



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents

Thank you for your time this week. It was so nice to see you all at parent consultations. Good communication between school and parents is such a vital part of ensuring children get consistent messages that help them learn. It's also a great opportunity to take on your feedback to best adapt our practice to your children. If you were unable to attend or haven't booked a meeting please contact the school or talk to your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet this term.



This year, we've been looking to increase the opportunities for children to perform. This week we had a music focus in school and had some visitors from the trust in observing our music lessons. They were impressed with the provision provided in the lessons but also the extra touches that the staff at Beaford have added this year, such as children using musical instruments during OPAL, Ms Cannon running a very popular choir club during Thursday lunchtimes and our weekly singing assembly.



In terms of performances, Hedgehog's much anticipated assembly is coming up next Friday and we'd love parents to join if you can. We've also started planning our Christmas play. Like last year, Ladybirds will do a separate performance in the village church on Wednesday December 11th and the rest of the school will perform at the village hall on Thursday December 12th.



This week saw the start of coding club for Owls where the children are creating websites. Thank you to Saffron Murphy for volunteering to run the club. There was also the return of the drama and performing arts club for Otters and Owls, and it was amazing to see our Ladybirds and Hedgehogs take part in the football club on Monday.

On the theme of sports, selected children took part in the Team Multi-academy trust Cross Country event on Wednesday and all of them made the school proud with their hard work and iron-willed determination to cross the finish line.

Next week, we have organised a skateboarding and scooter workshop for the children, so please make sure children bring trainers in on Thursday 21st and on Tuesday 19th Ladybirds are looking forward to their science trip to RHS Rosemoor.

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

Mr Myers

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Owls

In Owls this week, the children have begun their new maths unit which focuses on fractions. They have looked at a fraction wall to find equivalent fractions as well as spotting the pattern that as long as the numerator and denominator are multiplied by the same number, the fraction will be equivalent. In science, the children looked at how to create circuit diagrams to represent circuits and they enjoyed having a go at making a series of circuits with a range of different components. In music, the children used crotchets, minims and semibreves in their compositions and confidently used 4 beats in each bar.



Otters

Otters have had a busy week with our new maths sequence about multiplication and division. The children thought about what they know about already this topic before moving onto working with arrays. We have been moving quickly through our writing sequence about Jacques Cousteau by practising fronted adverbials, speech and emotive language. In topic we learned about the layers of the ocean, in music we are thinking about how music makes us feel at the same time as developing our ability to play instruments and sing. In art we have continued our work on Indian miniatures and in science we have developed our understanding of the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Well done Otters for another great week!



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have continued to impress with their commitment to our topic. The effort in our Gymnastics sessions is inspiring. The shapes and balances that the children are trying and holding is coming along nicely. Last week we watched some professional Gymnasts performing their routines and this has certainly helped the children to want to improve their stretches, balances and posture! In Art this week, we have seen some beautiful, carefully drawn poppies. It is great to hear the children appraising their own and others artwork. In Music this week, the children have started to learn 'The Orchestra Song'. The children expressed themselves in different ways and have started to build up their knowledge of musical technical vocabulary.

Well done Hedgehogs!



Ladybirds

In Ladybirds this week, our week has gone incredibly quickly. We have begun looking into autumnal changes and what it means to be in autumn. We went out into the community to find some different coloured leaves so we could create our own leaf fireplace. We have been looking and comparing shapes in our environment, looking and finding different forms of circles and triangles, using printing of 3D shapes to see what faces the shapes had. We have also created our own autumnal scenes where we have begun speaking about hibernating animals. Next week we are boarding a train towards the hibernation station. Choo Choo!





