BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. It was so nice to see all the children on Wednesday and hear about visits from family, friends and Father Christmas.

The staff were in on January 2nd for an Inset day, which focussed on teaching phonics. Phonics is an integral part of our early reading strategy, it teaches children to decode written words into speech so needs regular review. Ladybirds are holding an open morning on Wednesday 17th January to show parents how we teach phonics and early maths. If your child is in Nursery or Reception please come if you are available.

Mr Northmore has been very busy the last few weeks organising specialist PE coaches to come and train the children. I'm pleased to announce that on Friday afternoons we have a tennis specialist from ARK in Bideford coming to teach the children and football coaches from Exeter City Football Club. These PE sessions are alongside the children's normal PE lessons.

This half term, Owls have football on Fridays and Otters tennis. After half term, Hedgehogs have football and Ladybirds tennis. If your child has football boots, they can bring them in on Fridays but trainers are fine if they do not.

In other news, Airband Broadband are planning some work on the Beaford to Torrington section of the A3124 in the coming weeks. We are in communication with them to ensure this causes as little disruption to school drop offs and pick ups as possible.

All the staff are looking forward to the new term and we'll keep you updated about the many exciting things that happen at Beaford in 2024.

George Myers

Owls

This week, the Owls have been very engaged with our new topic, 'Sow, Grow and Farm'. They have explored Google Earth and looked at the different landscapes around the world and we discussed how the climate and soil enables certain food/crops to grow well i.e. orange trees in Calfornia and coffee beans in South America. The children then screen shot an aerial view of a landscape that interested them and overlay a bird outline in Google Drawings. Owls then explored collage techniques to recreate the bird's eye view and wrote a descriptive piece of writing in 1st person about what the bird saw. They also have enjoyed using watercolour techniques to paint fruit and vegetables seen in allotments/gardens around the UK.

Otters

Otters have had a fantastic first few days of term and have settled in very well. We have got started with our new topic which is Rocks, Relics and Rumbles. We have started learning about the structure of the Earth and have also been working on our sketching skills so that we can draw ammonite fossils. In maths we learned how to multiply by 10, and in English we have been thinking about the features of information texts. Next week we will start swimming for Year 3 on Thursdays and PE for everyone on Fridays.

Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have started their topic 'Great Scott!'.
They have located Antarctica on the globe and a map.
They have looked at photos to gain some background knowledge about the continent. The children have read interesting facts about Emperor penguins and got into role as penguins 'in a huddle'. We started our first Gymnastics lesson and the children got into different shapes and put their shapes together into simple routines.

Ladybirds

We have had a great few days back, settling back into school and our routines. This term's topic is called, 'Let's Investigate' where we will be exploring the world of animals. Minibeasts, to under the sea and dinosaurs. This children will be discovering lots about their environment, so any support you can help with would be greatly appreciated. Our focus story next week is, 'We are going on a bear hunt.'

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 and Nursery Maths and 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 - 95% Otters- 94%
Hedgehogs - 98% Owls - 95%

Year 5 London Residential

The Year 5 London residential trip is fast approaching.

Please make sure you have completed your payment by the 26th January.

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.

PE Days Spring Term

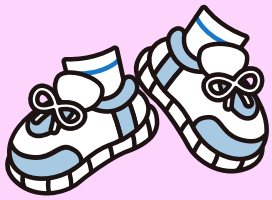
PE will start next week. On the day that your child has PE, please make sure they come to school in their PE Kits and have a change of clothes should they need them.

Ladybirds Reception - Friday

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Otters - Friday

Owls - Monday & Friday



Swimming in the Spring Term
Year 3

Our Year 3's will start their swimming sessions on Thursday 11th January. They will be transported to Torrington Pool every Thursday until half term by minibus and will be leaving just after 12.30pm
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.

Music Lessons

Music lessons will resume on the 10th January next week.

Lessons will be priced the same at £107 for 10 x 20 minutes or £80 for 10 15 minute lessons.

Lessons will start on Wednesday the 10th January and the 14th February after half term.

Please make payment for the lessons as soon as you are able and before the **9th January** by BACS payment or Paypal to tworiversmusiclessons@gmail.com
PLEASE put you child's name in the reference!
If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please email tworiversmusiclessons@gmail.com

Road Closures in Beaford

We have received a few emails regarding the planned road closures for Beaford next week. We have spoken to Airband for further details on this. We are pleased to inform you that the works have now been moved and will run between the 8th - 12th February. When we receive any updates we will of course pass them on.

