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## Friday 20th December 2024

Hello everyone, hope you have had a good week and you are beginning to feel festive!

As many of you will have seen from recent Facebook posts and opportunities to come into school it's been a busy time at Beechwood over the past couple of weeks.

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term, and wish you all a very happy, safe and relaxing Christmas time. Take care and we look forward to seeing you all back at Beechwood on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Our local police force pop in for a visit**

Earlier this week PC Paul Sloane and his colleague popped into Beechwood to talk to our year 6 pupils about social networking and platform usage, including age restrictions that are put in place to protect children, such as themselves. It is always great to welcome people who work in our community into school so they can talk to our pupils about how keep to themselves safe and how they can be responsible citizens in our community.

### **Trust Carol Service**

It was our pleasure to hold our annual Trust carol service at Beechwood Primary on Monday of this week. Pupils and staff from all three Trust schools, Weston Mill, Oakwood and Beechwood all came together to sing Christmas carols and songs, read poems and perform for their parents, members of the Trust Central Team and governors.

The children were amazing, working collaborate to produce a wonderful performance full of fun and festive cheer. Well done everyone, and HUGE thanks to Miss Pumphrey, Mrs Wiepricht and Weston Mill staff for putting so much time and effort into what was a great Trust school collaboration.

### **Community Church visit**

On Tuesday of this week, all pupils from year 1 to Year 6 were welcomed to the Church of the Holy Spirit by Revered Gerda. She talked through the Christmas Story with the pupils and the children had the opportunity to sing some Christmas carols in Church. The children behaved impeccably and were a credit to us all, well done everyone.



## **Diary Dates to Remember**

**23rd Dec to 3rd January**  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**Thurs 16th January - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 4/5 - Dun Class Assembly**

**Thurs 30th January - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 3 - Lloyd-Webber Assembly**

**17th Feb to 21st Feb**  
**HALF TERM**

**24th Feb - 14th March**  
**Yr 5 Swimming Lessons**

**Thurs 27th Feb - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 1/2 - Price Class Assembly**

**Thurs 20th March - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 4/5 - Holst Class Assembly**

**Tuesday 1st April**  
**PTFA - KS1/KS2 Easter Disco**

**7th April to 21st April**  
**EASTER BREAK**

**Monday 5th May**  
**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

**Thurs 8th May - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly**

**Sun 11th May**  
**Half Marathon Challenge**

**26th May to 30th May**  
**HALF TERM**

**Thurs 12th June - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 1/2 - Zimmer Assembly**

**Monday 30th June**  
**NON PUPIL DAY**

## Terrific Tree!

I need to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our mystery donor who has funded the amazing inflatable Christmas tree that now proudly stands in our school hall. It certainly provided an exciting talking point during our Christmas lunch on Thursday of this week! Thanks again to our mystery donor: your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated by us all.



## Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day!

On Thursday of this week the whole school enjoyed Christmas dinner, expertly cooked by Claire, our school cook and our cracking kitchen team.



The children (and adults) had a great time, and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves. There were some pretty spectacular jumpers on show, Christmas is well and truly on it's way and making it's presence felt here at Beechwood!

## Choir in the Community

On Thursday this week (before Christmas dinner), Miss Pumphrey and our wonderful choir delighted the visitors at the Southway Community Centre with the super singing. They sung Christmas carols, new and old, which were greatly appreciated by all members of the public that attended. Thank to you all members of our of cracking choir and Miss Pumphrey for attending and organising.



## EYFS Nativity

EYFS performed their nativity yesterday to friends and family! We are so proud of them all, they have worked incredibly hard and put on such a wonderful performance. Thank you to all of you who took the time to come and watch our nativity, we hope you had a wonderful time, and we loved seeing you all. Thank you for all of your support with costumes, learning lines and listening to your children practise at home.



## Santa Visit

This week the children were excited to welcome a special visitor into school. Santa visited every class spreading joy and festive cheer. The children even got a little treat. Ho Ho Ho!



*Please see more more photographs on our Facebook page.*

## After School Clubs - Spring Term 1

Please follow the link on our Facebook page to book your child onto an After School Club for next term.

Last day to book a place will be **Friday 10th January 2025**







**Wellbeing Through Crafting**  
**FREE PARENTING COURSE**  
**Sewing and Cross Stitch**  
**Wednesday 8th January 2025**  
 until  
**Wednesday 12th February 2025**  
**12.30pm until 3.30pm**

This beginner-friendly course is designed to guide you through the fundamentals of machine sewing and cross stitch skills, from selecting fabrics and tools to mastering basic stitches and techniques.

