



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 22nd March 2024



Dear Parents

We've had quite a week! It's been full of examples of the enjoyable learning that the children at Beaford experience. For me it is also a week that showcases how dedicated and hardworking the staff here are. I feel truly blessed to have joined a school with such a strong team of experienced professionals.

The children had an Easter Egg hunt at the start of the week which they loved. Monday's playtime and lunchtime was incredible to watch as children darted across the playground looking for the eggs. They had until Wednesday to complete their entries into the Easter Egg raffle but they were so enthused most had finished by Monday. I'd like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Beaford for coming up with the idea and to Ellie and Sallie for coming in last Friday to organise it all.

Hedgehogs and Reception children had a further treat on Monday when Boo to a Goose theatre came in and delivered an hour's performance that both entertained and informed. It aimed to develop oracy and to create a love of reading and storytelling. The children were spellbound and sat through the performance wonderfully. Thank you to Mrs Beattie for organising the event. I for one cannot wait to hear the stories that come from it.

Ladybirds had a further treat on Thursday with a school trip to Exmoor Zoo! This linked into their learning this term about habitats. The children had a talk on animal's diets and were able to apply their learning in class to classify the animals they saw. Ladybird's parents look out for some David Attenboroughesque knowledge about nocturnal animals, how animals use camouflage and whether

animals are herbivores or carnivores. I'd like to thank Mr Northmore for organising such a wonderful experience and to all the parents that volunteered to come on the trip. We literally could not have done it without you and it was such a memorable and engaging experience for the children.

Meanwhile, Emma and Sarah had forgone the Exmoor Zoo trip to host a wonderful stay and play for 2 year olds in the Nursery. It was so nice to see the little ones enjoying the provision that had been set up to develop their pre-writing and motor skills. It was also great to meet some future Beaford students, who I'm looking forward to see grow through the school.

Today, there was further curriculum enrichment opportunities. Not only did Owls, Otters and Ladybirds enjoy their tennis and football coaching but Hedgehogs had an art workshop run by the art specialist from High Bickington school. This is a great example of how being part of TEAM multi-academy trust helps us to give the children a fantastic primary education.

Have a wonderful weekend.

George Myers

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Owls

This week the Owls have been looking at fantasy instructions and have been inspired by Neil Gaiman's book, 'Instructions'. The children looked at amazing places in China to inspire some instructions including the Rainbow Mountains of Zhangye and the Tiger Leaping Gorge. In maths, we have been working out the perimeter and area of shapes. In science, Owls explored the life cycles of birds, insects and amphibians and then created their own life cycle art work. Owls also enjoyed putting the finishing touches to their 'This is me' art project from last week using photo editing and multi media art techniques.



Otters

Otters have had another productive week. In geography we made our own miniature hills and mountains and learned about how elevation is shown as contour lines on a map.

In RE we completed our Easter topic by learning about Palm Sunday. We tried some creative writing and also worked hard to improve our understanding of adverbials and the present perfect tense. In PE we began moving towards playing a full game of hockey. Year 3 mathematicians have been looking at different ways to represent fractions and Year 4s have been learning about mixed numbers and improper fractions.



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs were joined by Ladybirds to watch a fantastic performance called 'Storm in a Teapot' on Monday. They listened attentively and participated so well with the songs, dances and chants. The children have enjoyed making Easter gardens as part of their RE learning this week- they were very creative! In Maths Hedgehogs have explored the volume of water held in different sized containers as part of their unit on capacity. They enjoyed finding measurements such as 100ml and 500ml and compared their findings.



Ladybirds

Wow! What a week in Ladybirds. We first had storm in a teacup come in and deliver a show for us, focusing on our word choices, what a good story needs and that we all have our own stories inside us. Then we've had a busy week of learning, writing a new ending to the snail and the whale, using our new 'Make-do' tools to create ourselves a ship at first, but soon a submarine so that we could help in our aquarium role play. We've then had an incredible trip to Exmoor Zoo, where the children were able to look at many different animals, talking about their habitats, what they eat and some species that they belong to.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make it a memorable experience for our children.



CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

This week awarded to

Ladybirds	All of Ladybirds for representing the school so amazingly well during our school trip.
Hedgehogs	Eliza for her super effort and confidence with her writing this week. She has talked through her sentences carefully and produced some lovely facts about Indian elephants.
Otters	Zak for his incredible progress with his swimming. Zak has shown great resilience and courage and he is now like a true otter! Well done, Zak. We are all proud of you!
Owls	Pheobe has been working really hard to improve her maths. Every lesson we see her thinking about the learning. She takes the messages from the teacher and makes sure she understands them in her own way.

Contribution Certificates

awarded to

Ladybirds	Harry and Percy for contributing really well to class discussions during focused time.
Hedgehogs	Olivia for her excellent tidying even when it isn't her mess. Olivia is always ready to be helpful and help to look after our learning environment.
Otters	Isabella for excellent focus and attitude towards her learning this week. Isabella has been thinking hard about what she needs to do. She has shown respect for her learning and for the learning of others. Well done, Isabella!
Owls	Ella C, has been a fantastic learning partner all week. She always supports other in the classroom and if someone doesn't understand she does her best to explain to them without giving them the answer.

