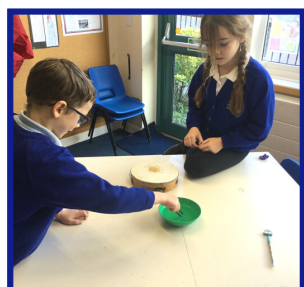




# BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 17th November 2023



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

We've had an anti-bullying theme this week. On Monday the children came in wearing odd socks to show their support and in assembly and classes we've discussed how "banter" can easily turn into bullying.

On Thursday, the teachers met to plan this year's Christmas play. It will be the usual extravaganza of acting, song and dance and we look forward to hosting as many of you as possible. Hedgehogs, Otters and Owls are performing at 2pm and 5:30pm on Thursday 14th December at the village hall. Ladybirds performance is on Wednesday 6th December at 2pm in Beaford Church. We will let you know costume requirements next week.

Ethan Farmer has been doing some fabulous charity work outside of school time. Keep a look out for him in local media. He's been interviewed by Spotlight and Radio Devon. I'll give you more details of his fantastic contribution to Children in Need after he's completed his 5km swim on Sunday.

I'm pleased to say, this newsletter is going to be full of thank yous. The local community has once again showed their generosity and supported the school in a number of ways

On Monday, we had a new sofa donated to us for our foyer. I've had to stop children from sneaking off to sit on it because it's so comfortable and bright! Thank you Sharon.

On Wednesday, the Friends of Beaford (PTA) met to plan Christmas activities. Ellie Burt-Jones and I were overwhelmed to see so many new faces. Extra helpers meant there is much more capacity to do bigger events and they got straight to work on planning a CHRISTMAS BONANZA for Thursday 7th December. See the attached poster for details and the Wanted Poster for donations to help towards our jingle jars and raffle. Friends of Beaford are meeting at school again on Wednesday 22nd at 9am to plan the finer details of the Bonanza. If you'd like to join in please come along or if you're available to volunteer on the day please let Ellie Burt-Jones know.

On Friday, all the children enjoyed 'Break the Rules Day.' Instead of complete anarchy, we had the same lovely polite children - just with rainbow hair and nail varnish. Thank you all for your donations.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Autumn Show Committee who have kindly paid for the school to use the Village Hall for the Christmas play and for the Halloween Disco. This was completely unexpected and we are very grateful for the donation.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*George Myers*

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# Owls

This week, the children have started to explore newspaper reports and the language used within them. We have looked at subordinating conjunctions (if, since, as, when, although, while, after, before, until, because) and how to use these to extend sentences as well as how to punctuate the sentence with a comma if we start our sentence with a subordinating conjunction. In maths, we have learnt how to multiply 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number using a formal method for multiplication. In PSHE, we discussed the idea of 'being normal' and how there are different perceptions about what normal means and how important it was to celebrate the differences we have.



# Otters

Otters have had a busy week. We had our last cricket session and we have worked very hard to build our writing skills so that we are ready to write our adventure stories. We have worked on writing speech and using adjectives and similes. In maths we are getting to the end of our multiplication and division sequence while in RE we learned about Hindu gods and goddesses. In science we thought about the source of different sounds and learned how sound travel to our ears.



# Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been investigating which materials are waterproof in science. They used their observations to think about a suitable space suit for an alien to wear. The children thought carefully about their knowledge of properties. Hedgehogs have been learning about subtraction in maths and have used counting back, crossing out and the number line to help them. Their space stories are developing and the children are using their planning and story language for support. Next week the children will be filming some of their moon buggies.



# Ladybirds

Ladybirds have had a fabulous week, learning lots about hibernation, keeping our environment clear of rubbish and learning about Diwali. We have begun to use 5 frames for our maths this week, this is to develop our understanding of adding one more, along with reasoning the order of number from 1-5. As we move into next week, we will start to have a focus for our Nativity! Details will be communicated separately.



# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Phoenix for being a superstar in her learning. Phoebe for her hard work and effort with her reading and writing times.
Hedgehogs	Oscar for his amazing progress in his writing. Oscar has worked really hard to think carefully about what he is writing and is putting effort into improving his handwriting.
Otters	Alice for consistently working with great perseverance. Alice always thinks carefully about her independent learning and is always looking for ways to improve her work. Well done Alice!
Owls	Milo for being so engaged with reading. Milo has such a fantastic understanding of the books we read in class and he always confidently contributes to discussions around the story. We can always rely on you to give us a helpful summary or prediction about what could happen next. Well done Milo!

## Contribution Certificates

awarded to

Ladybirds	Maggie for her contribution to class discussions during focus time.
Hedgehogs	Killian for trying really hard to sit and focus for longer on activities. Keep up the great work Killian- well done!
Otters	Amber thinks about the welfare of other children. She always tries to help when she sees that someone else is upset or struggling with their work. She quietly sits with them and does whatever she can to help. Thank you Amber.
Owls	Liam for always being so positive about taking on responsibilities around the school. Liam has been really on top of ensuring the Chrome books are being looked after properly, put away in the correct charging stations and ensuring they are always plugged in so they are charged and ready for the classes to use. Thank you Liam!