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Felicity for her efforts and progress in her reading.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Henry for his effort and attitude to his learning. Henry is working so hard to manage his distractions and we have really noticed a difference.</i>
Otters	<i>Olivia G for working so hard at her reading. Olivia brings fantastic enthusiasm to her maths and writing and she is now bringing the same enthusiasm to her reading. Well done Olivia!</i>
Owls	<i>Phoebe for being brave enough to perform her composition on the recorder, following her score really accurately. Excellent Phoebe - we're so proud of you!</i>



Contribution Certificates



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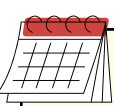
Ladybirds	<i>Seb for always trying to include other children in his play.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Killian for being such a helpful year two. Killian gets the books out for other children, opens doors for others and asks if any jobs need doing. What a superstar!</i>
Otters	<i>Harley for thinking hard about his Indian pattern art. Harley worked hard to copy the style of art during the lesson and was then very helpful when it was time to tidy up. Well done Harley!</i>
Owls	<i>Bethany for her increased confidence in contributing to class discussions and sharing her learning! We love to hear your fantastic ideas Bethany - well done!</i>

OPAL	<i>Ethan S, Harrison and Hamish for building a fantastic structure and playing well together. Great team work!</i>
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Mr George Myers
Head of school





DATES

for your diary

5th September

1st Day of Term

4th November

Return to School

13th November

Selected Children to attend Cross Country in High Bickington

15th November

Primary School Applications Open

19th November

Reception Class Trip to RHS Rosemoor

21st November

Skate and Scooter Workshop (PE Kits)

22nd November

Hedgehogs Class Assembly

3rd December

Otters Trip to RHS Rosemoor

11th December

Ladybirds Nativity in Church

12th December

Christmas Play

20th December

Last Day of Term

Attendance This Week

Reception - 97%
Hedgehogs - 96%
Otters- 98%
Owls - 96%

This week in Nursery



On Monday, the children got creative by using potatoes as stencils to make beautiful poppies. The results were wonderful, and the poppies came together to create a lovely display. We've also been learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and the children had a great time crafting their own Diva lamps, adding a personal touch to the celebrations. In maths, we worked on ordering pumpkins from smallest to largest, helping the children practice their counting and size recognition. To wrap up the week, we took advantage of the sunny weather by trying to catch bubbles with our nets, which was a fun way to enjoy the outdoors. It's been a joyful and productive week full of creativity, learning, and laughter!



TEAM Cross Country

The TEAM Cross Country event at High Bickington was a fantastic display of athleticism and teamwork, with Beaford's children showing exceptional determination and spirit. Despite tough competition, the Beaford team put in strong performances across all age groups, with several runners finishing in the top positions. A huge well done to all that took part, we are very proud of you.



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Applications for a School Place

When and how to apply for your child to start in the reception year at a primary school.

- Your child must be in full-time education at the beginning of the term following his or her **fifth** birthday. If your child was born between **1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021** they are due to start primary school in September 2025.

Applications for starting primary school in September 2025 open on 15 November 2024 and close on 15 January 2025.

Please make sure you apply for your place in good time to secure your preferred school. Applications can be made through the [Citizens Portal](#)

Ladybirds Reception Trip to Rosemoor - 19th November

This is just a reminder that Ladybirds Reception will be off on their school trip to Rosemoor on Tuesday 19th November. Please don't forget to send your child into school wearing warm waterproof clothing, bring a packed lunch, water bottle and wellington boots.

Lost Property

We are accumulating a large amount of lost property in the school reception area. Please come and have a look through to retrieve any of your children's belongings. All unclaimed and un-named items will be donated to the Friends of Beaford for resale at the end of the Autumn Term.



Clubs until Christmas

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

Goal Getters

Reception - Year 2

Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Goal Getters starts on the 11th November for those who have signed up.

Creative Arts Club

Wednesdays 3.30pm - 4.40pm

Continues after half term for those who have signed up.

Computer and Coding Club

Year 5 & 6

Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Whether you're a beginner or a tech whiz, everyone is welcome! Saffron Murphy is kindly leading a computer and coding club for our Year 5 & 6 children. Speak to the school office to book your child's place

PE Days

Owls - Monday

Otters - Friday

Hedgehogs - Thursday

Ladybirds (Reception) - Friday

Ladybirds Nursery - Daily - No PE kit needed.



