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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It's lovely to be writing to you at the end of a busy and purposeful week at Beechwood Primary.

I've been into every classroom over the course of the week and it was lovely to see all the children and staff during our first whole school assembly at the start of the academic year on Monday.

Your children have already been getting involved in their new curriculum topics and I have seen some fantastic writing across Key Stage 2 in recent days, well done everyone.

Thank you to those who attended our 'meet the teacher' meetings on Wednesday, it was great to see you in school. Don't worry if you were not able to make it, copies of all documents that were available on the day have or will be sent home with your children very soon.

Have a brilliant weekend everyone, let's hope the sun keeps shining and we'll see you on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team

Diary Dates to Remember

Thurs 10th October
Nasal Flu Vaccination

Wed 23rd October
Individual Photographs

28th October to 1st November
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd December
NON PUPIL DAY

23rd Dec to 3rd January
CHRISTMAS BREAK

17th Feb to 21st Feb
HALF TERM

7th April to 21st April
EASTER BREAK

Monday 5th May
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

26th May to 30th May
HALF TERM

Monday 30th June
NON PUPIL DAY

Wed 23rd July
SUMMER BREAK

Please see Assembly Dates on page 3

SCHOOL UNIFORM



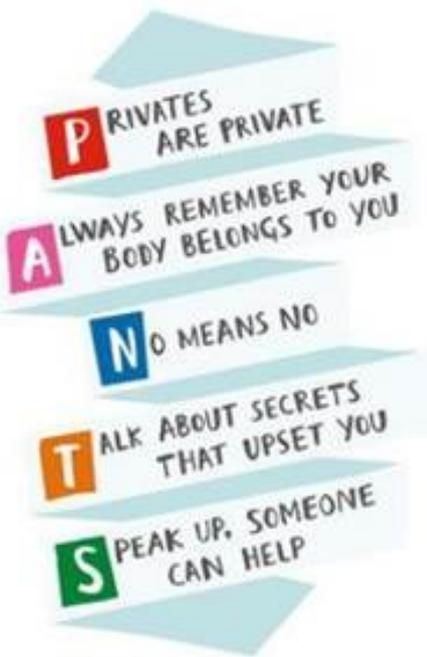
Well done to all the children who are looking really smart in their uniforms this year.

4. EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Compulsory Elements	Optional Elements
Navy blue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> school jumper with or without school logo, or school cardigan with or without school logo <p><i>*Note: no other jumpers or hoodies may be worn in place of the school jumper.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beechwood: blue gingham dress (summer months) Oakwood: blue, or yellow, gingham dress (summer months) Weston Mill: blue gingham dress (summer months)
Mid grey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trousers (no jeans/tracksuit bottoms please) Shorts Skirt or pinafore dress 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White shirt (long or short sleeved) or Plain white polo-shirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White polo-shirt with school logo Plain blue polo-shirt at Weston Mill (only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White, black or grey socks Plain black, blue or grey tights (no leggings) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black, flat, sensible, safe shoes (no trainers, no Crocs or similar and no visible branding please) or Plain black ankle height boots (no calf or full-length boots) and no heels <p>(INCLUDING MUFTI DAYS)</p>	
PE/Sports kit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trainers Black shorts – Weston Mill and Beechwood Navy shorts - Oakwood White t-shirt – Weston Mill and Beechwood Oakwood – yellow Plain sweatshirt, black jogging bottoms (winter) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE bag with school logo White polo-shirt with school logo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any headwear worn for religious or cultural reasons should be plain and of a dark colour Coats: (hoodies and jumpers are not to be worn as coats) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School bag/packed lunch box as required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School book bag

Our school uniform is available to order online from: [My Clothing Limited, your premier school uniform supplier](#). This service enables parents and carers to order a variety of items of uniform embroidered with the school logo at a reasonable price and of good quality. This includes book bags, jumpers, rucksacks and cardigans. The Board will review uniform suppliers periodically, to ensure that these items remain of good quality and available at a reasonable price for parents and carers.

NSPCC's PANTS RULES



On Monday 16th we will be discussing the NSPCC's PANTS rules in assembly. These will be covered further during our PSHE lessons throughout the year and parents will be informed when these lessons will take place. Lessons will be starting in Year 6 during the Autumn term.

