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Friday 3rd November

Welcome back everyone, we all hope you had a lovely half term break.

It's certainly been a wet and windy start to this half term; however this has not dampened the learning of our wonderful pupils and the enthusiasm of the staff team!

I've been inundated with children popping into the office to show me their learning this week, and I've seen Year 3 children adding 3-digit numbers in their maths sessions, to year 6 pupils producing terrific Tudor timelines and finding out all there is to know about the War of the Roses.

I've seen pupils throughout Key stage 1 enjoying their RWInc sessions and making some excellent progress, well done everyone!

PTFA – thank you and well done.

As many of you will know we hosted our first after school party/disco of the school year on Monday of this week. It was a great success. A HUGE thank you to the PTFA who organised the event, decorated the hall and provided food and drink for the children.

Movie night!

On Thursday 30th November the PTFA are going to hold a movie night. This will happen straight from school at 3:15 until 5:15pm. We will send out more details nearer the time, but please make a note of the date.

Parent forum

As you may have been aware we held a Parent forum meeting in September of last half term where parents were invited to meet the leadership team to discuss school related issues. This proved to be a very positive meeting.

Our next parent forum will be on **Tuesday 21st November**. There will be a session at 2:30pm and another at 4:30pm.

It will be wonderful to see as many parents and carers as possible. I will circulate the key discussion points to you all via email after the meetings have taken place.

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you all back at Beechwood on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood staff team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Thurs 9th November - 1.30pm
Rec Classes Story Time

Thurs 16th November - 1.30pm
Rec Classes Story Time

Fri 17th November
Children in need mufti day

Monday 20th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations Rec-Y6

Thurs 23rd November - 1.30pm
Rec Classes Story Time

Friday 17th November
Children in Need Mufti –for a donation

Friday 24th November
Non Pupil Day

Thurs 30th November
Movie night-details to follow

Wed 20th Dec - Tues 2nd Jan
Christmas Holiday Break

Mon 12th - Mon 19th February
(Inc)
Half Term

Fri 29th March – Fri 12th April
Easter Holidays

MONDAY 6TH MAY-
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May
HALF TERM

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Can we just remind you, as 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 your current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

PARENTPAY

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.



Today in assembly, Mrs Rust introduced the 500 Word BBC Competition to children in years 3 to 6. Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

The brilliant 500 Word judges are back; award-winning and best-selling authors **Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson**, and former children's laureate, **Malorie Blackman**. We are delighted to say that this year there will be a new addition to the panel, TV legend, children's author and World Book Day ambassador, **Sir Lenny Henry**.

The judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories. The winners will be invited to Buckingham Palace and receive prizes.

The children will need to write their story at home and once finished will need to type them up (this can be done at school if required). All entries will then be sent off.

All stories need to be with Mrs Rust, by **Friday 10th November**. If they need time to type their story this will be arranged in school on Friday 10th.

For resources and inspiration please visit the following website

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words-recruitment-judges/z8fsb7h

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Reception - Year 6 Children

Information was emailed out to parents/carers inviting them to consent to their child's nasal flu vaccination which will be carried out in school on Monday 20th November for all children from Reception through to Year 6. The letter contains a school code which you will require to complete this form.

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Please submit your consent by Friday 17th November at the very latest to ensure your child receives the vaccination.

More information about this vaccination can be found on the link below:-

<http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu>



POPPY APPEAL



Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed since the end of the First World War in 1919 to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.

The day is also marked by war remembrances in several other non-Commonwealth countries. In most countries, Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the end of First World War hostilities.

Our year 6 children will visit all classes with poppies for your child to purchase. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy, please could you supply your child with a minimum donation of 50p.

We would like to thank you for your kind donations.

With your help we hope to raise some money for this amazing cause.

Autumn Term Assembly Dates

<u>Friday 10th November</u>	<u>Year 5 - Nicola Adams Class Assembly</u>
<u>Friday 17th November</u>	<u>Year 4 - Ben Ainslie Class Assembly</u>
<u>Friday 1st December</u>	<u>Year 4 - Ellie Simmonds Class Assembly</u>
<u>Friday 15th December</u>	<u>EYFS - Nativity</u>



CHILDREN IN NEED— FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

On Friday 17th November we will be having a Mufti day to raise money for children in need.

Children may wear spotty mufti or children in need mufti (ie. Pudsey t shirt) for a donation of coins to place on Pudsey Bear in our school



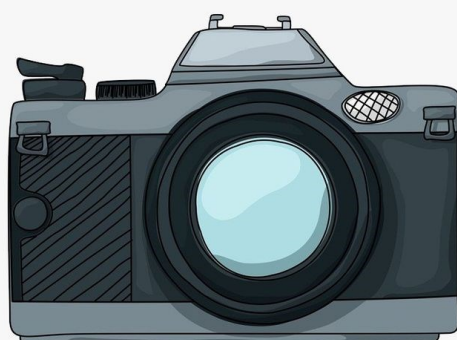
Email Addresses to Remember

Year 6 - Mo Farah - k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 6 - Sky Brown - k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 5 - Nicola Adams - c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 5 - Dina Asha-Smith - a.durber@discoverymat.co.uk or k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4 - Ben Ainslie - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4 - Ellie Simmonds - j.tumilty@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 3 - Max Whitlock - c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 3 - Charlotte Dujardin - i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk or l.field@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 2 - Cody Everson - c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 2 - Kelly Holmes - s.reed@discoverymat.co.uk or a.carroll@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 1 - Laura Muir - s.pindard@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 1 - Usain Bolt - m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk
Rec - Jill Scott - k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk
Rec - Tom Daley - h.waite@discoverymat.co.uk or k.harvey@discoverymat.co.uk

PHOTO ORDERS UPDATE

You should have now received your proof photograph.

The last day to bring orders into school will now be Thursday 9th November. Thank you



EDI QUALITY MARK

Discovery MAT is keen to further our practice regarding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). As part of this we are currently working towards an EDI Quality Mark and would appreciate some parental engagement. If you would like to be part of this process please email our Trust Inclusion Lead L.cooper-smith@discoverymat.co.uk.

Thanks

Lindsay Cooper Smith
Trust Inclusion and Safeguarding Lead

FOOTBALL CLUB—IMPORTANT INFORMATION

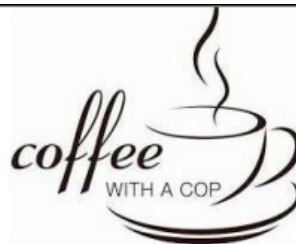
Dear Parents/Carers, We regret to inform you that Football Club on a Wednesday afternoon is cancelled until further notice due to coach unavailability. We are working to find an alternative coach and will communicate any updates. We do still have spaces in Netball and Running clubs on a Monday from 3:15-4:00pm. Please enquire at the office if you would like your child to attend.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely, Miss Matthews



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Come and meet the Local Whitleigh Police Team on

**MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023 16:00–17:30
HOURS @SOUTHWAY LIBRARY**

This gives you the opportunity to tell us about concerns that matter to you in your neighbourhood. We work in partnership with Plymouth City Council, Local Ward Councillors, and Plymouth Community Homes.

SOUTHWAY Neighbourhood Policing Team are keen to gather any information and want to take action to tackle your concerns. e.g., Anti-social behaviour, Drugs, Parking, Young People,

If you are unable to attend, please contact your Neighbourhood Policing Team via email, plymouthnorth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk, OR the website: neighbourhoodpolicing.devon-cornwall.police.uk

