



NEWSLETTER

20 October 2023

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been 7 weeks since we returned from our summer holidays. It's been a very busy and hardworking half term and the children have all settled in well to the routines and expectations of their new classes.

Thank you to all of the parents who walked with us to our harvest celebration today and who came to watch the children at the Church. It is always such a wonderful end to the half term. It's lovely for our community to come together and celebrate our values of being kind, working hard and loving learning.

Thank you also for the food donations which will be collected by Watford Foodbank. We know times are hard and appreciate the kindness of our families thinking of others.

Have a good half term; hopefully it stops raining!

See you on Tuesday 31st October because Monday 30th is a staff training day,

Mrs Jackson

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We're delighted to share the news that our Harvest Festival was a resounding success! Our school community came together to celebrate with joy and gratitude. Students, parents, and staff united to make this event a memorable one. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed food for the Watford Food Bank and we look forward to more moments of togetherness in the future. Mrs Mohran.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 23rd -27th October: Half Term
- Monday 30th October: INSET Day -staff training - school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 31st October: children return to school
- Tuesday 7th November: Online Parents Evenings 3.30pm - 6pm (except Damson)
- Wednesday 8th November: Individual School Photos
- Wednesday 8th November: Damson class parent evening 3.30pm to 6pm.
- Thursday 9th November: Online Parents Evenings (all classes) 3.30pm-6pm
- 14th November: Odd Socks Day
- Thursday 23rd November: Flu vaccinations
- Thursday 7th December: 9am Pear class Nativity
- Friday 8th December: 9am Peach class Nativity
- Thursday 14th December: 9am Y1 Nativity
- Friday 15th December: 9am Y2 Nativity
- Tuesday 19th December: 9.30am Carols at Christchurch - tbc
- Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and End of Term at 1.30pm

Full term dates for 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 can be found on the school website.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

At Beechfield, we aim for 97% attendance. Well done to Damson, Ash, Pine, Elder, Maple and Walnut.

| | 9-13 Oct | 16-20 Oct |
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| Lemon | 94.1 | 92.2 |
| Lime | 89.6 | 83.7 |
| Damson | 98.9 | 92.6 |
| Olive | 93.6 | 92.8 |
| Ash | 97.9 | 98.6 |
| Oak | 95.5 | 89.3 |
| Palm | 94.6 | 95.4 |
| Pine | 98.9 | 94.6 |
| Elder | 98.7 | 94.3 |
| Maple | 98.7 | 93.5 |
| Walnut | 99.2 | 99.2 |
| Willow | 96.8 | 89.6 |



GREEN FINGERS!

Both Damson and Olive Classes participated in planting seeds in the allotment. We sowed lettuce, spring onions and radishes.



Y6 PUPPET THEATRE PREP!



Year 6 have been getting creative with their puppet making project!

MSA ROLE

We are looking for an MSA to join our lunchtime team here at Beechfield. Please click on the link below if you are interested and would like to apply.

<https://www.mynewterm.com/jobs/145350/EDV-2023-BS-88627>

COATS IN SCHOOL

Please can you ensure your child brings in a NAMED coat to school every day after half term to wear outside at playtimes. Thank you.

CAR PARKING

Please can we remind parents/carers to have consideration for local residents if they are parking in the area and not to block driveways.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Our online Parents Evenings will be taking place in early November. Please make sure you book an appointment with your child's teacher via the Arbor App.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

Parents of Y6 pupils, please be reminded that the deadline to apply for your child's secondary school place for next September is **Tuesday 31st October 2023**.

FAMILIES FIRST

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can help you find early help and information to prevent issues from getting worse. If you need more help than your usual support network - for example your health visitor, school, doctor or family centre - we can work with you and your family to create a package of support. Who is it for?

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability). For further information, please click on the link below:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/families-first.aspx>

RECEPTION AND NURSERY ADMISSIONS 24/25

We have the tour dates on our website for parents to sign up to if they wish to visit the school. Please talk to people you know and encourage them to sign up for a tour.



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