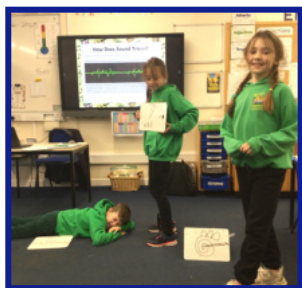




Friday 8th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What a week.

We had Ladybirds outstanding Nativity performance on Wednesday and last night the Christmas Bonanza was spectacular! Thank you to all of you who came to both events. It was so nice to have the school open the doors to the parents and wider community.

At the Bonanza, the stalls were full of homemade treats, Christmas cards and pre-loved toys, books and games. I was overwhelmed with the generosity of the community and the wider area. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all those who donated goods for the Bonanza and to the local businesses that gave such amazing prizes for our raffle.

My biggest thank you must go to the Friends of Beaford for organising the event and giving up their time. They were phenomenal! In just two short meetings at school they conjured up all the ideas and solved all the logistical problems that came with them. It's so good to have an active PTA at a small community school. The money raised will go towards subsidising trips for the children and to adding to our library.

Watch this space for more events in the future!

On Wednesday, Ladybirds gave a heart warming performance of the Christmas story. Their singing, dancing and acting were superb and showed all the hard work they've put into it. It was nice to see the parents playing their part and mooing and baaing in the correct places.

Thank you to Reverend Ally for organising the church for us and also for coming in to give an assembly to talk through how Christians celebrate Christmas on Wednesday morning.

Next Wednesday is Christmas jumper and dinner day and on Thursday is the Christmas play at the Village Hall. The evening performance often gets busy, if you'd like a seat I suggest coming to the matinee at 2pm.

Have a wonderful weekend.

George Myers



Owls

This week Owls have been researching how the weapons of WWI affected the fighting.

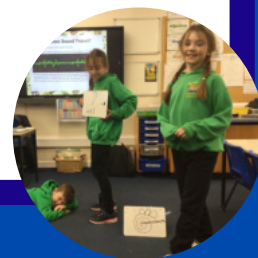
They learnt that new technology was developing at a rapid rate and many of the innovations were focused on making weapons. In computing, the Owls learnt how to make a quiz using Google Forms.

They created multiple choice questions based on our learning this term, ensured they assigned the answer and chose how many points each question would be worth. Some groups even added images for their multiple choice answers and some groups changed the style of question by choosing short answers. We have been having fun answering each other's quizzes! Towards the end of the week, we had some really positive OPAL play where they were enjoying working together as a team.



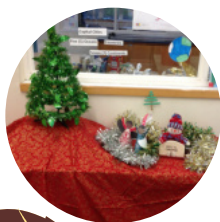
Otters

Otters have had an extremely busy week and the time is whizzing past. We have of course been practising for the Christmas performance, but we also found time to start learning about factors in maths. Last week we learned to play London's Burning on recorders, and this week we have linked our music with our science. We found using drama a useful way to learn about sound waves. In English we finished our adventure stories and in history we learned about the spread of the Roman empire around the Mediterranean Sea. We had fun trying to work out which modern countries matched the countries of the Roman Empire.



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been participating in lots of lovely Christmas Art activities this week. They have made paper chains, snowflakes, angels and Christmas hats. The children have been working hard on their Phonics activities and writing Christmas dictation sentences based on classic Christmas stories. Alongside this the children have been perfecting their lines, singing and dancing in preparation for the school play. What superstars you all are!



Ladybirds

What a week in Ladybirds! They performed their nativity to their loved ones and they were just amazing. We could not be prouder of their first nativity performance, especially when they had never done it in front of an audience before. On behalf of the team, we would like to thank all that were able to attend and support the children, whether it be costumes, singing practice or just being there. During our classroom time, we have followed Stickman on his adventures. The children have been making stickmen, writing instructions on how to play games with sticks and many more. We have also introduced this week a daily star of the day, these are for acts of kindness during their day.



DATES

for your diary

14th December

Christmas Dinner &
Christmas Jumper Day

15th December

Last Day of Term

2nd January

Non Pupil Day

3rd January

1st Day of Spring Term

11th January

Year 3 Swimming Starts

15th January

Deadline for Primary
School Applications

22nd January

National Measurement
Scheme
Reception & Year 6

30th January

Year 5 Residential to
London

12th - 16th February

Half Term

20th February

Hedgehogs Trip to
RHS Rosemoor

29th March

Easter Holiday Starts



Attendance This Week

Reception - 100% Otters- 97%
Hedgehogs - 98% Owls - 97%

**Good
attendance
means...**

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



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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

Christmas Dinner

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 Accounts

Now that we are approaching the end of term, please can you make sure that all Arbor accounts (Meals, Breakfast and After School Clubs) are paid up in full. If you are having any problems with this, please contact the school office between the hours of 8.30am - 12.30pm.

Christmas Dinner

We have assumed that all children will have a Christmas dinner. If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home or would like the vegetarian option, please inform the school office at soon as possible.

Thank you!

Christmas Play Reminders

Children will be going home as usual at 3.30pm unless they have been booked into After School Club.

They will need to return back to **The Village Hall** at 5.15pm dressed in their costumes ready for our play to begin at 5.30pm

If you will not be attending the evening performance please collect your children from the Village Hall at 6.30pm.

As the Hall has a booking after the play, we ask that families and children vacate promptly following the performance.

Swimming in the Spring Term Year 3

Our Year 3's will start their swimming sessions in the New Year.

We are asking for a voluntary donation of £15 to contribute toward the cost of travel and hire of the Swimming Pool & Instructor.

On swimming days please ensure long hair is tied back and all jewellery is removed or taped over.

Please log into your Arbor account to pay.

