



# BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 22nd September 2023



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

At Beaford this week, Owls and Hedgehogs have been on educational visits. Both were a great success and the children have come back full of excitement and sharing the excellent learning they did. These trips are such a vital part of children's primary experience, thank you for getting your children in early and contributing to the cost of the trips. And a big thank you to the Friends of Beaford for subsidising them.

All classes have voted for their class ambassadors and I'm pleased to announce this year's school council is: Elisabeth B, Phoebe S, Alice B, Lily W, Eliza U and Harley H.

Thanks to Mr Northmore's sports club, we now have wraparound care on Fridays for children from Reception to Year 6. If you'd like your children to attend contact the office during the week to book. The cost is £3 and it runs until 4:30pm.

Mr Northmore's football club begins on Monday 25th September. Rest assured, we are in the process of setting up a girls football club too. More information regarding this will follow soon!

Thank you for another great week.

*George Myers*

**APPLEDORE**  
BOOK FESTIVAL  
**SCHOOLS WEEK**



Nick Toczek

**Nick Toczek Visit**  
**Monday 25th September**

On Monday, we are excited to welcome the author Nick Toczek to our school. He will be carrying out a whole school performance with stories and poems and is also a professional magician and puppeteer. He will lead a workshop with Otters and Owls so they can have a chance to practise some skills of their own.

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# Owls

This week Owls have started their new science unit, 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. They spent time trying to guess several materials that were in a feely bag by texture etc. They then looked at the properties of materials and sorted with the correct definitions i.e. flammable, permeable, translucent. In English, the Owls have planned their stories with suspense. Their chosen setting is in an old Victorian workhouse. In Maths, we looked at negative numbers and how they could be represented on a numberline.



# Otters

Otters have had another great week. We have designed, sketched and made Romano-British coins from clay. In Maths we have been using base 10 to help us to understand place value. In English we have been practising the skills we need to produce good biography writing. We are excited about our trip to Bath next Friday!



# Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs were impeccably behaved on our trip to High Bickington Community centre for our Reptile visit. Chris, the animal expert, commented on the children's maturity and engagement with the session. The children petted a range of animals such as an armadillo and a blue-tongued skink. They asked and answered many questions and were entertained by the animals range of personalities. The children used impressive scientific vocabulary and will now be writing a recount of their trip.



# Ladybirds

Our week in Ladybirds has been based around the book 'only one you.' We have spoke lots about wisdom and what wisdom means. The children have made their own fish for the story, using their own choices of colour and patterns.

The children have continued to learn new sounds and began noticing some things around them that have those sounds in them. It would be great to hear what they are doing at home, so please if you can, take pictures and tell us all about it.





# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Elsie for her enthusiastic attitude and participation in all areas of her learning this week.
Hedgehogs	Charlie for his commitment to reading at home and in school. He has become much more confident with his reading and is improving all of the time due to his positive attitude.
Otters	Sophie for thinking so hard about her learning. She perseveres when working independently and never gives up. Sophie is always looking for ways to improve her work.
Owls	Harry C for contributing to our discussion during our workshop at the SS Great Britain. He used such amazing vocabulary in his explanations and questions. Well done!



## Contribution Certificates



awarded to

Ladybirds	Sebastian for his amazing tidying up and helping others.
Hedgehogs	Arlo for being extremely brave to step out of his comfort zone. For example, participating in competitive games.
Otters	Kit for working hard to explore different approaches to making a clay coin. Kit tried different ideas out and was able to introduce to the class one of the successful techniques which he developed.
Owls	Amelia A for always joining in and making the effort with all the actions and lyrics during singing assemblies. You are such a good role model to our younger children in assembly! Well done.



