

# NEWSLETTER

20 December 2023

#### WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have finally come to the end of a rather long term!

It's been a busy couple of weeks in school. Every year group from Nursery to Year 6 has got to perform in front of an audience. The children have all worked really hard to learn song words and lines for their performances. It has been wonderful to see the support from so many of our parents at these events.

Yesterday we held an assembly about Christmas around the world and the children talked about winter time in 27 countries. It was amazing to hear about our children's traditions and how different families mark and celebrate this time of year. Well done to all of the children who researched and presented their work so beautifully in our assembly.

Today, we have enjoyed a special assembly this morning where children have been awarded Headteacher Awards for exceptional learning and effort. We have also announced our School Prefects and our Junior Leadership Team for this term. Well done to all those children who were successful in their interviews we are looking forward to you taking up these roles when we return in the new year.

We are coming back to school on Thursday 4th January so will look forward to seeing you all then.

Have a very Happy Christmas and safe holidays.

Mrs Jackson

# **STAFFING**

We are sad to be saying goodbye to some of our staff at the end of this term and wish them well - Mrs Topham, Mrs Farid, Miss Janes and Miss Daniel.

We are looking forward to welcoming Teaching Assistants, Ms Larionova and Mrs Bartholomay Kaur, Miss Riordan a new SEND TA and our new MSA, Mrs Ramzan in January.

#### **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

A reminder of the timings for school. It is very important that your child is in school on time as learning starts immediately. If your child is late then they miss out on activities such as:

- fine motor development
- gross motor development
- reading
- maths
- · collaborative activities
- · vocabulary activities
- calming activities that get them ready for learning
- handwriting
- spellings
- · times tables
- responding to feedback from teachers from previous lessons

	Drop off	Collection
Nursery am	08:35	11:35
Nursery pm	12:15	15:15
Year 5 and 6	08:40	15:10
Year 1	08:35	15:00
Year 2	08:40	15:05
Year 3 and 4	08:40	15:10
Reception	08:40	15:05

Classroom doors open at 8.30am Registration is taken at 8.40am Gates shut at 8.45am

# **HOUSE POINTS**

Elton	2316
Halliwell	1960
Joshua	2086
Smith	1966

House Points - the winners this term are ELTON - well done everyone!



#### NATIVITY PRODUCTIONS

Y2 can be seen here on their way to dazzle parents with their Nativity performance! There is much excitement in the air as we share the holiday spirit together.



Children have also talked about what Christmas is like around the world. We shared stories from our own cultures and families and created baubles that explained what Christmas is like in different countries

#### JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are pleased to announce our junior leadership team for next term:

Ibrahim, Asiya (Y3) Annabelle, Afan (Y4) Misha, Silvu (Y5) Rares, Rayan (Y6)

# RECEPTION AND NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2024/25

Applications for Nursery and Reception for September 2024 are now open. Links to make your application can be found on the school website: https://www.beechfield.herts.sch.uk/admissions

The deadline to apply for Reception is 15th January 2024 and the deadline to apply for Nursery is 1st March 2024.

#### CAROL CONCERT

We had an amazing KS2 Christmas concert at Christ Church. Well done everyone the singing was brilliant!



## **CHRISTMAS COMPETITION!**

Thank you to all the children who entered Elfis' competition - the answer was Jingle All The Way. Our winner was drawn from all the entries - Congratulations to Erica in Peach!

## SCHOOL PREFECTS

Following our assembly this morning, we are delighted to announce our prefects for next term:

- Head Teacher Prefects: Serban and Anushka
- Deputy Head Prefects: Shilpa and Nico
- · Premises Prefects: Evie and Sai
- Computing Prefects: Seline and Zainab (Year 5)
- · Sustainability Prefects: Mohid and Hadassa
- · Newsletter Prefects: Anas and Ollie S
- Library/Reading: Fatima, Jennifer, Oliver, Jayden, Erika, Adaa
- Playground: Niamh, Shiza, Teodora, Maryam, Dawud

Thank you to all the children who applied to be a prefect - there will be lots of opportunities in the future to help in your school community.



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