Menu

Monday

Beef Meatballs Pasta Shells
Vegetarian Burger in a Bap
Garlic Slice & Peas

Sponge of the Day with Custard

Tuesday

Cowboy Casserole
Cheese Wheels
Garlic Potatoes,
Sweetcorn OR Baked Beans

Peaches and Ice Cream

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
Vegetarian Roast
Pineapple, Roast Potatoes
& Seasonal Vegetables

Lemon Drizzle Cake

Thursday

Chicken Pie & Gravy
Quorn Dippers
Herby Diced Potatoes and Carrots

Fruit Muffin

Friday

Fish Fingers
Macaroni Cheese
Golden Fries, Baked Beans, Peas

Fruit Platter

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 receive Free School Meals

Useful Parenting Help Pages

We have collaborated some help pages that we think may be useful to parents when they are facing challenges at home.

[Positive parenting \(nspcc.org.uk\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

[Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)

[Childhood Fears and Worries \(for Parents\) | Nemours KidsHealth](#)

[The Anxious Child | Mental Health Foundation](#)

[What is after-school restraint collapse and how to manage it - BBC Bitesize](#)

[10 practical tips to help children cope with strong emotions - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

[Managing your child's emotional outbursts: Setting boundaries and ways of dealing with tantrums - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

[Emotional development in children: How to help children understand their emotions - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

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.

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County Council

Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term

- First day of term - 5th September 2024
- Half Term - 28th October - 1st November 2024
- Last day of term - 20th December 2024

Spring Term

- First day of term - 7th January 2025
- Half Term - 17th - 21st February 2025
- Last day of term - 4th April 2025

Summer Term

- First day of term - 22nd April 2025
- Bank Holiday - May Day - Monday 5th May 2025
- Half Term - 26th - 30th May 2025
- Non Pupil Day - Monday 2nd June 2025
- Last day of term - 22nd July 2025

Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term

- First day of term - Thursday 4th September 2025
- Half Term - 27th October - 31st October 2025
- Last day of term - 19th December 2025

Spring Term


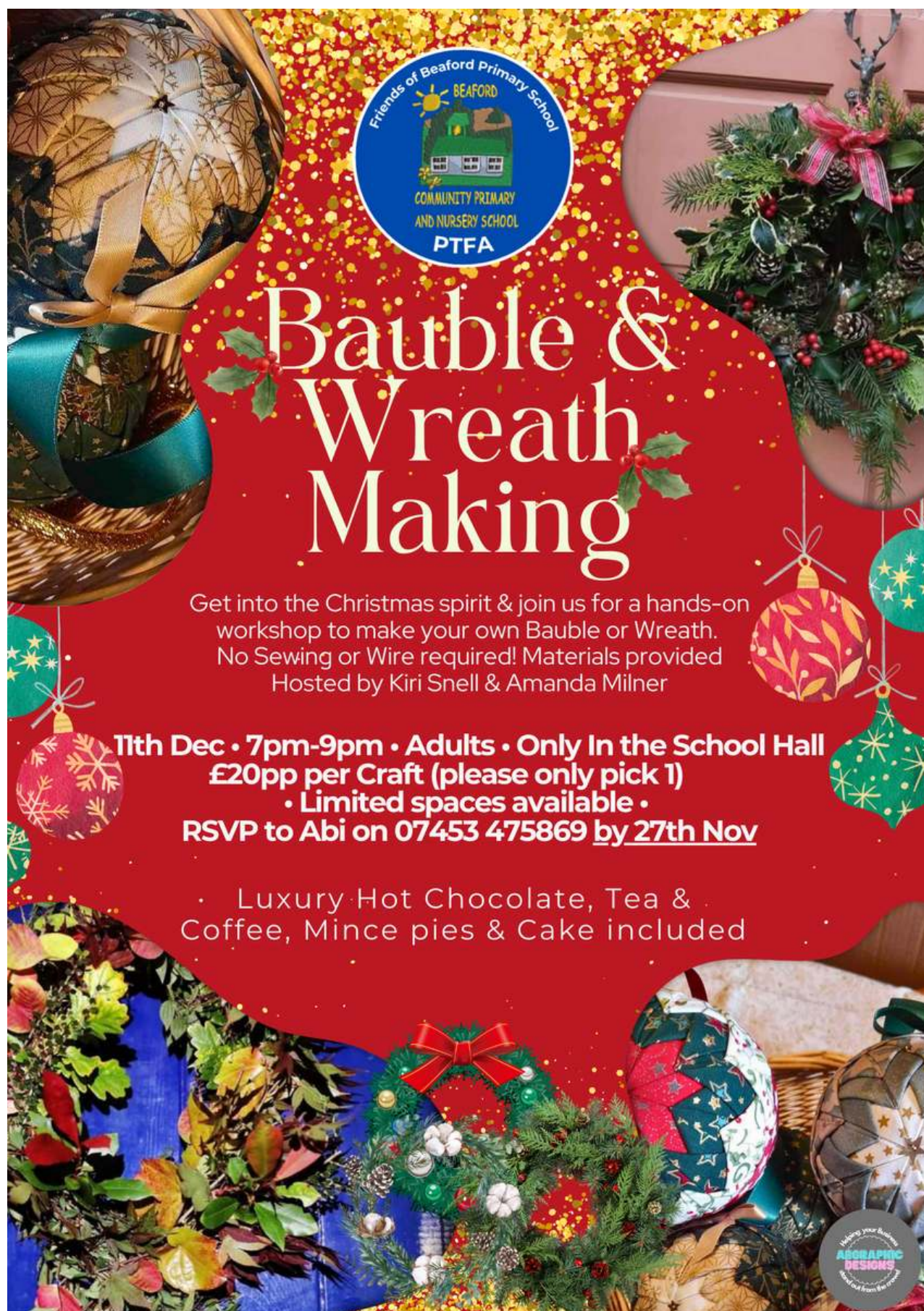
- First day of term - 6th January 2026
- Half Term - 16th February - 20th February 2026
- Last day of term - 2nd April 2026

