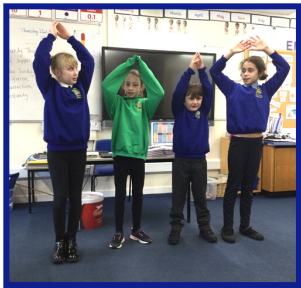




BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 23rd February 2024



Dear Parents

It was so nice to see the children again after the half term break. Our assembly focus on Monday was about the learning power of thinking. I set the children a problem to solve in their classes after assembly and I'm pleased to see the children have been using their thinking skills all week. Lessons have been full of children explaining their reasoning and spending time on a problem, even when it gets difficult.

As many of you know, Stephen Saunders-Hill has not been in the kitchen for the last few weeks as he was recovering from a short illness. We're are pleased to say he'll be back on Monday and is really looking forward to seeing the children again. I'd like to thank Amy Symons for stepping into Steve's shoes and helping Donna serve the wonderful dinners that our children (and staff) love.

Despite the gloomy weather, our OPAL environment has shone this week. A number of children built a huge fort from tyres, pallets and tarpaulins which they've been playing in all week. At Beaford, we're committed to getting the children an outdoor playtime in all but the most severe weather and it's been no different this week. Unfortunately, it does mean our children can come in from playtime both muddy and wet. Can all parents make sure children have a change of clothes in school at all times or water proof clothing they can change into before going out.

This week Hedgehogs had a great experience at Rosemoor exploring how plants grow. This trip helped to enrich our science curriculum and was a great learning experience for the children. If you are able to, please take the time to log on to Arbor and contribute towards the cost of educational visits otherwise they cannot happen. If you're experiencing financial difficulties feel free to talk to me or Emily in confidence. We do our utmost to support families through challenging times.

Next week, the governors are visiting the school on Monday to observe our fantastically rich curriculum. Ladybirds have an exciting week as they have an Animal Encounters workshop on Wednesday and Mr Northmore is running a parent open morning on Thursday. Please come if you are available.

Finally, I'd like to say how proud we are of Bethany in Owls and Alice in Otters for their charity work over the last few weeks. Bethany raised money for the Princess Trust by donating 15 inches of her own hair and Alice raised money for the RSPB by selling badges at school. Well done girls, you are a shining example of the caring citizens we aim to develop at Beaford.

George Myers

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Owls

This week the children in Owls have been learning about decimals in maths. They've learnt to recognise tenths, hundredths and thousandths in the place value system and to represent them as fractions. In English, they have started to write a non-chronological report on Dragons. In P.E., they had their first basketball lesson and learnt dribbling skills. For Religion the children have been learning about the importance of Easter to Christians and acted out sections of the Easter story as shown in the photos.



Otters

Otters have had a very busy week back from the holiday. In our topic we have been learning about where in the world there are major mountain ranges. We have been learning how to perform poetry and starting to write our own shape poems (calligrams). In maths we have been learning to measure and compare lengths. In RE we used drama to learn the story of Easter and in computing we have started writing our own computer code. We are continuing our French with a new sequence of learning which features real French speakers! Well done Otters for an excellent first week of the new half term!



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have immersed themselves into their new topic, 'The Scented Garden'. They went to Rosemoor on Tuesday and looked at seed germination, planted their own pea seeds and went on a plant discovery walk. They have been sketching camellias and daffodils in art and have learned some new techniques when making observational drawings. Hedgehogs have looked at how we pay attention to details, texture and scale. In maths the children have enjoyed some length investigations and have been thinking carefully about their explanations.



Ladybirds

In Ladybirds this week it has been creepy and crawly as the children have begun their learning about bugs and minibeasts. We have discussed what makes a bug a certain type of bug, where we can find them, how they help us and have also learned a song based on the body parts of an insect. We have been creating our own bugs using our junk modelling and overcoming obstacles along the way. The nursery children have also created their own Andy's adventure HQ in the role play areas where they are off on adventures researching different bugs and insects. Next week, we will be looking at Superworm, Spiderella and other fiction texts.





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Elsie for creating junk modelling bugs. Rosie for her hard work and effort in all of her learning.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Matilda and Arlo for their effort and perseverance when making an observational drawing of a daffodil and camellia.</i>
Otters	<i>George for his effort and perseverance with his reading. George reads with great focus and enthusiasm and thinks hard about the meaning of the text. Well done George!</i>
Owls	<i>Liam has done so well this week. He has really managed distractions well which has helped him produce some outstanding work across the curriculum.</i>



Contribution Certificates



awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Jack for being kind and helpful towards the other children.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Georgina for being so thoughtful and kind and thinking of others on a daily basis.</i>
Otters	<i>Alice for setting a fantastic example to other children around the school. Alice moves around the school sensibly and respectfully. She is always ready for learning. Well done Alice!</i>
Owls	<i>Finley is an outstanding role model at the school. He's always supporting his friends to make the right decision and working hard in his lessons. This week he also helped out in Ladybirds at lunchtime.</i>

Opal	<i>Goes to the Fort Builders. The children have spent all week constructing and repairing a fort on the playground.</i>
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Mr George Myers
Head of school



PE Days

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.

