



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Meat free Mondays has been a hot topic of debate amongst the children and the parents. One of the parents came to me and said that this was introduced without any consultation and that it did not sit right with them as there is always a vegetarian choice on the menu, meat can be sourced sustainably and that Beaford serves a farming community. There's also been a petition organised which shows these are arguments that a number of parents sympathise with.

I firmly believe it is not the role of educators to teach children what to think but to teach them HOW to think. Our children will grow up in a world where this skill is more important than ever. Social Media is already full of disinformation, and technology such as AI will only increase this.

We also have a duty at school to teach the children the British Value of democracy. The debate over meat free Mondays is a great opportunity to give the children first hand experience of democracy. Next Thursday we will hold a referendum on the statement:

Should we keep meat free Mondays

YES

NO

Only children from years 2 to 6 will be able to vote and they will study arguments on both sides of the debate. The school ambassadors have worked this week to plan out the vote.

In other news we've had lots of discussions about how we behave at school and what the expectations are. Behaviour at Beaford is excellent but, like any school, the children need to have a clear understanding of what is expected of them. We've created some simple rules for the children to follow:

Be Safe

E.g. Following instructions, walking around the school sensibly, making safe choices at breaktimes

Be Ready

E.g. Listening in class, concentrating, avoiding distractions

Be Respectful

E.g. Politeness, taking turns, managing emotions

Over the next few weeks we'll keep discussing these with the children and enhance the polite and kind culture of the school.

Finally, our Christmas play rehearsals have started. If you know your child will be unable to attend the evening performance of the KS1/2 play, please let teachers know so we can plan accordingly.



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Owls

This week Owls have been starting to think about the Christmas play and giving some ideas ready to finalise parts next week. We have looked at our behaviour policy and started to think about what behaviour we'd like to see under our three main headings, Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Ready. The children worked in pairs to discuss good learning behaviours and displayed these in a venn diagram.



Otters

Otters have been very resilient this week as we have completed our assessments for maths, reading, spelling and grammar. Otters have displayed excellent stamina and been a real credit to themselves and to the school. We have also managed to fit in some fun activities such as starting preparations for our Christmas performance and completing an obstacle course in PE. We also found time to plan our adventure stories, to learn more about how sound travels and to explore different versions about the founding of Rome.



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have enjoyed creating their moon buggy animations this week. They enjoyed watching their videos back with the added Star Wars background music and in a 'dark' classroom atmosphere. The children thought carefully about the values of the characters from the Christmas story in RE and they thought of quotes for their puppets. A special mention to Year Two who have impressed me with their attitude to their Autumn term assessments this week. Year One have also worked very hard on their simple sentence structure.



Ladybirds

Another productive week in Ladybirds this week, as the children have continued their learning around hibernation. The children have been developing their language and understanding on Autumn. We have been looking at one less in our maths sessions as well as deepening the children's learning on counting to 5. We have been practicing our songs for our Nativity and the children have now been given their rolls for the performance.



CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Percy for taking his knowledge and understanding of hibernating animals into his play situations.
Hedgehogs	Alfie for working extremely hard to follow the school behaviour expectations and rules that are to 'be safe', 'be ready' 'be respectful'.
Otters	Amelia for her amazing achievement with her reading. Over the past year, Amelia has worked so hard and she is now able to read brilliantly. Well done Amelia for this fantastic achievement!
Owls	Poppy for her amazing singing. Poppy has been focused learning new songs and has helped keep her group in tune and in time. Thank you Poppy!

Contribution Certificates

awarded to

Ladybirds	Harrison for being interested in other children's learning and working well with them during learning time.
Hedgehogs	Rala for her effort and attitude to her dancing in our 'Sugar plum fairy' dance. Rala is always 'in role' at all times and really thinking about extending her arms and pointing her toes.
Otters	Aidan for joining in all our activities so well this week and for his calm and polite attitude to his learning, especially PE. Aidan made some excellent choices in PE this week. Well done Aidan!
Owls	Harry F for having such a positive and helpful attitude around the school. Harry has been helping support some of the younger children in the school and the staff in Ladybirds have been really grateful for all his help and have noted his mature and kind attitude with the children.

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

Dogs in School

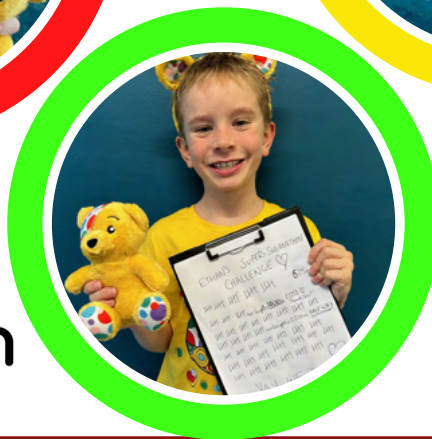
As much as we love our four legged friends, we ask that dogs are not brought into the school grounds during morning drop off for health and safety reasons.

Thank you!



Ethan's 5km swim for Children in Need

We are so proud of Ethan who completed his 5km swim in aid of Children in Need last Saturday. He has now raised £1,450 for Children in Need. If you haven't yet, there is still time to donate by clicking [HERE](#) to take you to his just giving page.



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.

