



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

06 October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is already the end of week 5, time is flying by! The children really enjoyed the Kindness assembly yesterday, thank you to Mrs Carvalho for organising. We also had a wonderful whole school assembly today celebrating all the fantastic work the children have been doing.

Thank you to everyone who donated for our non uniform day last week - we raised £247! We are currently saving up for some lights and microphones for our Christmas performances.

We are holding our Harvest Celebration at Christ Church on Friday 20th October at 9.30am. Year 1 - 6 will walk to the Church and hold a service there. We hope that some of you will be able to come and join us. Each year group will be doing a short performance and we will be singing our usual harvest songs. We will be collecting food for the Watford Food bank. A list of items needed can be found below. Please ensure you complete the annual parental consent for offsite visits form e-mailed out today so that your child can attend.

Yesterday was the school census. This day is important as it determines our school funding for the next academic year. I am thrilled to say that we have 431 children on roll. This is the most children we have had for many years. We are also full up in Reception for the first time - all 60 spaces filled! I want to thank our whole school community for this as it is through a collective effort that this has happened.

Have a great weekend everyone. See you all on Monday.
Mrs Jackson

WATFORD FOOD BANK SHOPPING LIST

The items we most need at the moment are:

- Long-life milk, Long-life fruit juice
- Jars of jam/ honey/ peanut butter/ chocolate spread
- Tinned meat + fish, Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit, Tinned tomatoes,
- Tinned rice pudding/custard
- Instant mashed potato
- Bags of sugar (especially 500g bags)
- Packets of jelly or sponge puddings
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Little chocolate bars and sweet treats.



Please make sure that all donations are unopened and are within the use by date.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 10th October - Hello Yellow 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 Nativity
- Tuesday 19th December: 9.30am Carols 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 all those classes with 97%+ and to Walnut class for 100% attendance this week.

	25-29 Sept	02-06 Oct
Lemon	98.2%	97.1%
Lime	91.9%	91.7%
Damson	89.6%	99.3%
Olive	97.5%	97.2%
Ash	94.3%	95.1%
Oak	98.5%	99.3%
Palm	94.6%	95.0%
Pine	97.1%	97.1%
Elder	97.0%	97.3%
Maple	98.4%	98.1%
Walnut	96.2%	100.0%
Willow	90.8%	91.4%



HELLO YELLOW DAY

Tuesday 10th of October is World Mental Health Day - Staff and pupils can wear a yellow piece of clothing and or an accessory to school that day.

If parents would like to make a donation, they can do so via the Young Minds website. Thank you.

Mrs Carvalho, Pastoral Team Leader

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/helloyellow2023?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=campaign/helloyellow2023&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=8bb05423395b4874ba355ac09724641f

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility. If you see anything that concerns you please come and tell the school office, Miss Mortlock or Mrs Jackson.

THE BIG AMBITION

The Children's School Commissioner is currently conducting a survey of children's views across the country. The Big Ambition is open to children and young people in England aged 0-18 years old. The survey has gone to schools across England so we can start to hear from children and young people aged from 6 to 18. Parents are also being encouraged to complete the survey for those who may need additional support or on behalf of younger children (under 6) to make sure the needs of early years children are represented too.

Year 6 have completed it in school. If you would like your child to complete it please see the link below. The survey is open until 15 December.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

MEASLES ADVICE FROM DfE

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. Please check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations.

Please check your child's personal health record (Red Book) and contact their GP surgery to ensure your child has had all their routine vaccinations. To get the best protection for your child, they need to have had 2 doses of MMR vaccine and be up to date with all their routine vaccinations.

For a full checklist of all the vaccines and the ages at which they should ideally be given, please click on the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

E-SAFETY

Remember to talk to your children about keeping themselves safe online. We talk about this in every computing lesson, see what your children can remember!

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.



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