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Friday 10th January 2025

Hello everyone and welcome back!

All of us here at Beechwood hope you had a great Christmas and New Year time, as I'm sure you can imagine we have heard lots about this exciting time of year from your children on their return to school. It's been a busy week as all of us have settled back into school routines and expectations.

M&M Productions

On Thursday this week the whole school watched a panto performance of Beauty and the Beast (Oh no they didn't, Oh yes, they did!) The children were an excellent audience and thoroughly enjoyed the show and all aspects of audience participation.

Without your contributions to our school events, run and supported by our wonderful PTFA, we would not be able to fund exciting and fun activities such as this, so THANK YOU!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.



Diary Dates to Remember

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

Mon 17th - Fri 21st March
Yr 4 - Nethercott Farm

Tuesday 1st April
PTFA - KS1/KS2 Easter Disco

7th April to 21st April EASTER BREAK

Mon 28th - Wed 30th April
Yr 5 - Barton Hall Residential

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

Mozart Class Superheroes

Mozart class have loved starting their new story Juniper Jupiter. It is all about a little girl who is a superhero. The children decided to become superheroes and make their own masks. They made up their own superhero names and did their best superhero poses!



















New Lunch Menus







After School Clubs - Spring Term 1

Today is the last day to book your child on an After School Club this term. Clubs will run from w/c 13th January to Half Term.

Please use the quick link which can be found on our Facebook page.







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



School Crossing Patroller

Please be reminded that there will be no School Crossing Patroller in attendance until after the February Half Term.

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



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Star Learners

Star Leaner Awards will start again w/c 13th January 2025

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



FREE Parenting Course



Limited spaces - Please contact the school office.





We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our tea and coffee morning each week in school

Come along for a drink and a chat with Mrs Pinhey

When:

Every Thursday

Time:

8.45 to 9.30

<u>Where:</u>

Beechwood Primary





KEEPING UNDER FIVES SAFE ONLINE

8 top tips that you can put in place at home, to help keep your youngest children safe online.



Enjoy going online together

The best way to keep your family safe online, and to understand your child's internet use, is to use technology and the internet together. Get to know how a game or device works by exploring it as a family and finding where the main settings and safety features are.



Establish clear boundaries

In the same way that you set boundaries for most areas of your children's lives, establish your expectations with technology use and online activities. Creating a family agreement is a useful step, which might include time spent online, where and when devices can be used and what to do if they see something upsetting, You can find the Childnet Family Agreement at www.childnet.com/have-a-conversation.



Supervise your child's use

We recommend that you always supervise a young child when they are online as they we recommend that you aways supervise a young child writen they are online as they may stumble across something which could worry, upset or confuse them. Since the internet can be accessed from a number of devices and many of these are portable, we would advise you to keep family and child devices in a busy part of your home e.g. the living room or kitchen. This makes it easier for you to be involved in their technology use and you are right there to answer any questions and help them.



Consider the quality and quantity of online activities

Young children can be enthusiastic users of technology but try to encourage a healthy mix of online and offline activities. There are some strategies that can be used to help manage the time your child spends online, such as setting time limits or using time limiting tools, designating weekly times to use the internet together, or removing portable devices from your child's bedroom at night to avoid tiredness.



Make use of parental tools

Make use of parental controls and filters which can be used on your home internet, devices, phone networks and online services such as Netflix and YouTube. Visit the Parents' Guide to Technology on the UK Safer Internet Centre website to find out how to set up controls on a device www.saferinternet.org.uk/parent-tech.

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Parental controls will work best in combination with supervision and engagement to help your child understand how to stay safe online. As your child grows and develops, so do their online needs, therefore you may want to periodically review your parental controls to accommodate this.

Always remember to choose a strong password and do not share it with your child.



Start the conversation early

It's important to begin the conversation about staying safe online as early as possible in It's important to begin the conversation about staying safe online as early as possible in order to establish positive behaviour and routines early in a child's life. The age that you should begin speaking to your child will differ between families but essentially as they start engaging with technology and the internet these conversations can and should begin. Try using the conversations below to help you with this. You can also give your child strategies early on that they can use if something ever worries or upsets them online. These could include: switch the screen off, close the laptop, exit the website, or turn the iPad or phone over and come ask for help.



Choose age appropriate apps and games

Garning may be the very first way that your child encounters life online and there are lots of fantastic online games and apps to support their learning and development. When choosing a new game or app for your child the first thing to be aware of is the age rating. Much like films, games have age ratings too and these are determined by the game's content. PEGI (pegi_info) set these ratings along with content descriptors which indicate if a game contains things like violence, in app purchases or scenes of a sexual nature. Google Play and Windows Store apps are also rated by PEGI and the App Store has age

You can also proactively find great age appropriate apps and games for young children to use by filtering by age at www.commonsensemedia.org. Common Sense Media is a website which provides reviews and lots of useful information on games but they also cover films, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music too. Reading online reviews of games from other parents' experiences is a really useful way to highlight potential safety issues like whether the game features inappropriate adverts or bad language.

Many games also offer in-app purchases which means spending real money on in-game features. You can turn off in-app purchases and protect them with a password. To find more information about how to do this visit www.childnet.com/in-app-purchases



Know where to report

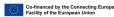
Reports can be made to websites through their safety/help centres and moderation services. If you are worried or suspicious about someone who contacts your child online report them to CEOP (www.ceop.police.uk). For more information regarding reporting, visit our Need Help page in the parents and carers section of the Childnet website www.childnet.com/parents-help.

Conversation starters for under 5s

- Q What is your favourite thing to do on the iPad/tablet/my phone etc?
- Q What is your favourite game/app and why do you like it?
 Q Where do we use the iPad/tablet/games console and when can we use it?
- Q What can you do if something online upsets you? Q - Who can help you with your favourite games and apps?
- Q If a message appears on the screen, what should you do?
- Q Who can go online? Do we know everyone online?







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TERM DATES 2024/25



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

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
		Total	195

		SEI	PTEME	BER	
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
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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 I							
Reception	Year I and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6			
Monday Fundamentals	Monday Fundamentals (basic skills)	Wednesday Martial Arts	Wednesday Gymnastics (Bernstein and Holst) Martial Arts (Dun)	Tuesday Tag rugby			
	Tuesday Dance	Thursday Tag rugby	Thursday- Bernstein and Holst Tuesday- Dun Class Tag rugby	Thursday Gymnastics			

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 - s.pindard@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

Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class – k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Mozart Class - m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk

<u>Nursery - Brahms Class</u> – 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.

