



# BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Life, Love and Learning to the full**

**Friday 1st December 2023**

*Dear Parents and Carers*

The result of our referendum on Meat Free Mondays are in. The children have voted to have a meat option on Monday's menu. This will begin when the children come back after Christmas.

60 children voted on the question: Should we keep meat free Mondays? 39 voted yes, 20 no and there was one spoiled vote.

Before year 2 to 6 cast their votes the children had discussions in class and researched the arguments on both sides. Gemma Underhill kindly came in to talk to the children about the high welfare of British livestock and how British farming practices and buying local produce improve sustainability.

The school ambassadors ran the referendum which Zenna oversaw to ensure the vote was free and fair.

Meat free Mondays were adopted before I came to the school. We currently get our meat and vegetables delivered locally from Ware's and Xanadu in Torrington. All of our meals meet the government's food in schools standards and represent a balanced diet.

Part of our curriculum is to teach the children the British value of democracy. We've used this process to help them understand that a democratic process can lead to change. We've also stressed the importance of respecting other people's beliefs and of getting information from reliable sources. Recent national referendums have been divisive but I hope this will not be the case at Beaford. The children recognise that people hold different view points depending on which reasons they value the most.

In other news, the Friends of Beaford Christmas Bonanza is upcoming. I'd like to thank everyone who has donated wine, raffle prizes and jingle jars. Please come and support and enjoy the festivities on Thursday 7th December at 3:30pm.

This week, Mini First Aid came into school to deliver an assembly on choking. The children learnt how to recognise someone who is choking and what to do. I was lucky enough to be chosen as the choking victim. I wore a special vest that simulated my airways being blocked and Cheryl saved my life by performing 5 back slaps and 5 abdominal thrusts that were taught in the assembly.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes

*George Myers*



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# Owls

This week, in maths the Owls have looked at finding fractions equal to a unit fraction. In

English, the children have been reading lyrics to songs and what these mean in the context of war. The children have been busy making Christmas decorations for the Friends of Beaford Christmas Bonanza on 7th December. The children have been really enthusiastic about the school play and have been helping with writing the script and song suggestions this week. Well done Owls!



# Otters

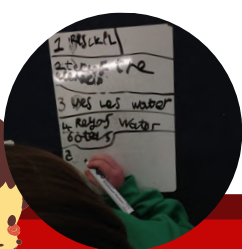
This week Otters have been learning how to play the recorder. They have made fantastic progress from the squeaky start on Wednesday to now being able to play low D, G, A, B, C, D and can now play a rendition of London's Burning with Zenna. Amelie even bravely volunteered to play in a round with Zenna which she did brilliantly! In maths, Otters have been practising their 9 times table. In history, they have created a poster based on life in Roman times.



# Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been to two thought provoking assemblies this week. They have learned some basic First Aid and learned more about farming and what producing meat means from the farming perspective. The children participated in discussions on how to protect our planet and came up with some really interesting ideas. In maths the children have been investigating 2D shapes and using the language of straight sides, curved sides and vertices to compare them.

Year One and Two children are busy rehearsing their Christmas play songs, poem and sugar plum fairy dance that they are super excited about performing.



# Ladybirds

In Ladybird's this week, we are working very hard on learning all of our actions and words to our nativity songs. Ready for our big performance next Wednesday! During our learning time, we have been using, 'Room for a little one' as our text. They have enjoyed discussing the characters in the story, along with creating various stables to live in.

Alongside this, they have are becoming experts at hibernation and showing animals that hibernate and which don't. The children have been introduced to looking at a part whole model and being able to split the number 5 into 2 different ways.





# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Charlie for his effort in his reading and reading with a smile.
Hedgehogs	Izzy for working extremely hard on her handwriting. She is really thinking about her letter formation and not rushing.
Otters	Lily W for always being ready for learning. She is calm, listens intently and maintains her focus. During Christmas play assemblies, Lily has been engaged and singing confidently and happily. Well done Lily.
Owls	Maggie has been really on board with the Christmas play and has made helpful suggestions, creative ideas and has helped lead choral speaking. Maggie has also shown such kindness and care this week - thank you!



## Contribution Certificates



awarded to

Ladybirds	Aaran for supporting his friends find their letters during our phonics session.
Hedgehogs	Sid for being so thoughtful and kind by helping other children. For example, picking other children's coats up.
Otters	Rosie for always brightening up our day with her positivity and smiles. Rosie's confidence has grown so much and it makes us so proud that she now regularly volunteers to share her great ideas in front of the whole school. Well done Rosie.
Owls	Phoebe and Ellie for being really mature and taking responsibility when helping tidy our playground. You were brilliant role models and added calm and kindness! Thank you!



