DATES

Magic Show

Thursday 21st November
4.00 to 5.00 pm

Santa Disco

Monday 16th December
4.15 to 5.30 pm



MENUS

Your child would have recently been sent home with the new Winter Dinner Menu. These menus will start on **Monday 28th October 2018**.



SECONDARY ADMISSION DEADLINE YR6

Please apply by **31st October 2019**.



GRANDPARENT'S LUNCH

Thank you for returning your slips and making payment for the Grandparent's lunch. **No more payments can be taken after today for this event.**



Please remember that children's lunches need to be paid in the normal way on their Parent Pay lunch account unless your child is in receipt of Universal/Free School Meals. Thank you.

Rec/Y1-3 Monday 11th November at 12.00pm
Yr 4-6 - Tuesday 12th November at 12.00pm

FLU VACCINATIONS - ELECTRONIC CONSENT LINK

Please follow the link and complete the consent form if you wish your child to receive their flu vaccination in school on Tuesday 19th November. **Deadline : 27th October 2019.**

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/devon>



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



Have a great Half Term
Mrs Evans - Head of School