

## NEWSLETTER

22 September 2023

## **WELCOME**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of the Year 4 and 5 parents who attended our secondary transfer information session; we hope you found it helpful. A gentle reminder to our Year 6 parents that you need to complete your Year 7 secondary transfer preferences by 31st October. The school office sent out a reminder about all of the secondary school open evenings so, if you can, please visit the schools you are interested in your child attending so you can make an informed choice.

We had a lovely assembly this afternoon celebrating all the great things that have been happening in school this week. We have been having a particular focus on the following: responsibility, excellence and engagement. Please talk to your children about these.

Please take some time to hear your child read and to practise their times tables, we really appreciate your support with this.

Have a good weekend. Mrs Jackson

#### READING

Here's how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old if they had been:

never read to: 4,662 words;

read to 1–2 times per week: 63,570 words; read to 3–5 times per week: 169,520 words;

read to daily: 296,660 words;

and read five books a day to: 1,483,300 words.

#### **ALL STAFF TRAINING 26.09.23**

There will be training for ALL staff on Tuesday 26th September which starts at 3.30pm promptly. The school office will therefore be closed from 3.20pm.

#### **PARKING**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to park considerately in the area when dropping off or picking up. We have had a number of complaints this week from residents about people parking on their dropped kerbs.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 29th September: Non Uniform Day
- Friday 20th October: Harvest Festival 9.30am
- Friday 20th October: Parents Book Look 3.15pm-3.45pm
- 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
- Wednesday 8th November: Individual School Photos
- Thursday 9th November: Online Parents Evenings 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 NativityTuesday 19th December: 9.30am Carols at
- Tuesday 19th December: 9.30am Carois at Christchurch - tbc
- Wednesday 20th December Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and End of Term at 1pm

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 Olive for the top attendance mark both weeks! Well done to Lemon, Elder and Maple classes who have had zero lates.

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	11-15 Sept	18-22 Sept
Lemon	94.6%	95.0%
Lime	95.8%	94.2%
Damson	90.7%	93.0%
Olive	99.1%	99.1%
Ash	93.6%	96.8%
Oak	97.8%	91.9%
Palm	97.0%	95.6%
Pine	94.1%	97.1%
Elder	95.3%	96.7%
Maple	95.5%	98.7%
Walnut	94.4%	98.4%
Willow	93.3%	92.9%



#### **BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

This is up and running! Last week, we had 24 children after school on one day. If you need to book onto this provision, please click on the link below.





Junior Adventures Group will be running a Spooks and Sparks club during half term. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

# 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.

#### **NAIL POLISH**

Please be reminded that children should not wear nail polish/fake nails in school. Thank you.

#### **DOGS**

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school site, even if they are carried. Thank you.

## **GARDENING UPDATE**

This week we have had a big harvest of tomatoes from our allotment!



#### **NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY**

Parents and carers have entered the game! 
Power up this #WakeUpWednesday with our 
practical tips to setting gaming boundaries − a 
useful tactic for helping to protect your young gamer 
from #OnlineSafety hazards while they play 
Download >> <a href="https://bit.ly/44W4VGx">https://bit.ly/44W4VGx</a>

### **ONLINE SAFETY**

Please make sure you take the time to check your child's phone or tablet if they have one. Parents need to know what messages their children are sending and also what messages are being sent to them. We talk to the children in each Computing lesson about the importance of keeping themselves safe online:

In Computing Y2 are learning about safe searching and filtering our searches. We talked about who to talk to if we see something unsafe on the internet and practised safe searching on purple mash.

In Computing this week, Olive Class learnt that information put online leaves a digital footprint 💞



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