Summer Term

- First day of term - 20th April 2026
- Bank Holiday - May Day - 4th May 2026
- Half Term - 25th May - 29th May 2026
- Non Pupil Day - 1st June 2026
- Last day of term - 21st July 2026

Community News & Events

Any articles which appear in the school newsletter, that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only.




Bauble & Wreath Making

Get into the Christmas spirit & join us for a hands-on workshop to make your own Bauble or Wreath.
No Sewing or Wire required! Materials provided
Hosted by Kiri Snell & Amanda Milner

11th Dec • 7pm-9pm • Adults • Only In the School Hall
£20pp per Craft (please only pick 1)
• Limited spaces available •
RSVP to Abi on 07453 475869 by 27th Nov

• Luxury Hot Chocolate, Tea & Coffee, Mince pies & Cake included





Antenatal Drop-in

Bideford Family Hub
Victoria Park
Bideford
EX39 2QQ
03300415494

Every Thursday from 1 to 3pm
Starting on 7th November

Come along for an informal chat & to meet other parents to be, enjoy a cuppa & a biscuit

Antenatal advice & peer support available

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DEVON FAMILY HUBS



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UNDER 1'S DROP IN
FRIENDLY AND RELAXED GROUP
FOR PARENTS/CARERS

BIDEFORD FAMILY HUB
VICTORIA PARK, BIDEFORD
EX39 2QQ
TUESDAYS 1.30-2.30PM
STARTING TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Action for Children

PHONE 03300415494 IF YOU NEED ANY MORE INFORMATION



Devon Family HUBS

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REQUEST FOR CONTACT

SCAN ME

Action for Children are supporting Devon Family Hubs. Family Hubs are a developing network of services and community groups that are working together to support families and their children to find opportunities that meet their needs. Please see our website for more details.