Monday	Owls
Wednesday	Otters
Friday	Reception & Hedgehogs & Owls

Year 4 Swimming

Our Year 4's have started swimming this week. If you haven't done so already, please don't forget to log into Arbor to pay your voluntary donations toward the swimming pool hire and travel.
Thank you for your support.

Change of Clothes

Don't forget to send your child in with a clean change of clothes. We are running out of spares in school and cannot always provide dry garments for children to change into.



Reception and Nursery 2 Zoo Visit

Our Reception and Nursery 2 children are looking forward to their Exmoor Zoo visit on the 21st March. Please don't forget to sign into your Arbor accounts to pay the voluntary donation for this trip.
Thank you!

Unclaimed FSM vouchers

If you receive Free School Meal holiday vouchers, please make sure you have used them before the 29th February as they will expire!

Breakfast & After School Club

Breakfast Club (Mon- Friday) 8.00am - 8.45am
After School Club (Mon - Thurs) 3.30pm - 5.00pm

£4.00 per session

Pupil Premium eligible children receive a 50% Discount
Payment is through Arbor.

Don't forget, you can use Tax Free Childcare to pay for Breakfast and After School Clubs. Click [here](#) to apply for an account

Attendance This Week

Reception - 95% Otters- 94%
Hedgehogs - 97% Owls - 94%



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

Otter's Class Volcano Projects



Leavers Hoodies

Friends of Beaford are very kindly arranging our Leavers Hoodies again this year. Please don't forget to let the school office or class teacher know your size and colour choice by **Wednesday 28th February**



OPALFORT BUILDERS



Well done to the fort builders for their fantastic imaginative play outside this week!



Friday!

FRIENDS OF BEAFORD SCHOOL

After School Cake Sale

CAKES 50P EACH

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
FRIENDS OF BEAFORD SCHOOL

DATES

for your diary

3rd January

1st Day of Spring Term

28th February

Reception Class Mini
Beast encounter

29th February

Reception Reading
Workshop

7th March

Tempest Photography
Class Photos

8th March

World Book Day Dress
Up

8th March

Girls Year 3/4 Football
at Tarka Tennis

11th March

Maths Event at Pilton
Bluecoat

13th March

Reception Maths
Workshop

18th March

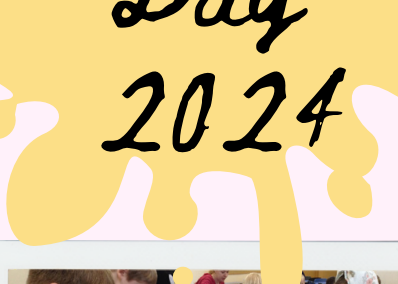
Hedgehogs &
Reception
Storm in a Teapot
Theatre in School

21st March

Reception to
Exmoor Zoo

29th March

Easter Holiday Starts



*Pancake
Day
2024*

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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30 Hours/Working Entitlement Funding

IMPORTANT MESSAGE – DO NOT MISS OUT ON WORKING ENTITLEMENT FUNDING!

The working entitlement funding for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds is available for eligible families. It is important that if you have a child who will be 2 or 3 years old before 31st March or if your circumstances have changed, that you apply to HMRC (Childcare Service) now.

Please set-up or visit your [Gateway Account](#) immediately to apply or reconfirm. If you are unsure if you are entitled to the working entitlement, please check the [Eligibility Criteria](#).

It is important that you allow good time as any queries with new applications or reconfirmations could cause delays and any codes issued in April 2024 will not be funded in summer term 2024. Any start dates from 1st April 2024 will not be funded until autumn term 2024 and only then if you reconfirm by 31st August 2024.

If you have a code that needs to be reconfirmed, this should also be completed now, and if you are unsure, it is your responsibility to log into your Gateway Account and check. If you are newly eligible or are given a new code at reconfirmation, you need to take your 11-digit code to your provider who will complete a verification check and then confirm your funded space.