Opal	Henry in Ladybirds for helping the adults dismantle the plant pots and making sure he always has the right wet weather clothing on.
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Mr George Myers
Head of school

DATES

for your diary

3rd January

1st Day of Spring Term

25th March

Parental Consultations
Week

29th March - 14th April

Easter Holiday

15th April

First Day of
Summer Term

18th April

Owls Class Swimming
Commences

25th April

Otter's RHS Rosemoor
Trip

19th - 24th May

Year 6 Residential Trip
to Adventure
International

27th - 31st May

Half Term

3rd June

Non Pupil Day

Bikeability

An email has been sent regarding our Year 5 Bikeability taking place in July. Please make sure you complete the Google form if you would like your child to take part. Attached to the email was a Bike & Helmet hire form if you do not have a roadworthy bike.

Please make sure this is completed and returned to the school office.

Thank you!

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



BOO TO A GOOSE THEATRE PRESENTS STORM IN A TEAPOT



Attendance This Week

Reception - 100%

Hedgehogs - 99%

Otters- 96%

Owls - 91%





Menu

Monday

Cheese, Ham & Tomato
Pizza V – Broccoli & Cheese
Bake Potato Wedges &
Vegetable Medley

Apple Sponge Pudding

Tuesday

Meat balls & pasta
V – Quorn Hotdog in a roll
Peas & carrots

Scotch Pancakes & Fruit

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
V – Vegetarian Roast Roast
Potatoes & Cabbage &
Carrots

Fruit Platter



Thursday

Fish Fillet
V – Cheese Wheels
Chip & Peas

Fruit Muffin

Friday



eSafetyTraining

'The 2 Johns'

On the 11th July we will be holding an E-Safety day in all of our schools. Children will enjoy online sessions with "The 2 Johns" during the day. In the evening we will have an online session for parents and carers. These sessions will be live and fully interactive.

"John and John spent many years working as Police Detectives in various covert roles tackling Online and Offline Child Exploitation The '2 Johns' are regarded as experts in their field and every year they work in hundreds of Primary and Secondary Schools interacting with Children, Teachers and Parents."

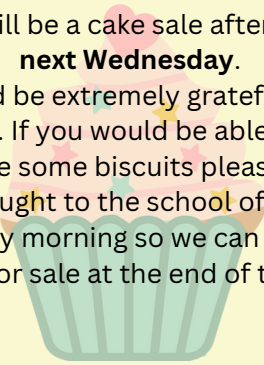
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Friends of Beaford Cake Sale

There will be a cake sale after school
next Wednesday.

We would be extremely grateful of cake donations. If you would be able to make a cake or bake some biscuits please can these be brought to the school office on Wednesday morning so we can have them ready for sale at the end of the day!



Outdoor Weather Gear

Beaford Primary are desperately needing outside weather gear donations. If you do have any outgrown items that you no longer need, please feel free to drop them into the school office and they will be gratefully received.

A reminder also that due to the poor weather the playground and field are very muddy,
please can you ensure you send your children to school with a clean change of clothes every day.

Friends of Beaford Raffle Prizes

Friends of Beaford are going to be organising a number of raffles and a Summer Fair this year and are on the lookout for non-perishable prizes.

If you have anything you would like to donate whether it be a bottle of wine, a beauty product or if you are a business owner, perhaps a gift voucher or product, all would be greatly appreciated and very welcome.

If you are able to donate anything, please pass to Emily at the office.

Nursery Fees

From the 1st April our Nursery charges will increase:

3/4 year old sessions - £5.22

2 year old session - £6.30

Funded Childcare

Don't forget, if you want to use your working entitlement funding in the Summer term, you will need to have applied for and received your code by 31st March.

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.

Friends of Beaford School

MAD MARCH

Wednesday 27th March



All Children are invited to come in with crazy hair in return for a £1 donation which will go directly to Friends of Beaford School



Parentkind
Member Association

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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Community News & Events

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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APRIL 2ND - 5TH 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFER £25 PER DAY Offer closes 10th March	FULL WEEK OFFER £90 Best Price
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APRIL 8TH - 12TH 2024

EARLY BIRD OFFER £25 PER DAY Offer closes 10th March	FULL WEEK OFFER £110 Best Price
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**2ND - 5TH APRIL
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Reminder that all Junior Grecian Members can get a 10% discount off of Holiday Club Bookings

BEAFORD CHURCH

Messy Church
Easter

Fun crafts, story, singing and refreshments

**BEAFORD VILLAGE HALL 30TH MARCH
2-3PM**

EGGSCellent

Easter

FAMILY FUN
CASTLE HILL GARDENS

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

BUNNY HUNT

Face Painting
Inflatables
'Emazdad'
Magic Shows

Garden Trail
Chocolate Prize
Food & Drink

£8 Adults / £4.50 Child
Easter garden trail & chocolate prize
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Activity Morning

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March 29th 10.30am – 12.30pm

**a family fun morning of crafts,
activities, food, music & story.**

**For more information contact
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