Mr George Myers  
Head of school



# DATES

for your diary

**6th September**

First Day of Term

**19th September**

Hedgehog's Reptile Workshop

**21st September**

Owls to SS Great Britain in Bristol

**25th September**

Appledore Book Week  
Author Nick Tozack Visit

**25th September**

Year 4,5 & 6  
Football Club Starts

**29th September**

Otters Class Visit to  
Roman Baths in Bath

**23 - 27th October**

Half Term

## School Absence

If your child is ill or has an appointment and will be absent from school, please telephone the school office on 01805 603 263 before 9.30am.

Thank you!

## Attendance This Week

Reception - 96% Otters- 93%

Hedgehogs - 91% Owls - 97%

**Good attendance means...**

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

**175 days not in school!**



## Head Lice

We have found cases of head lice in school this week. Please can parents make an extra effort to check their children's hair and treat where necessary.

Thank you!

## Change of Clothes

With the weather getting wetter, please can children make sure they have a spare change of clothes in school at all time

## Year 4,5 & 6 Boys Football Club

Don't forget!  
Boys Football Club starts on Monday afternoon at 3.30pm - 4.30pm. If you would like your child to join please sign up via Arbor or speak to the school office.



## Parking at School

Just a reminder that we encourage parking for school drop off and collection to be along the road at the side of the school or in the Village Hall carpark.

We ask that parents avoid parking on the main road, in the area opposite the main school entrance (residents only), and Rye Park.

## Nursery Invoices

Nursery invoices will be going out soon. Please log into your Arbor accounts to pay. If you are having any difficulties, please contact the school office on 01805 603263.





## Owl's Class Trip to Bristol



The Owls really enjoyed their trip to Bristol to see the SS Great Britain. First we explored the historic dockyard and headed beneath the glass sea into the dry dock where we saw the propeller and hull of the ship up close. During our workshop, 'Victorians at Sea', we learnt about how long journeys took in the SS Great Britain and took part in a range of activities that would have kept the Victorians entertained. We tried out dip pens, played Victorian games, enjoyed looking at flick books, drew our silhouettes, explored shadow puppets, dressed up as Victorians and learnt about Victorian artefacts. After the workshop, the children really enjoyed exploring the SS Great Britain...although some of the smells and sounds were all too realistic including a Victorian who had been sick in a bucket! We also spotted the Clifton Suspension Bridge while we were on the bus.



## Menu Next Week

### Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza  
V – Veggie Nuggets  
Salad & Slaw

Cupcake

### Tuesday

Cottage Pie  
V – Quorn Sausage & Mash  
Mixed Veg

Peaches & Ice-Cream

### Wednesday

Roast Beef  
V – Quorn fillet  
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal  
Veg

Fruit Platter

### Thursday

Chicken Curry  
V – Sweet Potato Curry  
Rice & Vegetables

Artic Roll & Strawberry Sauce

### Friday

Oven Baked Fish Fillet  
V – Cheese Wheels  
Golden Fries, Baked Beans &  
Carrots

Custard Biscuit



**FRIENDS OF BEAFORD**

£3.50

Entry

**HALLOWEEN  
PARTY**

**FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER  
5.30PM – 7.30PM**

**BEAFORD  
VILLAGE HALL**

TUCK SHOP SELLING  
SWEETS, CAKES AND OTHER  
TREATS!

(REMEMBER TO BRING  
SOME PENNIES)

Please return form and  
payment to the school office  
by Friday 13th October





# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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LIBRARY

## CRAFT TIME WITH CHRIS Flipping Frogs!

**SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER**

10.30am - 12



Join Chris and Jilly in the library and make a flipping frog.  
Can you make it jump onto the lily pad?  
Drop in sessions. £1 donation .