The PANTS rules are:

- P: Privates are private
- A: Always remember your body belongs to you
- N: No means no
- T: Talk about secrets that upset you.
- S: Speak up, someone can help

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign, including a short film and parent guide to help you continue the 'Talk PANTS' conversation at home, more information can be found at: [Let's talk PANTS with Pantosaurus! | NSPCC](#)

Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



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 **Thursday 10th October** for all children from Reception through to Year 6. The letter contains a school code which you will require to complete this form. **DV143311**

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

(quick link can also be found on our Facebook page)

Please submit your consent by **midday on 7th October 2024** 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>

Assembly Dates

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| Thursday 3rd October - 2.45pm | Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class Assembly |
| Thursday 24th October - 2.45pm | Year 4/5 - Berstein Class Assembly |
| Thursday 28th November - 2.45pm | Year 6 - Elgar Class Assembly |
| Thursday 19th December - 2.45pm | EYFS - Nativity Assembly |
| Thursday 16th January - 2.45pm | Year 4/5 - Dun Class Assembly |
| Thursday 30th January - 2.45pm | Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Assembly |
| Thursday 27th February - 2.45pm | Year 1/2 - Price Class Assembly |
| Thursday 20th March - 2.45pm | Year 4/5 - Holst Class Assembly |
| Thursday 8th May - 2.45pm | Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly |
| Thursday 12th June - 2.45pm | Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class Assembly |
| Thursday 3rd July - 2.45pm | Year R - Mozart Class Assembly |



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

SEPTEMBER					
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				
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
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	
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	

MAY				
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29
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

Family Support Courses

We are in the process of booking some more FREE Family Support courses again this academic year.

Please look out for these in the coming weeks.

These courses will be open to parents/carers and family members of all our children here at Beechwood Primary Academy.



Secondary Admission Information

Is your child starting secondary school next September?
Please see below admission information



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IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?

It may seem a long way ahead but now is the time to start thinking about your child moving from primary school onto secondary school. If your child was born between **1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014**, you will be eligible to apply for a secondary school place.

Information about applying for a place and the individual secondary schools will be on our website from **Tuesday 3 September 2024** at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. From here, you can apply online for school places and read the guide for parents which contains the links to the individual school's admission policies and forms.

Applying online is quick and easy - all you need is an email address. Once you have applied, we will let you know which school your child has been allocated on **Monday 3 March 2025**.

You can apply for a school place via the Citizen's Portal by visiting our website at: www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The deadline to apply is the **31 October 2024**.

Remember:

- All Plymouth's 18 secondary schools hold 'open events' for families to visit the school and speak to staff. Please refer to the individual school's websites for dates and further information.
- Some schools give priority to with exceptional medical or social need and will ask for submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as proof.
- If you are applying for a place at a faith school on faith grounds, you must also fill out a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which you can obtain from the school.
- Some schools give priority to children of members of staff and will ask for submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as proof.
- Please read the admission policy for each school carefully.
- If you are applying for a place at a girl's grammar school, you must register to take the 11-plus examination through the school's website. The closing date for registering is 31 August 2024 at 12 noon. Please refer to the individual school's website.
- For the boy's grammar school please refer to the school's website. The closing date for registering is 31 August 2024.

from Plymouth City Council

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to either apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website or contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



Tea with Teresa



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

Where:
Beechwood Primary

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

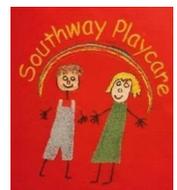
Southway Playcare

Just a reminder to all our parents (old and new) that Southway Playcare offer after school care for pupils aged 4 -11yrs at Beechwood and Oakwood schools. Their contact details are 07731830522 or 01752 703581

Pupils are collected from school at the end of the school day by members of Southway Playcare and then walked to their nearby provision at Southway Youth Centre.

Please get in touch with the Team if you have any questions or wish to book a space.

<https://southwayplaycare.co.uk/>



Autumn Term 1				
Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
Monday Gymnastics 	Tuesday Gymnastics 	Monday Gymnastics 	Tuesday Cricket 	Tuesday Cricket
	Wednesday Fundamentals (basic skills) 	Tuesday Cricket 	Thursday Gymnastics 	Wednesday Martial Arts

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 – l.gruszka@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



 Miss Sam Roscoe	 Mr C Randall Assistant Head of School	 Mrs Natasha Jackson INCO	 Mr P Arnold Senior Head of School	 Mrs S Rama-Dominguez Assistant Head of School	 Mrs Teresa Pinhey
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 and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.