FIND OUT MORE

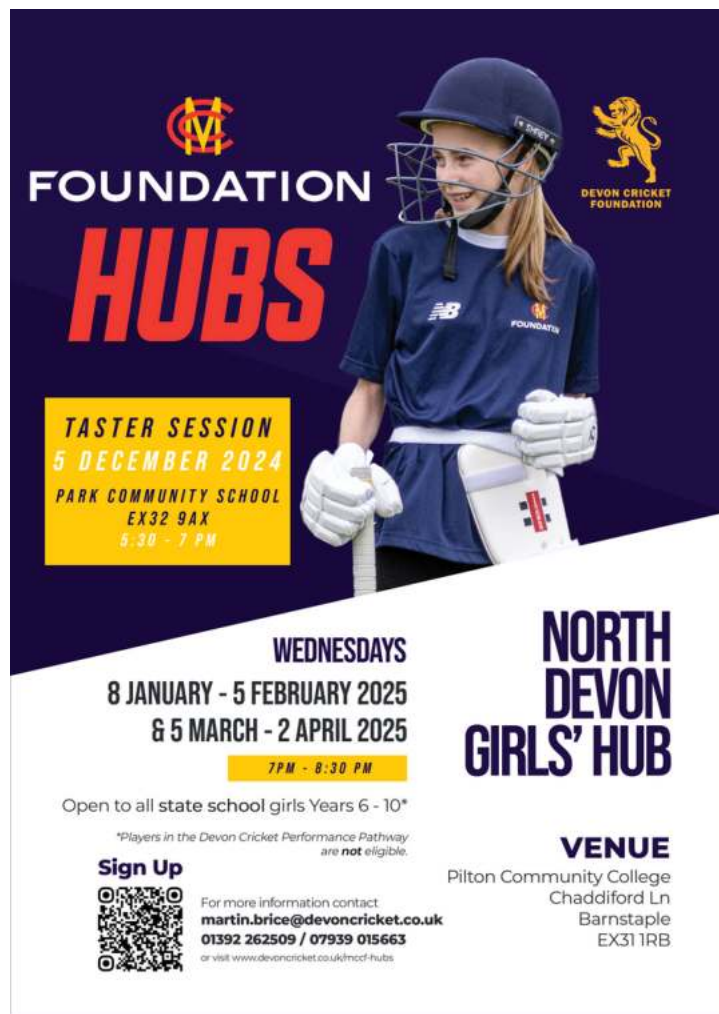
Devon Family HUBS website

Online digital chat

Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership

In partnership with Devon County Council

DEVON FAMILY HUBS



FOUNDATION HUBS

DEVON CRICKET FOUNDATION

TASTER SESSION
5 DECEMBER 2024
PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL
EX32 9AX
5.30 - 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS
8 JANUARY - 5 FEBRUARY 2025
& 5 MARCH - 2 APRIL 2025
7PM - 8.30 PM

Open to all state school girls Years 6 - 10*

*Players in the Devon Cricket Performance Pathway are not eligible.

Sign Up

For more information contact
martin.brice@devoncricket.co.uk
01392 262509 / 07939 015663
or visit www.devoncricket.co.uk/mccf-hubs

NORTH DEVON GIRLS' HUB

VENUE
Pilton Community College
Chaddiford Ln
Barnstaple
EX31 1RB

Christmas Quest at Made-Well CIC

HELP HELP HELP, Those naughty elves have only gone and destroyed Santa's Workshop! So here at Made-Well we have offered him a secret location to use until it gets fixed. Come join us for a magical journey around our site, help Santa in his quest to keep Christmas going and watch out for those Naughty Elves. You never know, at the end of the journey you might just get to meet the man himself.

West Fishleigh Farm, Hatherleigh, EX20 3QA
Every weekend from Saturday 30th
November. £10 per child (includes gift)

PLEASE BOOK ONLINE:
WWW.MADE-WELLEVENTS.CO.UK

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MADE-WELL EVENTS
EVENT MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Made-Well's Christmas Craft Fayre

FREE
ENTRY

Saturday 30th November
10am - 2pm

FREE
PARKING

Join us in our *festively decorated barn*, filled with stalls selling beautiful and bespoke handmade items. From silver jewellery to fun stocking fillers, there will be something for everyone. Our café will be selling home cooked food and it will be the start of our *Christmas Quest* (tickets to see Santa must be booked online in advance) so there will be plenty to do and see around our site.

Made-Well CIC, West Fishleigh Farm,
Hatherleigh EX20 3QA

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MADE-WELL EVENTS
EVENT MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING



Spark's

FREE

SELF CARE WORKSHOPS

Mondays 5pm-7pm

YES Centre, The Strand, Barnstaple

Drop-in for 11-18yr olds

HOW TO SUPPORT YOURSELF DIGITAL DETOX

COMMUNICATION WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

HOBBIES COOKING TAKE A REST EXERCISE

EXPRESS YOURSELF

more info at sparkuk.co.uk
@sparkteens

