



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

It's been fantastic to have so many of you join us for parent consultations this week. I know it can be extremely difficult to juggle school commitments with busy work schedules. If you were unable to meet with us this week but would like to have a chat with your child's teacher please call the school and we can arrange a meeting or phone call.

Children make the best progress when there is good communication between the school and their carers. It enables us to work as a team and provide greater consistency for the children in our care.

On the topic of good communication, I have an important date for your diaries. December 14th is the day of the KS1 and KS2 Christmas play. There will be a matinee at 2pm and an evening performance at 5:15pm. Unfortunately, we can't start any later as the village hall has another booking in the evening.

Ladybirds are doing a separate play in Beaford Church. Mr Northmore is meeting Reverend Ally to arrange a date which we'll announce next week.

Last weekend, myself and some of the children went with the TEAM multi-academy trust to watch Wales play Barbarians at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff. It was a great day out, a high scoring game and a great atmosphere with 50,000 fans (and one very excited Mr Mathew Harts) cheering on Alun Wyn Jones and Leigh Halfpenny in their final appearances before retirement.



We are also very proud of some of our children that represented Torrington Beavers and Cubs at a Royal British Legion event on Sunday 29th Oct. It was a service dedicated to the new Standard-Flag that was last changed 100 years ago. Milo, Rala, Fred and Joe were professional and respectful throughout as they marched holding the flags alongside many other organisations. I'm told there are spaces available at Torrington Cubs on Tuesday nights for children aged 8-11.

In school this week, we've prepared the children for Remembrance Sunday with discussions in class, an assembly and we held a 2 minutes silence on Friday morning. Next week is Anti-bullying week. To show their support for the cause, children can wear odd socks on Monday 13th and we'll have a week of activities that develop children's understanding of bullying and how to prevent it.



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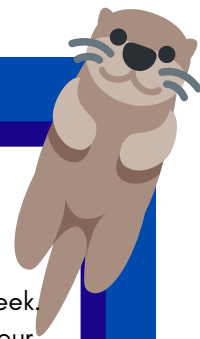
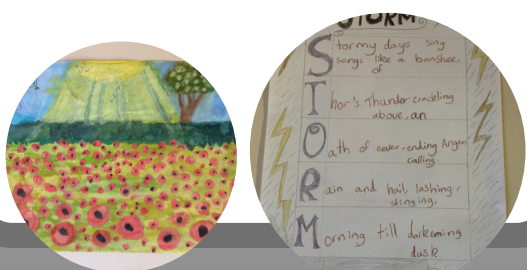




Owls

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their home-learning from last Thursday. We

have had some really high quality outcomes! Well done Owls! This week, the children have been learning short division first using images of place value counters to support their understanding and then with numbers. In English, the children have been reading War Game and watching the animation. They have been building their understanding of WWI and using this to learn about quotes and relative clauses. In computing, the children were exploring online databases.



Otters

Otters have had another excellent week.

We have been working very hard on our writing, developing the skills we need for our adventure stories. We used drama to help us get ideas for our writing. In maths, we have continued our multiplication and division sequence by using our knowledge of times tables to help us solve problems. In history, we researched everyday life in Ancient Rome and in RE we produced some Hindu hand art to help us learn about Diwali.



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been using their design ideas to help them to make their moon buggies this week. The children have been evaluating their work each lesson.

They have learned some more facts about Yuri Gagarin and the eight planets that make up the solar system.

The children have created character descriptions for their main character that will feature in their space story. The Year

One children have been looking at addition problems and the Year Two children have come up with strategies to help them with their adding.



Ladybirds

In Ladybirds this week, we began the week looking at fireworks. The children made edible sparklers with Rachel on Wednesday, they seemed very yummy!

During maths, we have continued to look at more or fewer of different items. Alongside discovering numbers in 'the Three Little Pigs.'

We have also had a discussion about Remembrance day and why we celebrate with a poppy. They have made themselves poppy wreaths to hang.





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Grace and Seren for their clay hedgehogs made during continuous provision.</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Brook for really trying to work independently when writing. He is building up his confidence each week and thinking about what he knows to help him.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Henrietta for always thinking hard about her learning and making sure that she produces the best work which she can. Henrietta thinks carefully about everything which she does in school and is therefore able to make good progress.</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Harry F for his fantastic contributions in English this week. He has worked hard to think of some really interesting sentences which relate to our class book War Game and has been really focused. Well done Harry!</i>



Contribution Certificates



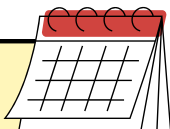
awarded to

<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Daisy-May for helping a friend at lunchtime when they needed help.</i>
<i>Hedgehogs</i>	<i>Jack for his stamina with his bike riding and how determined he is to ride a long way.</i>
<i>Otters</i>	<i>Lily-Mai for being a fantastic helper around the class and around the school. Lily-Mai will always offer to help when she sees that an adult or child might need it. She cheerfully supports everyone in her class and in the whole school community. Thank you, Lily-Mai.</i>
<i>Owls</i>	<i>Daniel has made some excellent contributions to our whole class discussion about the book War Game. Daniel's knowledge of history and WW1 is amazing and we hope he continues to share this with us during this topic! Well done Dan!</i>



Mr George Myers
Head of school





DATES

for your diary

6th September

First Day of Term

13th November

Odd Socks Day

13th November

Flu Immunisations in
School

14th November

Reception Class Vision
Screening

15th November

Reception Intake 2024
applications open

16th November

Cross Country Event at
High Bickington

17th November

'Break the Rules Day'

21st November

Tempest Individual &
Sibling Photographs

22nd November

Selected Pupils to
Higher Attainment
Maths Event at Pilton
Bluecoat

14th December

Christmas Play

15th December

Last Day of Term

Attendance

This Week

Reception - 92%

Otters- 97%

Hedgehogs - 91%

Owls - 97%



Supplies for Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs class are in need of old newspapers. If you have any lying around that you don't need, please could they be brought into school.