Thank you.

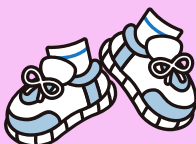
Frosty the Snowman Postbox

Frosty will officially close for another Christmas season on Wednesday the 13th December. Please make sure all your Christmas cards have been written and delivered to him by then.



PE Kits

If your child has a PE kit in school, please can this be taken home over the Christmas holidays to be laundered and fresh again for our Spring term activities!



Reading in Early Years

Reading is such an important skill that in Early years, they begin to learn. It is key for our children to be immersed in reading from someone reading to them, but also to have a go at it themselves. All reception children should have a 'ditty sheet' they should be practicing nightly at home.

Proudly presenting our Spring Term menu...

	Week 1: 1/1, 22/1, 19/2, 11/3	Week 2: 8/1, 29/1, 26/2, 18/3	Week 3: 15/1, 5/2, 4/3, 25/3
Monday	Sausage Rolls V – Cheese & Bean Wrap Creamed Potatoes & Baked Beans, Peas Fruit Crumble with Ice-cream	Pork Sausages / Toad in the Hole V – Vegetarian Sausages Creamed Potato & Mixed Veg Peach Melba	Cheese, Ham & Tomato Pizza V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake Potato Wedges & Vegetable Medley Apple Sponge Pudding
Tuesday	Beef Burgers in a bap V – Veggie Burger in a bap Potato wedges & sweetcorn Jam Sponge & Custard	Beef Lasagne V – Vegetarian Lasagne Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots Lemon Drizzle Cake	Meat balls & pasta V – Quorn Hotdog in a roll Peas & carrots Scotch Pancakes & Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Beef V – Vegetable Bites Roast Potatoes & Broccoli & Cauliflower Fruit Platter	Roast Gammon V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake Roast Potatoes & Cauliflower, Carrot & Suede Fruit Platter	Roast Chicken V – Vegetarian Roast Roast Potatoes & Cabbage & Carrots Fruit Platter
Thursday	Chicken pasta bake V – Cheese & Tomato Pizza Seasonal Vegetables Pineapple Upside-Down Cake & Custard	BBQ Chicken V - Macaroni Cheese Rice and Seasonal Veg Iced Vanilla Sponge	Sweet & Sour Chicken V – Mild Sweet Potato Curry Rice and Mixed Vegetables Fruit Muffin
Friday	Oven Baked Fish V – Vegetarian Nuggets Golden Fries & Sweetcorn Flapjack	Salmon Fish Cakes V – Cheese Wheels Golden Fries & Baked Beans Chocolate Cracknel	Fish Fingers V – Cheese Omelette Golden Fries, & Peas Shortbread Biscuit



CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	All of the Ladybirds for their amazing performances during their nativity play.
Hedgehogs	Arlo and Olivia for their accurate sketching and artwork this week. They have really concentrated and not rushed any of their activities.
Otters	Zak for the fantastic effort and progress he is making with his writing. Zak is becoming a truly independent writer and he should be very proud of himself.
Owls	Ella for her perseverance in using Google Forms to make her own quiz. She was really focused, listened to the feedback given and asked questions to move her learning forward. We're looking forward to trying out your quiz next week Ella!



Contribution Certificates

awarded to

Ladybirds	All of the Ladybirds for their amazing performances during their nativity play.
Hedgehogs	Ethan for being an excellent soldier in our Christmas Play rehearsal. Ethan joined in with the dancing and worked well with his group.
Otters	Isabella for the increased focus and care which she is taking with her learning. Isabella always brings a fantastic enthusiasm to school and it is wonderful to see her energy being applied with more focus.
Owls	Kiki for her confidence in the school play rehearsals. Kiki has learnt her lines and knows when she needs to be on stage and we're so impressed with her loud acting voice! She has made so much progress from when she was a bit nervous last week when we started learning our lines. Well done Kiki!



Mr George Myers
Head of school



LADYBIRDS PRESENTS
THEIR

Christmas Nativity



Some impressive work from Ladybirds Reception

Stick Man Games

Put it over the
bridge.
Watch it race.
My stick won.



find a stick
put it over
the bridge
Watch it race.
My stick won.

Stick Man Games

Put it over the
bridge.
Watch it float.



Find a stick
put it over
the bridge
Watch it
float

Harry H

Elsie H

Today!

FRIENDS OF BEAFORD SCHOOL

After School Cake Sale

ALL 50P EACH

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
FRIENDS OF BEAFORD SCHOOL

Friends of Beaford School

Wednesday
13th December
2023

MERRY
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CHRISTMAS
Jumper
Day

£1
voluntary
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11.45 with SOPHIE COBB

Join Sophie for "Secrets of the Beech Tree" and let your
imagination run free

1.30 with JOSEPH WITCHALL

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER: Festive children's clothes swap in the children's library.

Wednesday 6th December: Orchard Vale school choir
11.30am - 12pm in the foyer.
Drop in

Saturday 9th December: Drop-in Christmas crafts
10am - 12pm
Drop in

Tuesday 12th December: Festive story time and hot chocolate under the tree.
4pm - 5pm
Suitable for children 3-8 years old. Drop in

Wednesday 13th December: Festive Fun for grown-ups around the tree followed
by hot chocolate.
3.30-4.30pm
Drop in

Saturday 16th December: E-Christmas card making sessions
Morning: 10am - 12pm
Afternoon: 2pm - 4pm
Book at the library

Thursday 21st December: Circus Berzerkus - 2pm
£5 per person book at the library

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
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

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more information by calling our
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details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
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It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



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A Parent's Guide to
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Gaming



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It's always best to be prepared

Many parents
may be planning
to give electronic
gadgets to their
children this
festive period.

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