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# Friday 25th October 2024

Hello everyone and HAPPY HALF TERM!

It has been an action packed 7 weeks or so at Beechwood Primary Academy. Your children have made a seamless transition into life in their new year groups and classrooms. As always, thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a lovely half term time.

KIRFS – Key Instant Recall Facts have been put on our school website (link on our Facebook page). KIRFS are changed every term for the children. They are to ensure that the children can recall certain facts to help them with their daily maths lessons.

On Thursday afternoon, we had the pleasure of welcoming lots of parents and family members of Bernstein class into our class assembly, to watch the children present all their fantastic learning this term so far...and what a performance it was – the Bernstein "news team" presented the assembly with their amazing Roman topic work, the class recorder orchestra – playing Eye of the Tiger!!! And other exciting aspects of their learning this term, including cricket in PE.

This week, we said goodbye to Mrs Rama-Dominguez. As many of you may well have noticed, Mrs Rama Dominguez is about to have a baby, if fact the due date is very soon!

Of course, we wish Mrs Rama Dominguez all the best and know that she will enjoy the next few months with her family at this very special time.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Rama-Dominguez back to Beechwood in due course.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team

# Diary Dates to Remember

28th October to 1st November HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Thurs 7th November Remembrance Day Lunch

<u>w/c 11th November</u> Parent / Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 12th November P.T.F.A. Autumn Disco

<u>Friday 15th November</u> Children in Need - Spotty Mufti

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

<u>Monday 2nd December</u> <u>NON PUPIL DAY</u>

Thurs 19th 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

<u>Thurs 27th Feb - 2.45pm</u> Yr 1/2 - Price Class Assembly

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

### **Mozart Art Lessons**

Mozart class have been working really hard in their art lessons this term. They have been learning how to collage using different materials. The children created collages of themselves, their homes, nature and important people in the community and put them together in a 3D gallery. They then shared their gallery with their friends and family after school!



## Year 6 - Secondary School Applications

If your child is in Year 6 and will be starting secondary school in **September 2025** please apply on-line on the Plymouth City Council website. Admission Closing Date : **31st October 2024** 



### **Remembrance Day Lunch**

#### Thursday 7th November 2024

We look forward to welcoming our parents/ carers to the Remembrance Day Lunch to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.



Thank you for booking a place at this event. Bookings are now closed.

Timings will be sent out to parents today.

Children's lunches to be paid via the normal method if your child is not entitled to Free School Meals.

# P.E. - Autumn Term 2

Please see the table for your child's PE days in Autumn Term 2. Bernstein and Holst classes will be taking part in Martial Arts lessons this term. Next term, Dun class will have this opportunity.

This term we are excited to be introducing Bee Netball to both Key Stage 1 and 2. Bee Netball is friendly, high-energy and carefully designed for children. Bee Netball is England Netball's fun and nurturing programme for children (aged 5-11-year-olds) at the beginning of their team sport journey. It is designed to introduce children to netball skills: throwing, catching, footwork and shooting. More importantly, the programme is designed to support every child's personal development on and beyond the court.

PE uniform at Beechwood Primary is:

- White T shirt polo or otherwise
- Black shorts/jogging bottoms
- Trainers

A school jumper can be worn over your PE top if you wish.

		Autumn Term 2		
Reception	Year I and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
	<b>Monday</b> Netball skills	<b>Monday</b> Gymnastics	Wednesday Martial Arts (Bernstein and Holst) Gymnastics (Dun)	<b>Tuesday</b> Netball
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<b>X</b> <sup>5</sup>	<b>Tuesday</b> Gymnastics	Wednesday Netball	<b>Thursday</b> Netball	<b>Thursday</b> Gymnastics
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## After School Clubs - Autumn Term 2

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 Wednesday 6th November.



# Free Parent Craft Course



# **Poppy Appeal**

We will be selling poppies in school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November Children can bring donations into school during this week if they'd like to purchase a poppy. All donations will be passed to The Royal British Legion.



# **Children in Need**

#### Spotty Mufti Friday 15th November

We will be having a spotty mufti to raise money for Children In Need

Children may come to school in spotty mufti or Pudsey themed mufti

Pudsey biscuits will be on sale for 50p

Donations can be made via Parent Pay

Thank You



## **School Trip Payment Reminder**

#### Year 4 - Nethercott Farm

There are still spaces on this trip. Please pay your deposit of £100 by **Friday 25th October** and return your consent slip to the school office. Please contact the school office if you require assistance.

#### Year 5 - PGL Barton Hall

Deposits have now been taken for this trip. The second payment pf £50 is due on **30th November 2024.** Please contact the office if you have any problems. Thank you.

#### Year 6 - London Trip

There are still spaces on this trip. Please pay your deposit of £100 by **Friday 25th October** and return your consent slip to the school office. Please contact the school office if you require assistance.



## Winter Lunch Menu

Please see below the new winter menus that will start after Half Term. As well as a main, vegetarian and jacket potato option, the kitchen will also be serving hot paninis and tomato pasta each day. Sandwiches will not be served over the winter period.





MONDAY	TUESDAY	MEAT FREE WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy Afergens: (Glu)(Wh) m/c (Mi)(Bar)	CHOICE 1 - H Chicken paella	VEDRESDAY CHOICE 1- H, V, VE Tasty Katerveg bolognaise with garlic bread & pasta Allergen: (Giu), (Wh), (so) m/c (se)	CHOICE I - H Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy & roast potatoes Alergens: (du), (wn), (E)	CHOICE I - H Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (F), (E)
CHOICE 2 - H, Y Crispy samosa with rice Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (E)	CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quarn nuggets with diced potato Allergens: (Giu), (Wh)	CHOICE I - H, Y Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread Allergen: (Giu) (Wh) (Mi) (Mu) m/c(Se)	Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy & roast potatoes Allergens: m/c (Giu), (Wh), (Bar)	CHOICE 2 - V, VE Quorn fingers served with fresh chips Allergens: (Giu), (Wh)
SELECTI	ION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE A	WAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CH	IEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / CO	LESLAW
Fruit salad	DESSERT - H, Y Orange honey cake Allergens: (Giu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)	Custard biscuits With fruit slices Allergens: (Gu), (Wh)	BESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit Platter Allergens: (So)	Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce (Gu)(Wn)(t)(W) m/c(Bar)



#### Change to Menu

Please see Bonfire Night special menu

on

Tuesday 5th November

### **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 Year 1/2 - Price Class - c.townsend@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 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.