Mr George Myers  
Head of school



# DATES

for your diary

**6th September**

First Day of Term

**6th December**

Ladybirds Reception &  
Nursery Christmas  
Nativity (2pm Church)

**7th December**

Friends of Beaford  
Christmas Bonanza

**13th December**

Christmas Jumper Day

**14th December**

Christmas Play  
In Village Hall  
2pm Matinee  
5.00pm Evening Show

**15th December**

Last Day of Term



## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

#### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



## Attendance This Week

Reception - 91%

Hedgehogs - 89%

Otters- 95%

Owls - 99%



## Residential Trips

### Year 5 Residential to London

Our Year 5's are starting to look forward to their trip to London in the new year. Please don't forget that the final payment is due on the 26th January 2024.

### Year 6 Adventure International Bude

Please don't forget to sign your child up to their final residential trip of Primary School by the 6th February.

## Ladybirds Nativity Play

Wednesday 6th December 2pm in Beaford Church

Our ladybirds are looking forward to presenting you their Christmas Nativity Play on Wednesday. Letters were sent home with children last week with costume requirements. Please make sure all costumes are brought into school on Wednesday morning. If you require extra tickets please speak to the school office and we will do our best to accommodate you.



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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## Christmas Bonanza

We are all looking forward to the Friends of Beaford Christmas Bonanza next Thursday 7th December. We do ask that all children are to be accompanied by their parents or family unless they have been previously booked into After School Club. Thank you!

## Lost Property

Now that we are coming to the end of term we would be grateful if parents could come and have a look through the pile of lost property in the school reception area and collect any items that are theirs. Unclaimed uniform will be donated to the Friends of Beaford for re-sale.

## 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.



## Early Years Funding for January 2024 (Spring Term)

Please apply for your 30-hour code, if you are eligible, before the 15th December to ensure that your code is in place in time for January 2024. The link below will take you to the website for all the necessary details. Please let us know your successful code and your national insurance number so that your code can be verified on the DCC Portal. If you have any questions, please ask Emily in the school office.

**[Apply for 30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)**

Or

**<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>**

## Breakfast, After School & Multi Skills Sports Club

***Don't forget, you can use your Tax-Free Child Care account to pay for any Breakfast or After School Provision.***

***If you do not already have Tax Free Childcare Account, click [HERE](#) to see if you qualify for one.***

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

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

Breakfast and After School Clubs are charged at £4.00 per session with 50% discount to Pupil Premium Children

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FRIENDS OF BEAFORD

# Christmas Hamper

Behold! Our Christmas Hamper!

This is just one of the fabulous prizes that will be raffled off on the 7th December at our Christmas Bonanza. Please don't forget to return your children's raffle tickets to school by Wednesday 6th December for a chance to win.



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 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

£2 per strip  
of tickets




## PRIZES

RHS Rosemoor Family Ticket  
Cake from Sandfords Bakery  
Gift Box of baked goods from The Old Parlour Bakes  
Alpaca Walking Experience at Woolley Animals  
Christmas Food Hamper - kindly donated by SJ Chimneys  
Hand Carved Pen from Duane's Carvings, Torrington  
£40 Cash - Kindly donated by SJ Chimneys  
Puzzle from Toy Zone, Torrington  
Free MOT from Beaford Garage

### Gift Vouchers from the following companies

The Globe, Beaford  
Sueno Beauty, Winkleigh  
Coombe Martin Wildlife & Dinosaur Park  
Torrington Refill Store  
The Brew House Coffee Shop, Barnstaple  
Let's Go Barnstaple  
Wares Butchers, Torrington  
Boom Tingz, Torrington  
The Plough, Torrington  
High Bullen Garage

**Raffle Tickets will be coming home in  
your childrens bags and can also be  
purchased from the school office**



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.

Devon  
County Council

Friends of Beaford School

**Wednesday**  
**13th December**  
**2023**

**CHRISTMAS Jumper Day**

**£1 voluntary donation**

MERRY XMAS

## GREAT TORRINGTON BOOK FAIR

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER**  
**10.30 - 11.45 - 1.30**

10.30 with ANNEMARIE MUNRO

Take a trip back in time as you become a reporter in 1911

11.45 with SOPHIE COBB

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

1.30 with JOSEPH WITCHALL

Create your very own story book character and bring it to life through illustrations

All activities are free. Booking essential as limited places

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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 Berzercus - 2pm  
£5 per person book at the library



Multi-award winning immersive, sensory music classes, in-house sessions, parties and much more for the little folk and their grown-ups too!

## 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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Your Library with a  
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FREE HOT SOUP

Wednesday 29th November

Wednesday 6th December

Monday 11th December

Wednesday 20th December

Soup served from 12pm  
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