



Beechwood Newsletter

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6th December 2019

DIARY DATES

(These dates may be subject to change)



2019/2020

Tues 10th Dec	Dental Visit - Rec/Yr 1
Thurs 12th Dec	St Andrews Church - Carol Concert
Mon 16th Dec	Decorations Afternoon - 1.35 - 3.00
Mon 16th Dec	Buddies - Santa Disco - 4.15pm
Tues 17th Dec	EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Wed 18th Dec	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wed 18th Dec	EYFS Nativity Show - 2.15pm
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 20th Dec	Christmas Sing-a-long 1.45 - 2.30
Fri 20th Dec	School closes for Christmas Hols
Mon 23rd Dec to	Fri 3rd Jan - CHRISTMAS BREAK
Thurs 9th Jan	Character Day - Rec
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

ECO TEAM MEETING



At the ECO Team meeting yesterday, the children discussed where we can reduce the impact on the World at Christmas.

They considered areas which are single use - Christmas Cards were at the top of the list. With this in mind, the ECO Team would like to ask children not to send Christmas cards into class. Instead they will create a whole class way of wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. Thank you for your support,.

The ECO Team

DECORATIONS AFTERNOON



We would like to invite parents into school on **Monday 16th December from 1.35 to 3.00pm** for Decorations afternoon.

Unfortunately we can not cater for babies or pre-school children at this event.

Children can come to school in old mufti clothes. Please queue by the black gates outside the dining hall.

Thank you.

BEECHWOOD BUDDIES DIARY DATES



Disco with Santa

Monday 16th December
4.15 to 5.30 pm

Foundation, KS1 and KS2
£3.50

All payments for this event must be paid via Parent Pay. Please ask the office if you require a barcode letter to make payment.

Last day to buy tickets : Tuesday 10th December

'SHINE, STAR SHINE' PERFORMANCE

Letters have gone out this week inviting Nursery and Reception parents to their performance of 'Shine, Star, Shine' on **Wednesday 18th December at 2.15pm.**

Please return your slips as soon as possible to reserve your seats. Only two tickets will be allocated per family due to seating restrictions.

Younger children will not be able to attend the Wednesday performance, but are welcome to come along to the dress rehearsal on **Tuesday 17th December at 2pm.**

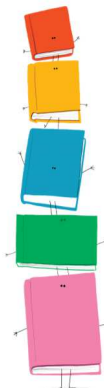


Thank you.

BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS TOKENS

Beechwood are collecting 'Books for Schools' tokens. These can be found in The Sun and The Sun on Sunday newspapers from Saturday 23rd November until Saturday 18th January.

If we collect 3500 tokens, we will receive £600.00 worth of books for free! If you already get The Sun, or if you know anybody who does, please could you bring your tokens into school and give them to your teacher. Thank you.



POLLING DAY - School open as normal.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to the families who supported the Book Fair in school last week. We managed to gain £590.00 worth of books towards our school library.



CAR PARK WORKS

Can we please ask you to be considerate when using the car park and only park in designated spaces.

We have had a number of complaints with reference to cars parking on the zebra crossing and also parking on the double yellow lines. These measurements have been put into place in the car park to ensure the safety of the children and pedestrians accessing the school and doctors surgery.



Keeping our children safe!

GATE CLOSURE

As from Monday 6th January 2020 the access gate leading off the Tresco Gardens Housing estate will be no longer in use.

Thank you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - Upcycle last year's jumper - don't buy new!

On Friday 20th December pupils at Beechwood will be able to put on their warmest, wackiest and most wonderful festive woollies for Christmas Jumper Day.

Children will be joining millions of people in schools, offices and homes up and down the country as they don their daftest festive knits for the day and donate £1, or whatever they can give. We would particularly like to see upcycled jumpers rather than buying new ones. All monies raised will be donated to 'Save the Children'.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT SOUTHWAY



CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 7th December
12pm to 2pm

Stalls, Bouncy Castle,
Food and Refreshments
Christmas Raffle
Oakwood Children's Choir

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Reception and Year 6 children will have this week received a letter regarding The National Child Measurement Programme.



Please ensure all opt-out slips are returned to school if you DO NOT wish your child to take part in this programme.

Thank you.



For upcoming events for the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership or to read some of our blogs, please visit www.yourschoolgames.com and search for our school.
<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/> <http://www.plymouthssp.co.uk/>



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 **25th November 2019**.

Archimedes	87.0%
Plato	97.5%
Nash	96.7%
Pascal	97.1%
Aristotle	94.3%
Lovelace	96.3%
Johnson	92.3%
Carroll	95.2%
Boole	95.2%
Pythagoras	95.1%
Venn	94.7%
Kelvin	93.0%
Turing	97.2%
Tao	86.7%

WINNERS Well done!

The winners will receive the Attendance Cup



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places need to be completed by **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. Please see more information on primary.admissions@plymouth.gov.uk Thank you



BUDDIES MUFTI

Thanks from Beechwood Buddies for monies raised at the mufti day last week. £290.00 was raised. Thank you.



PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

As we approach our busy Christmas time and parents are attending various events/activities, could we please remind you that any photos and videos taken of the children ARE NOT to be uploaded to social media sites. These are for your own personal use. Please abide by our photography policy to avoid the school banning any future photos/videos being taken. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



RESIDENTIAL INFORMATION

London Trip - Year 6 Polite reminder - The final payment for this trip is due on **Friday 17th January**. Thank you.



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

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Parents are welcome to come along to our Christmas sing-a-long on **Friday 20th December** from **1.45 to 2.30pm**. You may collect your children straight after this event from their POD doors. Thank you.



Have a great Weekend
Mrs Evans - Head of School