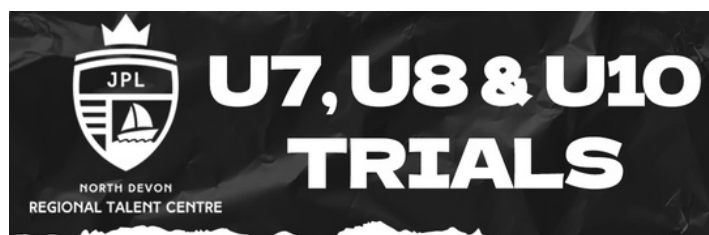
When eligibility ends, children who have accessed the working entitlement can continue to access their entitlement in the grace period. However, new children, who are 2 or 3 years old before 31st March, or start at a new setting, cannot start to use the working entitlement funding in the grace period if they are no longer eligible.

As part of the eligibility check with HMRC, you will be asked if you would like to register for Tax Free Childcare. You cannot register for Tax Free Childcare if you are in receipt of Universal Credit, Tax Credits or Childcare Vouchers. If you do register, your benefits may be stopped, and it can take several weeks to reinstate.

If you have problems accessing the system or completing your check, please call the HMRC Helpdesk on 0300 1234 097 (your provider and Devon County Council cannot assist with new applications or reconfirmations).

You may be able to access further help with childcare costs. Please visit the [Childcare Choices Website](#) for more information.

Community News & Events

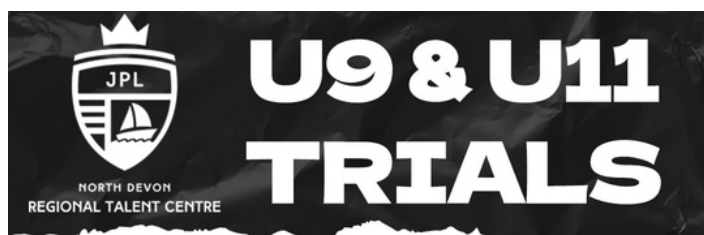


**FRIDAY
23RD FEB
17:00 - 18:00
TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G**

TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION
TEXT 07850341374

OR EMAIL
NORTHDEVONRTC@JUNIOR-PREMIER.CO.UK

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**FRIDAY
1ST MARCH
17:00 - 18:00
TARKA LEISURE CENTRE 3G**

TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION
TEXT 07907098755

OR EMAIL
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WORKING WITH

Small Pet / Craft / Produce Show



Saturday 23rd March



Open from 9am, judging starts at 11am

Classes for adults and children (50p per class entry)

Ribbons or certificates to be won

Café, wheelchair accessible play park, garden, animals,
changing places toilet, sensory room.

Classes include painting, photography, cross stitch,
sewing, baking, cake decorating, Lego sculptures & small
animals. Contact us or pop into our café for the full list.



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West Fishleigh Farm, Hatherleigh EX20 3QA



Made-Well's Animal Club

Saturdays 1 - 2:30pm

Meet our animals, learn all about them, groom and
feed them, walk our Shetland ponies or goats (or play
games inside if the weather is poor) and have fun in
our activities corner in the animal barn.

£5 per person or £10 per family. No need to book.

Please wear appropriate footwear & outdoor clothing

Café, wheelchair accessible play park, garden
& facilities to hire including a sensory room



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TEAM Vacancies



Horwood & Newton Tracey Primary School

VACANCY FOR HEAD OF SCHOOL

HORWOOD AND NEWTON TRACEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

INVITATIONS ARE INVITED FROM INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATES FOR THE ABOVE POST THAT WILL BECOME VACANT ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

JOB TITLE: HEAD OF SCHOOL

STATUS: PERMANENT/ FULL TIME

SALARY RANGE: LEADERSHIP SCALE 1-4

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2024

INTERVIEW DATE: TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024

START DATE: 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

This is a perfect opportunity for a dynamic and talented leader, with track record of raising achievement and improving teaching and learning in their school, to work with a great community of children, staff and parents at Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School.

Horwood and Newton Tracey is a wonderful school situated in a rural catchment area, caters for children at Key Stage One and Two. Our school has a very strong local reputation with currently 114 pupils on roll.

If you would like to work and contribute to a Trust that is committed to providing children with outstanding learning experiences, aims to continually develop and grow, and where teamwork and the professional development of all staff is important, we would encourage you to apply.

This vacancy is a full-time position with a 0.6 FTE teaching commitment. The appointed person will be an integral member of the senior leadership team of the Trust and will work collaboratively with other Heads to develop further the schools within our organisation. We are eager to recruit a Head of School who leads by example, is child centred and has a passion for teaching and learning. As a rural primary school, we are outward looking and have a number of local, national and international partners. Therefore, if you enjoy bringing the global dimension into the classroom then Horwood and Newton Tracey Primary School is for you.

