



BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents

It's been a shortened but busy week at Beaford. The children have settled back beautifully, and it was so nice to see them all in Tuesday's assembly where we discussed this term's PSHE theme, Changing Me, reviewed some important safeguarding messages from the NSPCC's P.A.N.T.S. programme, and talked about our responsibilities to ensure our OPAL playtimes continue to be some of the best in the region.

OPAL also took centre stage on Wednesday when PTA members from South Tawton Primary came to visit and view our provision. They were blown away by the achievements of Zenna and the OPAL team over the past few years and how magical playtimes can be when the OPAL programme is integrated successfully. It was also lovely to see a school that, like Beaford, has an active and supportive PTA that is always looking for ways to improve the experience of the children.

Our PTA, the Friends of Beaford, has gone from strength to strength in my time here, and we've had a wonderful calendar of events and activities that enrich the children's school experience and raise vital funds that allow us to subsidise educational visits and workshops. Without the commitment of the Friends of Beaford and the support of the community and children to help fundraise, we simply would not be able to offer the rich and diverse curriculum opportunities that Beaford children receive.

The current chair of the Friends of Beaford, Ellie Burt-Jones, is stepping down from her role at the end of term but will continue to support as treasurer. I'd like to thank Ellie for her dedication to the school over the last three years, and especially for her efforts in putting on the Christmas and Summer fairs. These events give the children special memories of their time at primary school.

There is a Friends of Beaford EGM on the 26th of June, and part of the meeting will be choosing a new chair. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to support the PTA, and even lovelier if any of you were to express an interest to myself or Ellie about becoming the next chair and how we can support you in the role. The link to the meeting will be posted in the newsletter throughout June.

I'm pleased to see that our free breakfast and soft start uptake is increasing. We offer all children from Reception to Year 6 the chance to enter school from 8:30am and have breakfast and settle into the school day. If you arrive before the doors open, you are welcome to enter through the front, and children can go to the hall to do some soft start activities. We have removed the need for booking for this service.

This week, Mrs Cannon has started practising songs that we'll sing at sports day at the end of the month, and Owls went on a nature walk to gather information about woodland habitats in Devon as part of their learning project with SDM School in India. Next week, Beaford is hosting a Trust netball tournament, Torrington Dental are coming to give a workshop to the Ladybirds, and the Year 6s have some transition activities.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Myers



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Owls

This week, Owls have been reading and plotting coordinates in the four quadrants. In English, we have started our exploration narrative about space. Using pictures of a set of objects, the children made predictions about the genre and setting of the piece of writing and talked about whether or not people should return to the moon. In science, we have started looking at adaption in animals to help them survive in their habitat. In groups, the children chose an animal to research and designed a scientific poster about the adaptations the animal has made to fit their habitat. As part of our ongoing link with SDM school in India, we are meeting online to compare and contrast trees, plants and animals in our locality. The children enjoyed finding and identifying leaves from trees in our playground and organising them ready to present to SDM school.



Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been looking at their new English text this week, 'A River'. After sharing the book, the children created a window of four pictures to showcase where their river would go. The children were very creative and produced some beautiful sketches. The children have moved onto position and direction in maths and have explored left, right, full turns, half turns, quarter turns, clockwise and anti-clockwise. They have played physical games to help them to learn and use this positional language. In topic this week, the children have learned about King Charles II. I have been impressed with their efforts and contributions across the week.



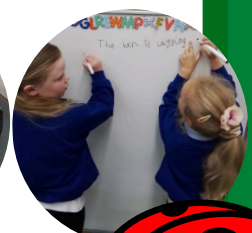
Otters

Otters have returned to school and their learning brilliantly. We are continuing to focus on times tables before the online check which we are doing next week. We have also been learning about money and linking this with decimal numbers. In our writing we are looking at a story about a refugee and starting to think about our own refugee narratives. In reading we are continuing the new approach which we started at the end of last half term. We read a short extract each day and work on comprehension questions about the text, focusing on retrieval, vocabulary and inference. We even found time for our first tennis lesson and to start our new topic, Skyline Explorers, which is all about comparing city life with life in the country.



