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## Friday 22nd November 2024

Hello everyone, hope you have had a great week.

### Safety Week

As part of safety week, Ruth, our wonderful patrol crossing officer, made a guest appearance in our assembly on Monday. We spoke about how important Ruth is in keeping us safe on our way to school and that she is a vital part of our school family. The children asked Ruth some excellent questions about her role and it was lovely to see and feel how well liked Ruth was by our Beechwood pupils. Thanks for popping in Ruth, you are welcome anytime!

In addition, a few of our mini police officers also spoke about how to keep safe in our community and how we can all become responsible Southway citizens, well done guys!



Have a great weekend everyone, and look out for our Beechwood Promotional video in your emails and on our face book page, please feel free to share!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

## Diary Dates to Remember

**Thurs 28th November - 2.45pm**  
**Yr 6 - Elgar Class Assembly**

**Monday 2nd December**  
**NON PUPIL DAY**

**Friday 6th December**  
**Mufti for Blue/White Donation**

**Tuesday 11th December**  
**PTFA Christmas Fayre**

**Monday 16th December**  
**Trust Christmas Concert**

**Wed 18th December - 2.45pm**  
**EYFS Nativity Assembly**

**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**

# Reading for Pleasure



## Reading for Pleasure

This week we were able to participate with parents a Reading for Pleasure online webinar to help support reading at home. Thank you to all those that attended.

These are some of the resources that they shared with us.

### Children for change – free ebook

Children For Change – Ground Breaking Free Ebook For Primary School Children



Children For Change is a new ground-breaking eBook collection of stories, illustrations and features inspiring young readers to 'take an action' – big or small, local or global – to protect our environments. This amazing eBook anthology is FREE to access for EVERY child.

How to Access *Children for Change* :

Teachers, librarians, and parents can sign up now at [pop-up.org.uk/childrenforchange](https://pop-up.org.uk/childrenforchange) to ensure they receive access to this free eBook as soon as it is released on November 4th, 2024.

### Borrow Box

[www.borrowbox.com](https://www.borrowbox.com)

With BorrowBox, your library in one app, our vision is now a reality. Borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks free from your library using our BorrowBox app.

## Inspiring Reading

*Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading.*

*How can you be their inspiration?*

### Tempt

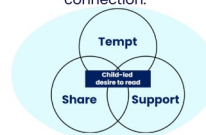
- Talk about your child's interests – find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together. Go on a reading treasure hunt!
- Find regular opportunities to visit your local/ school library.
- Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts – empower reading of magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.

### Share

- Make reading time relaxed and interactive – chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
- Find regular time to read aloud and share texts together.
- Invite others into the reading space – welcome siblings, grandparents and other family members to share and talk about top reads together.

### Support

- Be a reading role model – share what you like to read in your own time.
- Ensure that reading and book chat are part of the everyday family routine. Think about when and how this could best fit into your day.
- Join in with school opportunities to build a home-school reading connection.



For more inspiration, visit  
<https://ourfp.org/>  
X @OpenUni\_RFP

## Children In Need

Thank you for kind and generous donations on Friday for Children In Need.

It was lovely to see the children dressed in their spotty and Pudsey mufti clothes.

We will let you know the total monies raised soon.



## 'Shine, Star, Shine'



### EYFS Nativity Performance

Wednesday 18th December

at 2.45pm

Please return the ticket request slips to your class teacher  
By Monday 9th December  
(max 3 per family)



## PTFA Disco

Thank you to all the children who attended the P.T.F.A. Disco last week.

A fantastic £260.00 was raised, which will help go towards schools events or equipment for your children in school



## 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/school-admissions)





## Free Parent Craft Course



### Wellbeing Through Crafting

#### FREE PARENTING COURSE

Learn to Sew - Make Up / Toiletry Bag with zip

Wednesday 13th November

until

Wednesday 18th December

12.30pm until 3.30pm



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

By the end of the course, you'll have lined and added a zip to a make up / toiletry bag to take home. You will achieve confidence and basic skills in machine sewing and a sense of creative empowerment.

The booking code for this course is : **WL09E32B**

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)



## Art Competition



Enter our Christmas card competition to win some prizes!

The winning cards will also be used to send to Weston Mill school, Oakwood school and Mrs. Nettleship from all the children and staff at Beechwood.

Here are some ideas.....



1<sup>st</sup> place and runner-up prize for Foundation/Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6.

Please submit your cards to your class teacher.

**Deadline for submissions – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

## Festive Craft Morning

### FREE PARENTING ONE DAY EVENT

#### Festive Craft Morning

Tuesday 3rd December

9.00am to 11.30am

Beechwood Primary Academy

Come along and join us in festive fun.

Learn how to make  
pine cone Elves and Gonks



The booking code for this course is : **WL09E21E**

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)

Come along to the  
**P.T.F.A. Christmas Fayre**

**Wednesday 11th December  
3.30pm**

**Winter Market  
Food / Gift Stalls  
Refreshments**

**There will be a  
Mufti Day on  
Friday 6th December  
for blue and white  
donations towards the Fayre**

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		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Monday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30			
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31			
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25			
Thursday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26			
Friday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27			
JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28			
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29			
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30			
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31			
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25			
MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25			
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26			
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27			
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28			
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29			

Autumn Term 2				
Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
<b>Monday</b> Dance 	<b>Monday</b> Netball skills 	<b>Monday</b> Gymnastics 	<b>Wednesday</b> Martial Arts (Bernstein and Holst) Gymnastics (Dun) 	<b>Tuesday</b> Netball 
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### Assembly Dates

- Thursday 28th November - 2.45pm
- Thursday 19th December - 2.45pm
- 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 6 - Elgar Class Assembly
- EYFS - Nativity Assembly
- 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.