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Friday 1st December

Hello everyone, happy Friday, and happy weekend!

I hope you've all had a good week; it's certainly been a productive one here at Beechwood Primary.

I've seen and heard all about the amazing robotics being created in Miss Pumphrey's class this week and it's been a pleasure to spend some time with our Year 1 pupils who were learning all about adjectives.

They all did a great job of describing the colours and features of autumn. Well done everyone!





Parent forum.

Thank you to all those that attended the parent forum last week. Below is a quick recap of some of the items we discussed.

Attendance – we are striving as a school for 96% attendance. Currently, our attendance rates are at just over 92%.

If children need to attend medical appointments in school time, please let us know in advance, these are likely to be authorised.

Unfortunately, we cannot authorise pupils taking time out of school for holiday.

Communication

The general feedback we have received either through parent forums, parents coming into school to attend class assemblies, workshop and the like and in my general playground chats with parents is that communication has improved between the school and yourselves. I know that there is still ways in which this can still be improved, and we will continue to make this a key priority for us during the school academic year.

Please be aware that you can contact us in a variety of ways:



Email, call or pop into the school office.



Email class teachers on their school email address.



Speak with class teachers at the beginning and the end of the day

Mr Randall and Mrs Rama Dominguez and I ,all try and make ourselves available as often as possible, especially at the beginning and end of the day. so please don't hesitate to pop in for a chat.

Diary Dates to Remember

Tues 5th December

Reception Woodland Walk -9.30am

Thurs 7th December

Yr2 Bridge building with parents -2.30pm

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Choir performance at the **Hendwell Centre**

Friday 8th December

(mas Craft KS2 2.pm to 3pm

Tues 12th December

Christmas Dinner

Friday 15th December

EYFS Nativity- details to follow

TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

School closes for Christmas

Wed 20th Dec - Tues 2nd Jan

Christmas Holiday Break

Weds 3rd January 2024

Return to school

Mon 12th - Mon 19th February

Fri 29th March - Fri12th April

Easter Holidays

MONDAY 6TH MAY-AY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May HALF TERM

Call the school office to make a time to see Mrs Armstrong, our Family Support Worker or Natasha Jackson, our INCO (inclusion co-ordinator)

I appreciate that nowadays with the use of social media there are many ways to comment or discuss school related issues. However, if we don't know about them in school, then it is hard for us to address them. Please continue to contact us if you have any questions, queries, or concerns. We will always listen and do our best to resolve them for you.

Letters and correspondence

Copies of all the letters, including newsletters can be found in school reception area. If you'd like a hard copy, please pop in and collect one.

There will be further parent forums next term, I'll post out the dates before the Christmas break.

It's panto time!

We were greeted this morning by M&M productions, who made an impromptu visit to Beechwood Primary. They performed Aladdin to the whole school and it was amazing!

The children proved to be a very, very enthusiastic audience and were fully immersed in the show.

Thank you to those that helped bring this together and to our PTFA who supported us in ensuring all pupils were able to witness a theatre production in our very own school hall.

Year 4 Ellie Simmons Class assembly

We were treated to a wonderful assembly from Ellie Simmons class today, it was fantastic! In less than 10 minutes we were treated to songs, poetry, a geography lesson, and an excellent explanation of what is evaporation is. The rapping and singing was most definitely a highlight, some great costumes and accessories too!

The children gave it their all and did themselves, their parents and Beechwood proud! Well done to Mrs Tumilty, Mrs Hunt and all the children and thank you.

We all hope you have a great weekend, and we'll see you all back at Beechwood on Monday, from Mr Arnold and the Beechwood team

YEAR 2- WRITING STORIES

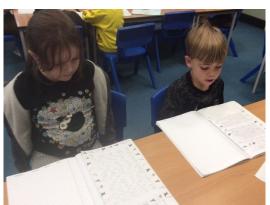
In year 2 we have been writing stories. We read the story The Tower Bridge Cat, looking at the characters, setting and the problem that happens in the story.

We then used the structure to write our own stories called The Tamar Bridge Dog. We then shared them with each other.

Well done year two for great stories.







YEAR 5 DT

Year 5 loved our DT day exploring all things robotic! We researched different Mars Rovers that have travelled into space and the different features they have. We then designed our own Mars Rover. We investigated different robots including wired and wireless. We loved making the MIP robots dance! We finished the day by learning about computer programming through

scratch and how this can be used to control robots!

















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