We actively welcome visits to our school. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please contact our CEO Ian Thomas via ceo@team-mat.org.uk



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Mr Ian Thomas – Executive Headteacher

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 8110847



VACANCY FOR A CLEANER BEAFORD ACADEMY

JOB TITLE: CLEANER

REQUIRED: 1ST APRIL 2024

HOURS PER WEEK: 13.75 (2.75 HOURS PER DAY 3:45PM – 6:30PM)

WORKING WEEKS: 41 WEEKS

STATUS: PERMANENT/ PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £11.79

GRADE: B

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

INTERVIEWS: WEEK COMMENCING 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

The appointed person will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

This is a part-time, permanent position, working 13.75 hours per week (2.75 hours per day, Monday to Friday). Hours are to be worked outside of the school day.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join a team where you will be valued, welcomed, and supported within a friendly staff environment. Additional benefits include, Membership of a generous pension scheme (TP/ LGPS). Access to Medigold Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app. Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations, Cycle to work and IT schemes, a Competitive Salary, Wellbeing and Long Service days and free onsite car parking.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com

Applications should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to Sam Stobbs, via vacancies@team-mat.org.uk



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**VACANCY FOR 1.1 SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT
BRAYFORD ACADEMY**

JOB TITLE: 1.1 SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT

REQUIRED: ASAP

HOURS PER WEEK: 17.5 (MORNINGS 8:45AM – 12:15PM MONDAY – FRIDAY)

WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

STATUS: FIXED TERM/ PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £12.18 PER HOUR

GRADE: C

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

INTERVIEW DATE: WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support an individual pupil to engage with their learning. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

We actively welcome visits to our schools. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with Brayford Academy Head of School, Sara Leggott, via leggotts@piltonbluecoat.devon.sch.uk

Full details and application form can be found on our website www.teamacademytrust.com

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SWIMBRIDGE
C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Working in partnership with



FULL TIME/MATERNITY COVER/FIXED TERM Y3/4 CLASS TEACHER

INVITATIONS ARE INVITED FROM BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CANDIDATES FOR THE ABOVE POST THAT WILL BECOME VACANT ON 16 APRIL 2024.

JOB TITLE: FULL TIME MATERNITY COVER YEAR 3/4 CLASSROOM TEACHER

STATUS: 1 YEAR/FIXED TERM/MATERNITY COVER/FULL TIME

HOURS: FULL TIME

SALARY RANGE: MPS/UPS

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

INTERVIEW DATE: FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague to join a thriving primary school. The successful candidate will be an experienced, fully qualified teacher, have a passion for teaching, the ability to inspire and enthuse pupils and a desire to get involved in many areas of school life.

If you would like to work and contribute to a school that is committed to providing children with outstanding learning experiences, aims to continually develop and grow, and where teamwork and the professional development of all staff is important, we would encourage you to apply.

We actively welcome visits to our school. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with our head of school Gemma Poland via admin@swimbridge-primary.org

Swimbridge School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. Offers of appointment are subject to the completion of pre-employment checks including an Enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CVs.

Full details and application form can be found online at www.swimbridge-primary.org, www.teamacademytrust.com or the Devon jobs website www.devonjobs.gov.uk Application should be hand delivered, posted or emailed to The School Office as admin@swimbridge-primary.org



VACANCY FOR 1.1 SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT
WITHERIDGE C OF E ACADEMY

JOB TITLE: 1.1 SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT (FSU)

REQUIRED: ASAP

HOURS PER WEEK: 30 (6 HOURS EACH DAY MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

STATUS: FIXED TERM UNTIL / PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £12.18 PER HOUR

GRADE: C

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024

INTERVIEWS: FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

Are you passionate about making a difference to children's lives?

Witheridge C of E Academy is a wonderful primary school situated in the beautiful North Devon countryside near Tiverton. They are a caring and happy school with a passion for children's learning and well-being. As a small school they are able to personalise the learning every child receives and offer an enriching curriculum. Witheridge C of E Academy currently has just over 100 pupils who are inspired by high quality teaching coupled with excellent facilities.

It's a fantastic opportunity to join a team where you will be valued, welcomed, and supported within a friendly staff environment. Additional benefits include, Membership of a generous pension scheme (TP/ LGPS). Access to Medigold Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app. Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations, Cycle to work and IT schemes, a Competitive Salary, Wellbeing and Long Service days.



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The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support 3 pupils in the Foundation Stage Unit (FSU) to engage with their learning. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

The role is temporary pending EHCP applications and is subject to each child's continued attendance at the school and/or the result of any review of their special needs.

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

We actively welcome visits to our schools. Should you have any further questions or wish to arrange a visit, please make contact with Witheridge C of E Academy Head of School, Lucy Ratcliffe, via lratcliffe@witheridge.devon.sch.uk

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