Crafting Material for Ladybirds

Ladybirds are in need of modelling materials, such as egg boxes, cardboard, newspaper etc. Before donating, please can parents speak to a member of staff so that we don't get too much and can make sure we have room to store it.

Thank you in advance!

Year 6 Residential Trip to Adventure International

You are now able to reserve your child's space on the Year 6 residential trip to Adventure International in Bude. After the success of last year's residential children from TEAM Schools will be returning Bude this coming May. This is **NOT** a first come first serve trip and a space has been allocated for every Year 6 pupil. To confirm your space please log into Arbor and sign your child up **BEFORE** the **9th February 2024**.

Football Club

20th November

There will be no football club on Monday 20th November due to staff commitments.



Cross Country at High Bickington

The cross country event has now been re-arranged for Thursday 16th November. If your child is taking part, please make sure they come to school in their PE kit, bring a packed lunch, drinks bottle and warm coat.

Breakfast, After School & Multi Skills Sports Club

Please don't forget to book your children into our wraparound care clubs in advance to avoid disappointment.

Breakfast Club (Mon- Friday) - 8.00am - 8.45pm

After School Club (Mon - Thurs) - 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Multi Skills Club (Friday) - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Breakfast and After School Clubs are charged at £4.00 per session

Multi Skills Club charged at £3.00 per session

Pupil Premium eligible children receive a 50% Discount

Payment is through Arbor.

Please remember there is no early admission or late collection

Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals which are based on policies for this year and next year and have your say.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page on the school website and you can see all policies at [Add a little bit of body text](#). Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.



Help us raise funds!

Target £1000



Ethan's 5k Super-Swimathon Challenge for BBC Children in Need



SCAN ME

Ethan will Get SPOTacular and undertake a 5K Super-Swimathon Challenge and help raise funds to support children and young people across the UK. His challenge is to swim 5K (200 lengths) of Torrington Pool on 19th November 2023 starting at 9:30am.

We need your support!

Follow the Just Giving link and donate what you can

xx THANK YOU!! xx



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

Arbor Meal Accounts

Please remember to keep your meal accounts in credit at all time.

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Change of Clothes in School

It's that time of year again where the playground gets very wet and muddy. We believe that outside play is important therefore try and maintain this during wet weather. With this in mind, please can you make sure your child has a complete clean change of clothes (including underwear) in school together with their wellies every day!



Reception Class Vision Screening

Don't forget to return your opt-out forms to the school office or hand them to Mr Northmore if you **do not** want your child to take part in the Vision Screening next Tuesday 14th November.



Some fantastic Diwali artwork from Amelie E in Otters. Well done Amelie!

DON'T FORGET

The School Office

Emails are only monitored between 8.30am - 12.30pm.

If you need to speak to someone urgently please call the school number 01805 603263. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only

Here's how it works:

When?
Friday
17th November
2023

Parentkind
Member Association

Choose how many rules
you want to break!

50p per broken rule

It's simple, break your
rules and pay your
teacher when you arrive
at school!!

The HAF website is now live!

The programme of events for Winter has now gone live in Devon

<http://devon.cc/haf-winter-23>

Please share far and wide!
Places are limited

Places are available for children who are accessing benefit related free school meals

<https://devon.cc/haf-parents-info>



When I'm 40

Presenting a new Beaford Archive commission
by photographer Gideon Mendel

YOUNG NORTH DEVONIANS EXPLORE THE LIKELY IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE LANDSCAPE THEY LOVE

OPENS 5.30pm
FRIDAY 3rd
NOVEMBER



Barnstaple
Pannier Market

RUNS UNTIL
17th NOVEMBER

The 'When I'm 40' collection will be exhibited alongside images from Gideon Mendel's international 'Drowning World' series creating a visual dialogue on the climate crisis faced on both a global and local level

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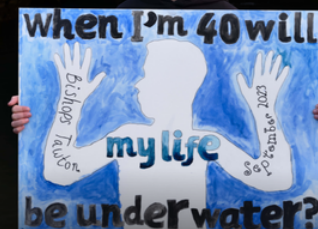
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Join us for
our new
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Drop in!

Digital Drop in session
for male carers

Devon Children's
Centres, Digital Service
are offering digital
drop in sessions for
male carers.

So why not pop in to
this informal, friendly
drop in session and
discuss topics that are
important to you and
your family. The
session will give you
the opportunity to get
support from other
male carers in Devon
with the assistance of a
Family Practitioner.



Monthly sessions are
from
7pm - 8pm on
Mondays
Dates are:
23rd October
27th November
11th December

To book your place
on any of the
sessions, please
[CLICK HERE](#) or scan
the QR code below

You will join the session via
Microsoft Teams.

SCAN
ME



Topics can include: sleep, eating,
toddler tantrums, bath times,
getting to school on time...

Any questions? Please contact:
devondigital@actionforchildren.org.uk

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We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on **Monday 13th November** for Odd Socks Day. Will you?

Odd Socks Day 

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay

