



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are all aware, working in partnership with parents to support their children's learning is very important to us at Beechfield. We know that working together supports your children to be successful. We are looking forward to talking to you all at our Parents' Evenings which will be held online in the last week of this half term. You can sign up for an appointment with your child's teacher on the Arbor App. This is an excellent chance to talk about how well your child is doing and what you can practice at home to help them further. Following these, on Friday 10th February, you are invited to visit your child's class at the end of the day (when you collect your children) and look at their work in their books.

Next week, on Thursday 2nd February, we will be holding a meeting at 9am in school hall for Year 2 parents about the end of year SATs. An email has been sent to parents about this. Please complete the google form if you can attend.

On Thursday 9th February at 9am in the school hall there will be a workshop for Year 6 parents about their SATs. We will send information about this out next week.

Thank you for your continued support with hearing your children read and practising their spellings and times tables.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Jackson

STRIKE ACTION

We hope that you all have had a chance to read the letter that was sent out on Wednesday regarding the National Education Union strike action. In case you didn't see the letter, strike action has been planned for:

- 1 February 2023
- 1 March 2023
- 15 March 2023
- 16 March 2023

Currently no staff have informed the school that they will be striking on these days, therefore we anticipate that school will be open as usual. Having said this, we would like to make it clear that this situation could change as staff are not obliged to tell the school in advance of the strike days. It could be beneficial for you to prepare for the possibility that school may have to close and to consider alternative childcare arrangements. This may also impact on after school club if Orchard School are closed on the days listed above.

27th January 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Thursday 2nd February: Y2 Parents SATS meeting at 9am.
- Wednesday 8th February: Parents Evenings online 3.30-6.00pm
- Thursday 9th February: Y6 Parents SATS workshop at 9am
- Thursday 9th February: Parents Evenings online 3.30-6.00pm
- Friday 10th February: Non Uniform Day
- Friday 10th February: Book Look for Parents at the end of the school day 3.15-3.45pm.
- Monday 13th-Friday-17th February: Half Term
- Monday 20th February: INSET Day - school closed to students
- Monday 27th February: Y5 & Y6 Bikeability week
- Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day
- Friday 31st March: End of Term at 1.30pm

ATTENDANCE & 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.

Well done to all the classes with over 97% and Elder class for achieving 99.1% attendance.

	13-19 Jan	20-26 Jan
Lemon	89.9%	85.5%
Lime	92.2%	90.4%
Damson	97.9%	94.6%
Olive	93.9%	95.4%
Ash	97.1%	97.9%
Oak	95.7%	97.9%
Palm	97.0%	88.0%
Pine	93.1%	95.2%
Elder	99.1%	96.4%
Maple	97.5%	96.3%
Walnut	97.9%	95.8%
Willow	96.8%	95.6%



BE KIND, WORK HARD, LOVE LEARNING

In music today Olive Class learnt a song we have been talking about in class on the glockenspiels for the first time. I was so impressed with how it sounded! Miss Daniel



I am so impressed with these children in their Maths today. Fantastic work in using a number line to count backwards within 20. A visit to Mrs Jackson's office was a must! Mrs Cheung

A member of Lime Class showed off her fantastic reading to a new member of the Beechfield community, Toby the Therapy Dog!



STAFFING

We would like welcome Mrs Priya Ramachandran Nair to our MSA team at Beechfield and Ms Asra Al Kasid a new SEN 1-1 TA.

TWITTER

Please follow us on Twitter if you don't already.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

Thank you very much to the parents who came along to our online safety meeting last week. One piece of advice from the meeting was for parents to regularly look through their children's devices with them. Talking about who they are sending messages to and reading any replies, and talking to them about what they see online.

HOUSE POINTS

This term's running total to date! All very close and all to play for!

Elton	342
Halliwel	384
Joshua	351
Smith	323

POLITE REMINDERS

We would like to remind parents/carers:

- to park considerately in the local area and not to block driveways. We have had several complaints again this week. We know it is very busy in the mornings, but just a polite reminder to park considerately.
- also, if you are waiting for a bus at the bus stop, please don't wait on people's drives, or sit on people's walls, as we have had a complaint about this, this week.
- that dogs are not permitted on school site (except guide dogs)
- that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on school site.
- Please ensure only plastic water bottles are brought into school (not glass ones).

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our school community safe.



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