



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the Year 4 and 5 parents who attended our secondary school meeting this week, we hope you found it helpful.

We've had a busy week in school. The puppet project has started in Year 6 and Year 4 have been on a school trip today to St Albans Cathedral.

Our staff have had some training this week about reading and we are really keen to foster a love of reading across the school. We are changing our guided reading session so they have a big focus on fluency. Please support us with this by hearing your children read every day and signing their reading record.

On Monday, Mrs Ahmed, our reading lead, has organised for a Reading Café to take place in our school hall. Please come along after school if you can to share a book with your child/children.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Jackson

A VISIT FROM A SECONDARY HEAD

The Headteacher from Future Academies Watford will be coming into Beechfield on Tuesday 24th September to do an assembly for Year 5 and 6. We haven't had a secondary headteacher ask if they could do this before so we are looking forward to it and hope it will be useful for our children.

ONLINE AND SAFEGUARDING

Please can we ask parents/carers to be mindful of facetimeing/videoing on mobile phones whilst dropping and collecting children as this poses a safeguarding risk.

Please talk to your children about not sharing their personal details with people online. Children are talking with other people through their online games and we want to help keep everyone safe.

Also, we've had two lost and upset toddlers brought to the school office in the last week at pick up time, so please keep an eye on your little ones!

20 September 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th September: Non School Uniform Day

Friday 11th October: Hello Yellow Day

Friday 18th October: Harvest Festival at Christchurch 9.30am for Y1-Y6

Friday 24th October: 15.05: Parents to see children's books.

28th Oct -1st Nov: Half Term

Tuesday 5th November: School Photos (individual)

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

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

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

At Beechfield, we aim for 97% attendance or above so that our children have the best opportunity for learning. If you have any concerns or queries about attendance, please contact Miss Mortlock- tanya.mortlock@beechfield.herts.sch.uk.

Please make sure you have read the letter sent out this week regarding attendance and the new attendance rules.

SCHOOL CLOTHING!

Please can you make sure cardigans, jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles etc are all named so that if they are misplaced they can be returned.

Thank you.

SWIMMING

Year 5 have started their swimming sessions this week. Very few children are able to swim. If you are able to take your children swimming at the weekends this will greatly benefit them. There is a government expectation that all children can swim 25m by the end of Year 6. Where we live is surrounded by water. We have the Grand Union Canal, the River Gade in Cassiobury Park, The River Colne and the River Chess - swimming is an important life skill.



NEURODIVERSITY HANDBOOK

Hertfordshire County Council and the NHS are delighted to share with you the exciting and new Supporting your Neurodivergent Child handbook that has been developed for Hertfordshire parent/carers and professionals. The [Neurodiversity Handbook](#) has useful resources, support and signposting on a whole range of things relating to Neurodiversity.

The resource is accessible to all regardless of whether a young person has a diagnosis or not, and can be used at any point during a young person's journey.

CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Ibrahim was awarded a trophy by West Herts Cricket Club and Tatiana won an award for gymnastics. Well done! We love to hear about your achievements out of school.



CALLOWLAND PARK

Please can all parents ensure that their children are behaving appropriately in the park. We have had some parents say they feel some children are not being as kind as they should be when outside of school.

READING CAFÉ

A growing number of studies show that promoting reading can have a major impact on children and their future. Evidence suggests that reading for pleasure leads to increased attainment. Our children love sitting down and sharing a book and so we would like to invite you to come to our Reading Café.

The Reading Café will be open from 3.15pm until 3.45pm on Monday 23rd September. It will take place in the school hall.

A small selection of books will be available but please bring your child's reading book. Then all you need to do is find a comfortable space to share it.

Y2 COMPUTING

Mr Alexander's class enjoyed their Computing lesson this afternoon! Damson learned what an email is and how to respond to an email, the children were able to reply and send an email to a Purple Mash character!



HALF TERM ACTIVITY

£15* per family

HALF TERM FAMILY ART @HAREBREAKS COMMUNITY HUB

Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th October 10am to 3pm

81 The Harebreaks, Watford WD24 6NJ

Join our popular artist & tutor, Sharon, for this exciting Halloween themed 2 day course at lovely Harebreaks Community Hub in Watford. Create exciting art together as a family. All materials are included. As this course is heavily subsidised by Step2Skills, the cost for Herts residents is just £15 per family* This course is suitable for children aged 8 and over.

To book go to: https://www.cognitiforms.com/CLPSouthOxhey/_2425FamilyArtCLP

*Concessions are available if you are in receipt of benefits and struggling financially



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