Mr George Myers

Head of school



# DATES

for your diary

**6th September**

First Day of Term

**14th November**

Reception Class Vision Screening

**15th November**

Reception Intake 2024 applications open

**17th November**

'Break the Rules Day'

**21st November**

Tempest Individual & Sibling Photographs

**6th December**

Ladybirds Reception & Nursery Christmas Nativity

**7th December**

Friends of Beaford Christmas Bonanza

**13th December**

Christmas Jumper Day

**14th December**

Christmas Play

**15th December**

Last Day of Term

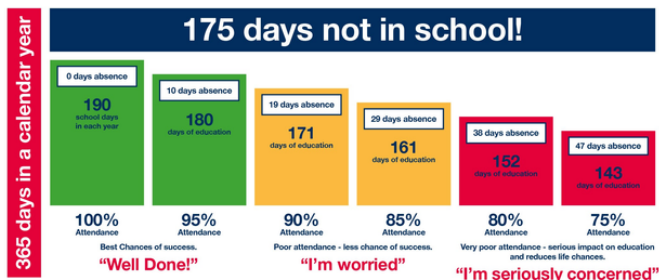
## Attendance This Week

Reception - 88% Otters- 100%

Hedgehogs - 93% Owls - 90%

**Good attendance means...**

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



## Parking at School Drop Off

Under no circumstances should the lay-by at the front of school be used for parking during school drop off or collection. This area is in constant use in the mornings and afternoons by school transport and deliveries.

## Tempest Photography



Tempest Photography will be in school next week on the 21st November to take individual and family photographs. If you would like family to be included in the photograph, please come to school by 8.30am and wait in the reception area to have your photographs taken.

## 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](http://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](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or by emailing the school.

**DON'T FORGET**

## The School Office

Emails are only monitored between 8.30am - 12.30pm.

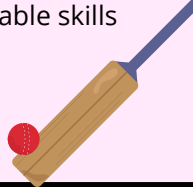
If you need to speak to someone urgently please call the school number 01805 603263. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

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### **Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching**

We have been very fortunate to have Martin from Chance to Shine Cricket in school over the past few weeks delivering cricket coaching. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time, they have built on their throwing and catching skills along with playing some games of cricket. We'd like to thank Martin for his time and efforts in the challenging weather conditions and teaching the children valuable skills they can take forward.



### **Club Cancellations**

#### **Multi-Skills**

Unfortunately there will be no Multi-Skills club this Friday (17th November)

#### **Football Club**

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

# **WANTED**

## **Friends of Beaford**

### **Good Quality Toys and Books Wanted**

**Friends of Beaford are looking for donations of good quality pre loved books and toys. If you have anything you wish to donate, please either drop to the office no later than Thursday 30th November or let Ellie know on 07703 226 343**

### **Preloved Clothing Wanted**

**Friends of Beaford are looking for donations of good quality pre loved clothing. If you have anything you wish to donate, please either drop to the office no later than Thursday 30th November or let Ellie know on 07703 226 343.**

**\*\*Please do not donate shoes, anything damaged, soiled or any undergarments\*\***

# Help us raise funds!

## Target £1000



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



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

### 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**



## Menu Next Week

### Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake  
V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake  
Wedges & Corn Coblett

Lemon Sponge

### Tuesday

Beef Lasagne  
V – Quorn Lasagne  
Garlic Bread & Mixed Veg

Fruit Crumble with Custard

### Wednesday

Roast Gammon  
V – Vegetarian Roast  
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Veg

Fruit Platter

### Thursday

West Country Sausages  
V – Vegetarian Sausage  
Mashed Potato & Beans

Sticky Toffee Pudding

### Friday

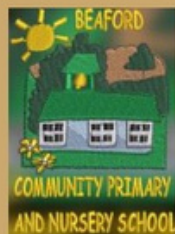
Fish Fingers  
V – Cheese and Bean Wrap  
Golden Fries, Baked Beans & Peas

Chocolate Cracknel

### Arbor Meal Accounts

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





FRIENDS OF BEAFORD PRESENT

# CHRISTMAS BONANZA

AN EVENT FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY TO ENJOY

FACE PAINTING & TEMPORARY TATTOOS, PRELOVED TOYS & BOOKS,  
CRAFTS, MULLED WINE & HOT CHOCOLATES, RAFFLE, CAKES & BISCUITS,  
JINGLE JARS, PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM, TEDDY TOMBOLA



THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER

3:30PM-5PM

BEAFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL



# Friends of Beaford Jingle Jars

Jars need to be completed & brought into school by Wednesday 6th December ready to sell at the Christmas bonanza!



Simply fill & decorate an empty clean jar with anything you like, e.g sweets, hair clips, bouncy balls, chocolates, craft stuffs, stationary, little toys etc...

Friends of Beaford School

**Wednesday  
13th December  
2023**



**MERRY  
XMAS**

**£1  
voluntary  
donation**



**Was your child born between  
1st September 2019 and  
31st August 2020?**

## **How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon**

You can apply online at  
**[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)**  
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on

**0345 155 1019**

or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



**Even if you have already given  
details to a primary school, you  
must apply for a place through the  
Admissions Team. This is the only  
way to apply; other forms or lists  
held by schools will not count.**



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## Mondays - Torrington

Methodist Church, Mill St. EX38 8AL

Happy House (Toddlers) - 10am  
Baby Beeps (Sitting babies) - 11am  
Baby Bells (Younger babies) - 12.15pm



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