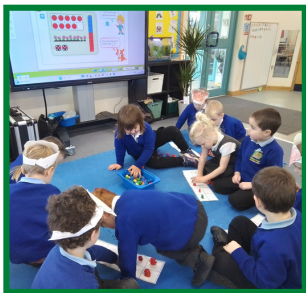




BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 12th January 2024



Dear Parents

We've had a busy first full week back at Beaford. Our assembly on Monday was all about the power of sport. We talked about all the things that sport teaches you and the benefits to physical and mental health.

We are blessed in Devon with a beautiful outdoor environment and at school we have a wonderful, large playground that most schools our size can only dream of. I want the children of Beaford to enjoy being outdoors and to gain lots of experience at different sports and outdoor activities. This afternoon the children in Owls and Otters have their first sessions with the Exeter City football and Ark Tennis coaches we've arranged to come into school, so our Friday afternoons will be great for children to get outside and get active.

We're having a big focus on reading this term. Reading is the most important academic skill the children will learn at school. Reading to a high standard improves the children's outcomes across the curriculum, empowers the children by allowing them to teach themselves and most

importantly opens up the world of literature to them. All the children take reading books home from school, please take the time to talk to them about the book they've chosen and listen to them read. Next Wednesday, Ladybirds have an open morning for parents. Come in and see how early reading is taught to your children and chat with Mr Northmore about how you can develop early reading skills at home.

Unfortunately, the school bus was unable to pull into the school layby today because cars were blocking it. Please leave the layby free before 9 o'clock and from 3pm - 3:30pm so the school bus and taxi can drop off the children. In between these times, please only park in it for short periods of time as this is where emergency vehicles will park, should we need them.

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

George Myers



Owls

This week the Owls have been learning how to add and subtract fractions using a fraction wall, understanding how to create equivalent fractions and then moving on to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. In English, we have read about a range of inspirational women including Michelle Obama and the Bronte sisters. In science, the children have been learning about how they see and how our pupils dilate in dim light. They took turns closing their eyes for a minute and watching their partners pupils change as their eyes adjusted to being in a bright room.



Otters

Otters have had a very busy week and we have managed to fit in a lot of fantastic learning! We made clay models of ammonite fossils and sketched them. We have been learning how to write information texts in English and in maths we have learned to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. We started our music sequence by learning to clap and then play in rhythm with each other. The year 3 children have been swimming and we will enjoy a tennis lesson on Friday. In computing we learned how the internet works and produced our own network diagrams. Well done Otters for a busy and productive week!



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have added to their understanding of geography key skills this week. They can now tell you that there are seven continents and we have looked more closely at Europe and Antarctica. The children have looked at a picture map of Antarctica and have identified that research can be done in Antarctica. They have been introduced to Captain Robert Scott and made picture representations to represent some of the events in his life. Year Two children have looked at money this week and have explored the different coins and notes. They have also made different amounts in various ways.



Ladybirds

Ladybirds this week have been going on a bear hunt. Our nursery children have relived the story and gone to the different places along the way. The reception children have created their own stories, using different props to help them go to different places not in the book. They have also begun looking at reading books during our phonics sessions, segmenting and blending new words that they have now taken home to read with you. Next weeks focus will be beginning to look at dinosaurs





DATES

for your diary

3rd January

1st Day of Spring Term

11th January

Year 3 Swimming Starts

15th January

Deadline for Primary
School Applications

17th January

Ladybirds Reception
Phonics Open Morning

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 - 88% Otters- 96%

Hedgehogs - 96% Owls - 93%



Parking at School Drop Off

Please can parents avoid parking in the layby at the front of school during morning drop off.

This morning (Friday) the school bus could not park in the layby due to the high volume of cars. This poses a considerable risk to the children who had to get off the bus in the road.

Please remember, **before 9am the layby is for school bus and taxi use only.**

Roadworks

We are pleased to say that the road closure planned for Beaford has now been moved to the 12th - 14th February in order to minimise disruption to the school.

