



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

18 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who supported us with our Harvest Celebration today at Christ Church. The children were a credit to the school when they walked to and from the church. The children have worked hard and put a lot of effort into learning the song words and their lines, so well done to them.

Watford Food Bank will be coming to school on the 22nd of October. Many people in our community use this service so thank you for your kind donations of food.

Hero Slinn, Director for Inclusion and Skills at Hertfordshire County Council came into school on Tuesday. I showed her around school and talked to her about some of the challenges facing our school such as a lack of funding, lack of support from Hertfordshire County Council and a lack of specialist school places for children with additional needs. She told us that the local MPs have been lobbying in Parliament to get more funding for Hertfordshire and that the crisis with SEND is a national one not just a Hertfordshire one.

This week we had a visit from the Assistant Principal from The Grange School in Bushey. He talked to some of our parents and our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Some of our past pupils who now attend the Grange came along and spoke about what the school was like. It was great to see them again.

We are currently advertising for parents to join our governing board. It's a role that will give you a greater understanding of how the school runs and the opportunity to work with us to improve our school further. There are two face to face meetings and the three online meetings over the year. If you are interested and want to know more please come and talk to me.

Well done to Miss Mortlock for being one of the Academy Trust's sunflower competition winners!

Have a good weekend, see you all on Monday.

Mrs Jackson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th October: 3.10pm: Book Look - Parents to see children's books in class instead of parents consultation

28th Oct -1st Nov: Half Term

Tuesday 5th-Friday 8th November: Book Fair in school.

Tuesday 5th November: Individual School Photos
w/c 11th November: Kindness Week

Monday 11th November: 3.15pm Reading Cafe

Tuesday 12th November: Odd Socks Day

Friday 15th November: Children in Need

Friday 15th November: EYFS Dress Up Day

Tuesday 19th November: Flu vaccinations (details to follow)

Thursday 21st November: 3.10pm Parents Book Look in class

Friday 22nd November: Culture Day - Non Uniform Day for School Funds

Tuesday 10th December: 9am EYFS Nativity Pear

Wednesday 11th December: 9am EYFS Nativity Peach

Thursday 12th December: 9am KS1 Nativity Y1

Friday 13th December: 9am KS1 Nativity Y2

Tuesday 17th December: Y3 Pantomime trip

Wednesday 18th December: 9.30am KS2 Carols at Christchurch

Thursday 19th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th December: End of Term at 1pm

Full term dates for can be found on the school website.

<https://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/termdates>

SECONDARY SCHOOL 2025 APPLICATION DEADLINE

Y6 parents and carers - please remember the deadline to complete your secondary school application for a place in September 2025 is **Thursday 31st October 2024.**



THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER

Parents are invited into school at 3:10pm to see their children's work. Please remember we have an open door policy at Beechfield. If you would like to talk to the teachers about anything at all you are most welcome to talk with them after school or ask them for a meeting. We don't expect parents to have to wait until certain times of the year to be able to talk about concerns or things they are happy with!

ONLINE SAFETY

Please talk to your children about what they are seeing online and not sharing photos or information about themselves with people they don't know.

PARENT COFFEE MORNING FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

These will be held every Monday at 8.45am in the Bungalow. Everyone is welcome to come along for a cup of tea, some biscuits and a good chat! We know that parents supporting parents can be very supportive. Please let Mrs C know if you would like to come along.

HERTS PARENT CARER SURVEY INVOLVEMENT SURVEY

Herts Parent Carer Involvement, the independent parent carer forum for Hertfordshire, has asked us to share their annual survey with you. They want to hear from Hertfordshire parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with any Special Educational Need and/or Disability. Your child doesn't need to have a diagnosis or EHCP for you to take part. The survey is open until Sunday 3 November and can be accessed here:
<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2024>

If you would like to know more about HPCI or to become a member, you can visit their website:
www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk or call 07840 360 245.

ART PROJECT

A big thank you to Mrs Carvalho for organising Lucy - a local artist - to come into Beechfield and run an art project with some of our children. Lucy held an assembly earlier on in the week to talk to all of the children about the project.

SEASONAL ARTWORK COMPETITION

The Trust is running a competition to find a seasonal design that can be used on the Trust social media platforms for Christmas.

Beechfield pupils are invited to take part and send in their artworks on Monday 4th November (after half term).

The template to use is attached to this newsletter. Happy drawing everyone!

ARTWORK

We just had to include this lovely picture of The Seasons at Beechfield in the newsletter, drawn by Clarke in Y3.





BE KIND! HELLO YELLOW DAY

To celebrate Hello Yellow Day, Palm class started their afternoon by enjoying the sunshine. They talked about the significance of mental well-being and ways to keep our minds healthy. We looked at the importance of sleep and strategies to help regulate our emotions and keep us happy. Mrs Ahmed, Pine class



WORK HARD!

During today's English lesson, Olive class got creative at their tables, generating exciting ideas for their own superhero stories together after watching some fun videos!



LOVE LEARNING!

What a fantastic time at our harvest workshop! We dove into the wonders of the season, then rolled up our sleeves for a vibrant activity that brought the harvest to life in full colour. Big smiles all around as creativity bloomed!



TIMETABLE ROCKSTARS

Baz and the TTRS team are on a mission to find the most dedicated class in England! The school has been invited to compete and show other schools what we are made of by answering as many questions as we can on Timestable Rockstars! (TTRS) The competition starts on: 12th Nov at 7.30 am and finishes 14th Nov at 7.30 pm Keep practising Beechfield! Mrs Diwan, Maths Lead

MISS FULLER

Miss Fuller is getting married during the October half term. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for this. Mrs Jackson

BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL

The Book Fair will be taking place 3.15 to 3.45pm after school in the dining hall from Tuesday 5th November to Friday 8th November.

Join us at our
Reading Café
Monday 11th November
Main hall

- Share a book with your child and engage with story telling
- Enhance reading skills
- Help build a love of reading
- Ask questions to support reading at home
- Explore diverse books
- Enjoy refreshments

Be kind, work hard and love learning



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