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St Giles in The Wood

# Autumn Show

Saturday 7th October 2023

1.00pm - 3.00pm

3.00pm

3.00pm - 4.30pm

5.15pm

6.45pm

Judging

SHOW OPENS

Tea & Cake in the Parish Hall

Prize Giving & Draw

Auction

Enter your best home grown

& home made produce

Tea, Coffee  
& Cake

Treasure Hunt  
Cupcake  
Decorating

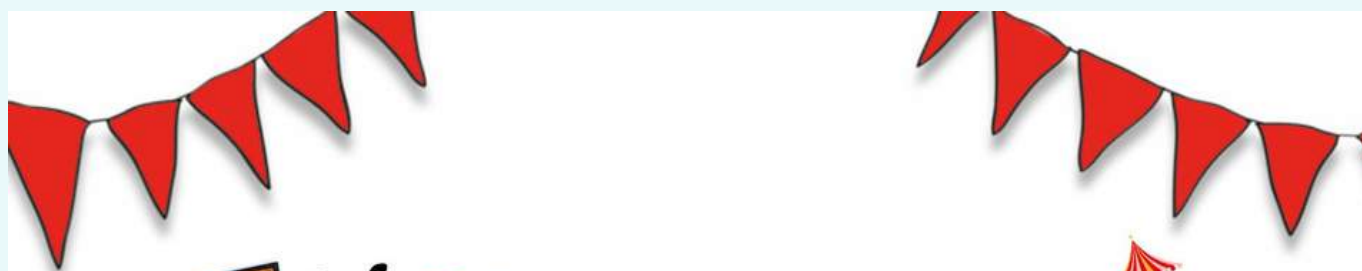
Bouncy Castle

Games

Kids Crafts







# Totally Torrington

**Saturday 7th October 2023**

**10am–12.30pm**

**Castle Community Centre**

**Lots of activities to try, share and enjoy.**

Come and join us in for a busy morning of crafts, gardening and play. We have: junk modelling; bulb planting; crafts; Lego. And more to follow! This is a free drop-in event.

**Organised by Torrington Library**



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**funpalaces.co.uk**

   # FunPalaces





# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



Finish the book challenge by **Saturday 16th September** to be entered into this year's prize draw. We have some super prizes including a scooter, sports equipment, various games, taster golf and rugby sessions and family swim passes!



Like our page on Facebook for updates of what's on and when!

@torringtonlibrarydevon

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



**SUMMER  
READING  
CHALLENGE**



INSPIRING  
ACTIVE  
READERS

**THE  
READING  
AGENCY**

## The Alpha Course

Beaford church invites you to join a series of small group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.  
You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs.

It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

Mondays, 10.00 – 11.15am in the Hunters Inn, Newton Tracey (adults)  
Mondays, 7.45 – 9.00pm in Beaford Village Hall (adults)  
Wednesdays, 6.30 – 8.00pm in High Bickington Church Hall (teenagers)  
Courses start in the week beginning 18th September.

Find out more at [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

To book a place email [revgaryowen@gmail.com](mailto:revgaryowen@gmail.com)





# JUNIOR RUGBY

2023-2024 Season

**Torrington Rugby Club are  
looking for boys and girls  
to join our youth teams!**

5:15PM - 6:15PM

U7, U14 BOYS & U12/14 GIRLS



6:30PM - 7:30PM

U10, U11, U12 BOYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT TORRINGTON RFC

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ADRIAN AVERY;

AGAVERY81@GMAIL.COM



**EARLY BIRD OFFER  
ENDS 1 OCTOBER  
FULL WEEK  
£65**



**ROMAR  
SPORTS**



**FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB**  
**24 - 26 OCTOBER**  
**9AM - 4PM**  
**BIDEFORD COLLEGE, ASTROTURF PITCH**



- ⚽ **EARLY BIRD OFFER - £25 PER DAY / £65 FULL WEEK - ends 1st October**
- ⚽ **DAY PRICE THEREAFTER £30 PER DAY / £65 FULL WEEK**



- ⚽ **GIRLS & BOYS AGED 6 - 14 YEARS**
- ⚽ **BRING A PACKED LUNCH, SNACK & PLENTY TO DRINK, WATERPROOF CLOTHES AND/OR A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, WEATHER DEPENDANT**



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