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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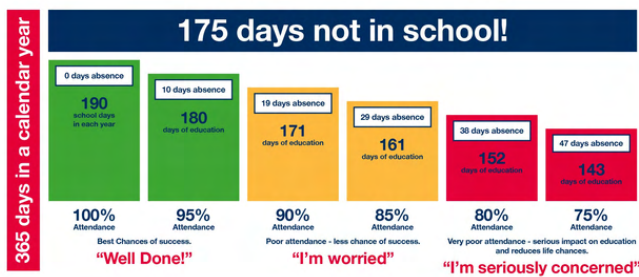


Attendance This Week

Reception - 83% Otters- 97%
Hedgehogs - 94% Owls - 96%

Good attendance means...

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



Free School Meals

£45 Food vouchers will soon be sent out to existing Free School Meal children to help cover the Christmas Holiday.

If your child does not currently receive free school meals but you think they qualify due to low income or a change in your family circumstances, please apply online through the [Devon Citizen's Portal](#) as soon as possible for your eligibility to be assessed and to get an instant decision. Alternatively, please call the free school meal helpline on 0345 155 1019

Breakfast, After School & Multi Skills Sports Club

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

Ladybirds Reception Class PE Kits

Please can PE kits be brought into school every day together with their normal emergency change of clothes.

Thank you!



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.

Menu



Next Week

Monday

Macaroni Cheese
V – Cheese Salad Wraps
Salad or Vegetables

Chocolate Sponge
Traybake

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognese
V – Cheese & Tomato Pasta
Bake
Baguette Slice & Mixed Veg

Cheesecake

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
V – Baked Homity Pie
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal
Veg

Fruit Platter

Thursday

Beef Burger in a Bun
V – Quorn Burger in a Bun
Potato Wedges, Beans &
Sweetcorn

Jelly & Ice Cream

Friday

Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes
V - Cheese Omelette
Golden Fries, Baked Beans &
Sweetcorn

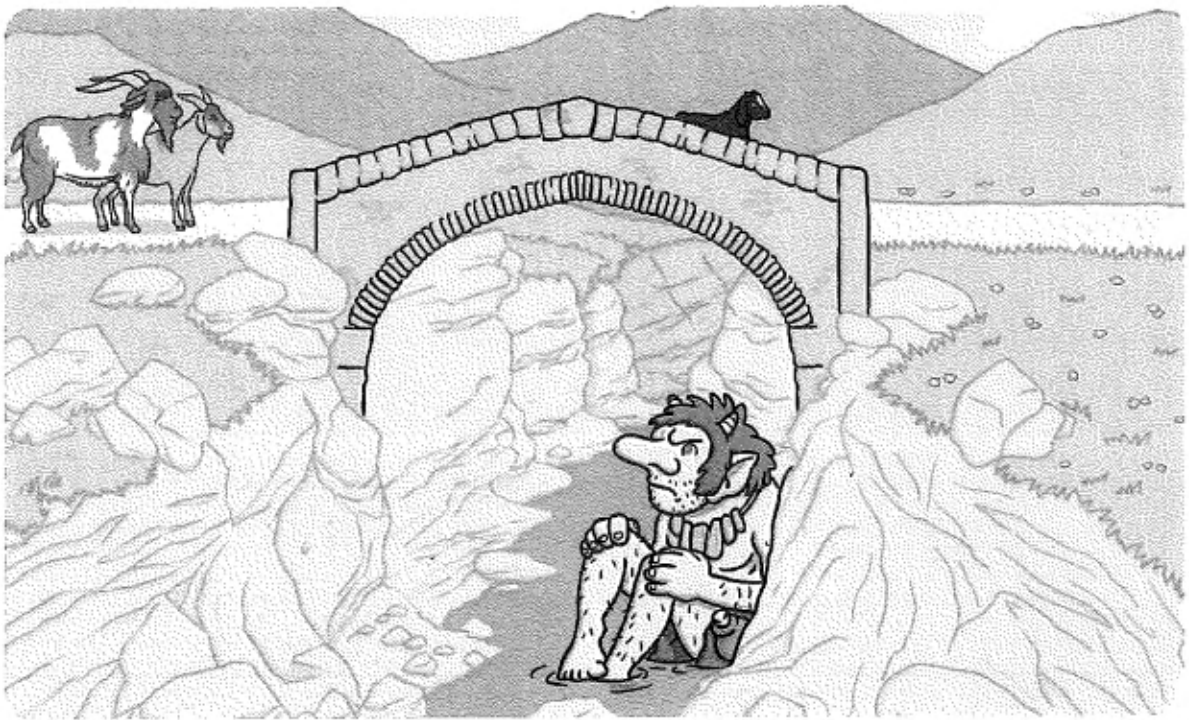
Flapjack

Arbor Meal Accounts

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



Look at this picture. Write some sentences about what you can see.



The goat is chrichaprich
on the briw.

The tree is und the
briw.

The tree is sitin on
the wrotu.

The uve goes at waitu.

Some fantastic writing from Matilda in Year 1 this week. We are so impressed with your handwriting and use of capital letters. Well done Matilda!



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 Duanes 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**




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 School
Wednesday
13th December
2023



£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
 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



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.



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...



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



SCAN ME

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the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am