Clothing

As you know, this week has been exceptionally chilly. With the cold snap forecast to continue we ask that children come to school with appropriate clothing, warm coats, hats and gloves.

Reception Phonics and Open Morning 17th January

We will be looking at a live phonics session with some time afterwards for you to ask questions and have a workshop based around our phonics program, we will provide tea, coffee and biscuits for you. The session will run from 9 till about 10:15 ish. Any parents can come in and watch, The aim will be at our Reception cohort this time round and we will be doing a nursery drop-in session, along with a maths workshop very soon.

PE Days Spring Term

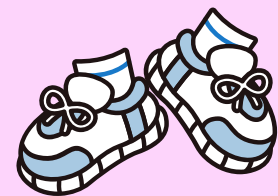
On the day that your child has PE, please make sure they come to school in their PE Kits and have a change of clothes should they need them.

Ladybirds Reception - Friday

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Otters - Friday

Owls - Monday & Friday



Year 5 London Residential

Letters will be sent home today regarding the Year 5 residential trip to London. Please make sure the medical letters are completed and returned to school by Friday 19th January

Menu Change

We have a couple of menu changes for next week.

On Wednesday 17th January we will be serving Roast Turkey in place of Chicken

Thursday 18th January will be Chicken Nuggets served with Chips and Beans and followed By Jam Doughnuts

Friday 19th will be Sweet and Sour Chicken followed by Custard Biscuits.



Headlice in School



We have cases of headlice in school. Please can parents check their children's hair and treat where necessary. There is a lot of information about the different kinds of treatment on the NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Breakfast, After School

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

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

Pupil Premium eligible children receive a 50% Discount

Payment is through Arbor.

Please remember there is no early admission or late collection

Year 6 Adventure International Residential Trip

If your child wants to take part in their last Primary School residential trip in May, you will need to sign them up through Arbor and pay the £60 deposit before the 6th February.

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.



Menu

Monday

Cheese, Ham & Tomato
Pizza

V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake
Potato Wedges &
Vegetable Medley

Apple Sponge Pudding

Tuesday

Meatballs & Pasta

V – Quorn Hotdog in a roll
Peas & Carrots

Scotch Pancakes & Fruit

Wednesday

Roast Turkey

V – Broccoli & Cheese Bake
Roast Potatoes &
Cauliflower, Carrot &
Suede

Fruit Platter

Thursday

Chicken Nuggets, Chips
and Beans

V - Quorn Nuggets

Jam Doughnuts

Friday

Sweet & Sour Chicken

V – Mild Sweet Potato
Curry

Rice and Mixed Vegetables

Fruit Muffin

DON'T FORGET

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Freddie for showing his confidence in his learning, especially in his reading.
Hedgehogs	Harley Hookway for the effort he puts into his reading in our orange Read, Write, Inc group. He has been joining in with all parts of each session.
Otters	Olivia for the care and attention she has brought to her writing. Olivia is determined to produce the best writing she can and her effort is clearly showing in the quality of her writing.
Owls	Harry F, for working really hard on his maths this week and making excellent progress with his addition and subtraction.

Contribution Certificates

awarded to

Ladybirds	Elsie for always contributing to our focus sessions and sharing her ideas with the class.
Hedgehogs	Brook for his kind words to Ethan when Ethan needed help with his coat. He identified his friend needed some support and stepped up to help him.
Otters	Roo for his amazing start in Otters. Roo joined our school last week and has joined in with great enthusiasm. His polite and calm behaviour sets a fantastic example for all of us. Well done Roo!
Owls	Amy, for being really kind and supportive to her partner in class and doing an excellent presentation on her crystal growing project.

Opal Play

awarded to

Jack Heal for helping to organise putting the equipment away and taking responsibility on the playground.

Mr George Myers
Head of school