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

A Message from Friends of Beaford

We Hope everyone had a great Christmas and what a wonderful 2023 we had. We managed to raise a total of £2796.80 which is amazing and will go a huge way to support the school.

A very big thank you to everyone who supports the PTA whether it be donating, helping out or attending events - all support is very much appreciated.

Friends of Beaford

Menu

Monday
Pork Sausages/Toad in the Hole
V – Vegetarian Sausages
Creamed Potato & Mixed Veg

Peach Melba

Tuesday
Beef Lasagne
V – Vegetarian Lasagne
Crusty Bread, Peas & Carrots

Lemon Drizzle Cake

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

Fruit Platter

Thursday
BBQ Chicken
V - Macaroni Cheese
Rice and Seasonal Veg

Iced Vanilla Sponge

Friday
Salmon Fish Cakes
V – Cheese Wheels
Golden Fries & Baked Beans

Chocolate Cracknel

FRIENDS OF
BEAFORD SCHOOL

WE RAISED £2760.96 IN 2023

Summer Raffle & BBQ £618.58

Christmas Fair £973.94

Easy Fundraising £50.24

Mad March Hair Day £57.50

Christmas Cards £129.50

Parent Donations £37.80

Uniform Sales £196.00

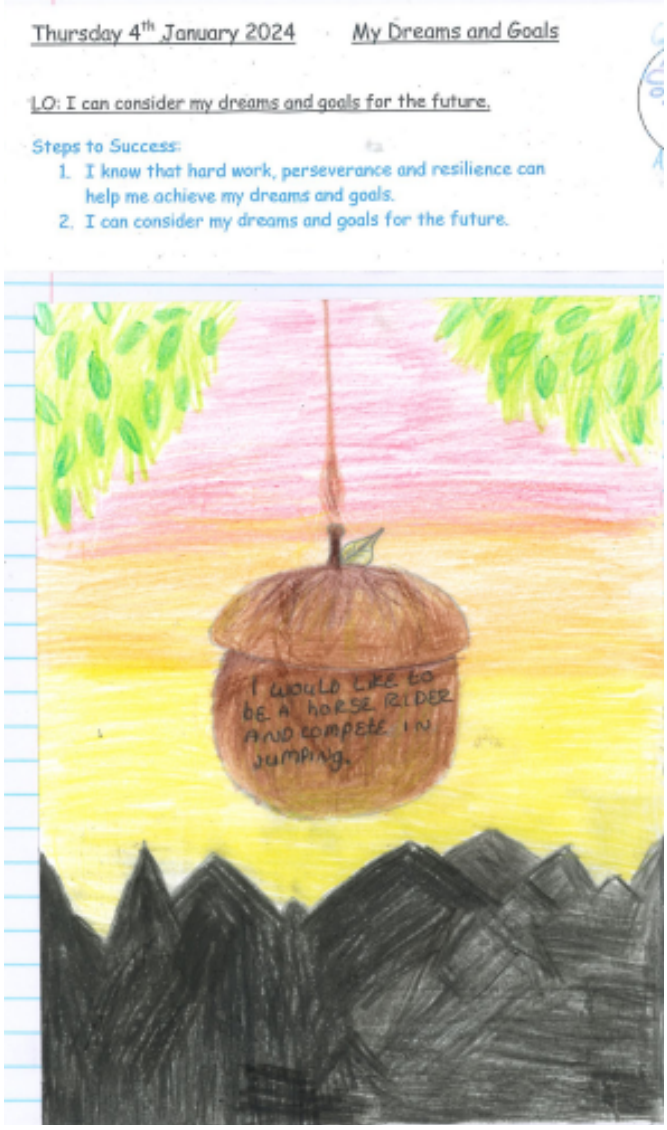
World Book Day £31.00

Break The Rules Day £151.50

Halloween Disco £466.10

Christmas Jumper Day £48.80

There has been some fantastic work this week from our classrooms.



Thursday 4th January 2024 My Dreams and Goals

LO: I can consider my dreams and goals for the future.

Steps to Success:

1. I know that hard work, perseverance and resilience can help me achieve my dreams and goals.
2. I can consider my dreams and goals for the future.

I would like to be a horse rider and compete in jumping.

Some PSHE Work for Amelie E in Otters

Harry C - Owls

Isabelle B - Owls

Maggie C - Owls

Primary School Applications

If your child will be joining Reception class in September, please make sure you complete your application through Devon County Council Admissions (https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/)

The deadline for applications is **January 15th 2024**. Failure to apply before the deadline may result in disappointment.

	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

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.

Free School meals

Please ask even if your child is of Infant school age.

Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

Want to apply?

Not sure?

Ask at the office