You will enhance your sewing machine skills using a basic paper pattern to produce a simple item and then decorate with cross stitching patterns. You will achieve confidence and basic skills in machine sewing and a sense of creative empowerment.

Please contact Sam Roscoe in the school office to book a place on this course -

01752 706360 or [beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk)



## FREE Parenting Course



# NEW COURSE: 'NURTURING A CHILD'S LEARNING'

**Start date: Tuesday 21st January**  
**Location: Beechwood Primary Academy**  
**Duration: x3 weeks**  
**Time: 12-3pm**

**Areas of learning include:**

- Understanding a child's unique learning style
- Effective communication and positive reinforcement
- Exploring the National Curriculum and how you can embed learning in the home.



**Scan the QR code to enrol!**



Contact us:  
 01752 660713  
[info@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk](mailto:info@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk)

**Limited spaces -  
Please contact the school office.**

## Christmas Jumper Day



Thank you for all your kind donations - **£91.69** was donated to Save the Children

## School Crossing Patroller

We would like to make you aware that unfortunately there will be no School Crossing Patrol service between :-

**Monday 6th January and  
Friday 21st February 2025**

Sorry for any inconvenience this will cause.

Please speak to your children about crossing the road safely during this time.



## Primary School Admissions

Is your child due to start school in September 2025?

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open.

Applications need to be made by **Wednesday 15th January 2025**.

Please see the link below:-

[School admissions | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk)



TERM DATES 2024/25



Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>200</b>
School holidays	52
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-24	25-Oct-24	39
2	04-Nov-24	20-Dec-24	35
3	06-Jan-25	14-Feb-25	30
4	24-Feb-25	04-Apr-25	30
5	22-Apr-25	23-May-25	23
6	02-Jun-25	23-Jul-25	38
<b>Total</b>			<b>195</b>

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

	OCTOBER				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	NOVEMBER				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

	DECEMBER				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	JANUARY				
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

	FEBRUARY				
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	MARCH				
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	APRIL				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		

	MAY				
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

	JUNE				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	JULY				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	AUGUST				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

Spring Term 1

Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
<b>Monday Fundamentals</b> 	<b>Monday Fundamentals</b> (basic skills) 	<b>Wednesday Martial Arts</b> 	<b>Wednesday Gymnastics</b> (Bernstein and Holst) <b>Martial Arts (Dun)</b> 	<b>Tuesday Tag rugby</b> 
	<b>Tuesday Dance</b> 	<b>Thursday Tag rugby</b> 	<b>Thursday- Bernstein and Holst Tuesday- Dun Class Tag rugby</b> 	<b>Thursday Gymnastics</b> 

Assembly Dates

- Thursday 16th January - 2.45pm
- Thursday 30th January - 2.45pm
- Thursday 27th February - 2.45pm
- Thursday 20th March - 2.45pm
- Thursday 8th May - 2.45pm
- Thursday 12th June - 2.45pm
- Thursday 3rd July - 2.45pm

- Year 4/5 - Dun Class Assembly
- Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Assembly
- Year 1/2 - Price Class Assembly
- Year 4/5 - Holst Class Assembly
- Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly
- Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class Assembly
- Year R - Mozart Class Assembly



## Email Addresses to Remember

**Year 6 - Elgar Class** - k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class** - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class** – c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Dun Class** – k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4/5 - Holst Class** – j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class** – i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk or k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Price Class** – c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class** – c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk or a.carroll@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class** – k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Rec - Mozart Class** – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Nursery - Brahms Class** – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk

## Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with you current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

## Parent Pay

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

## Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Beechwood Primary Academy.  
Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.



### BEECHWOOD FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM



 <b>Miss Sam Roscoe</b>	 <b>Mr C Randall</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Natasha Jackson</b> INCO	 <b>Mr P Arnold</b> Senior Head of School	 <b>Mrs S Rama-Dominguez</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Teresa Pinhey</b>
First Contact to signpost parents	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	SEND Support	Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Community Support
Foodbank	Safeguarding	SEND and behaviour-support for parents	Family Support	Safeguarding	School Life
Courses for Parents / Carers	Behaviour	School Nurse Referrals		Education and Curriculum	Parents Question & Answer
PTFA Contact	Family Crisis	DLA Applications		Family Support	Local Issues
	Service Families	GP letters			Coffee Mornings

You can contact us by emailing [beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk) and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.