Ladybirds

It is like we haven't been away! The children have come back into their routines and have shown their 'ready to learn' attitudes. 'Wacky Races' has been our drawing club focus this week, where they have drawn their very own mascots and their own vehicles to race. In Maths we have been using Numicon to fill certain spaces. A little bit like Tetris, they have been having to fit certain Numicon together to have no gaps. During topic, they have been testing friction. They have tested a variety of different materials to see if it made a different to their car's speed.





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Maggie for always showing 'Be Respectful' in our classroom and is always ready to learn.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Brook for his attitude to his learning this week. Brook has been putting so much effort into his learning activities and achieving lots.</i>
Otters	<i>Alice for always trying her hardest and being determined to excel. Whether she is completing her morning task, running around the track, sitting on the carpet or writing in her book, Alice puts in 100% effort. Well done Alice!</i>
Owls	<i>Dexter for working so well independently in his maths - choosing to dive deeper, talking so articulately through his thought process and also working equally well in a group, aiming really high in terms of presentation. Well done Dexter!</i>



Contribution Certificates



Awarded to

Ladybirds	<i>Rosie for being an amazing friend to the children in nursery.</i>
Hedgehogs	<i>Sid for working really hard to improve his handwriting and presentation. What a tremendous effort.</i>
Otters	<i>Joe for working hard to focus on his learning this week. Joe has returned from the holiday with a fantastic attitude to school. He is keen to share his thinking with the class and is determined to produce great work in his books. Well done Joe!</i>
Owls	<i>Amelie and Izzy for working so cooperatively together on their 'Leaves in Our Locality' presentation. They thought carefully about who would do what as well as being supportive of each other's ideas. Excellent team work and such a high quality outcome! Well done!</i>



Mr George Myers
Head of school





DATES

for your diary

26th - 30th May

Half Term

10th June

Netball Tournament
(Owls)

11th June

TEAM Chulmleigh
Transition Day

17th June

Swimming Gala at
Torridgeside Pool

19th June

Owls Exeter Racecourse
Trip

18th June

TEAM GTS Transition Day

20th June

School Starters trip to
Rosemoor

24th June

Hedgehogs Trip to
Rosemoor

30th June

Year 5 Bikeability

11th July

Sports Day

15th July

Year 6 Trip to RAMM
Exeter

18th July

Leavers Assembly

22nd July

Last Day of Term

Friends of Beaford - Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) -

Join Us!

The PTA will be holding its next Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on:

Thursday, 26th June

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Online via Google Meet

This is an important opportunity to stay involved, hear updates, and have your voice heard in shaping the school community.

Join the Meeting: [PTA EGM Google Meet Link](#)

Or copy and paste this into your browser: <https://meet.google.com/yxh-yzxcg-jpu>

We encourage all parents and carers to attend. Your participation truly makes a difference!

Clubs & Wrap-around Care

Coding Club

Mondays - 3.30pm - 4.30pm
9th June - 7th July

Goal Getters (Key Stage 2)

Mondays 3.30pm - 4.30pm
9th June - 7th July

Lego Club

Tuesdays 3.30pm - 4.40pm
10th June - 8th July

Breakfast Club (Reception - Year 6)

Monday - Friday
8am - 8.30am (Please book through your
Arbor Account)

8.30am onwards - No need to book, just
show up!

After School Club

Monday - Thursday
3.30pm - 5pm

**You are now able to book through your
Arbor Account!**



PE Days

Monday - Owls

Wednesday - Otters

Thursday - Hedgehogs

Friday - Ladybirds

Bikeability

There's still time to take part in
Bikeability! We have noticed a few
parents have not yet signed up.

If your child is in Year 5 and would like to
take part in bikeability this year, please
remember to complete the [online form](#).
If you are having any issues contact the
school office.

Lost Property

We have a HUGE
amount of lost
property in the
entrance of school.
Please come and
collect your children's
belongings!



Attendance this Week

Reception - 90%
Hedgehogs - 93%
Otters - 86%
Owls - 87%

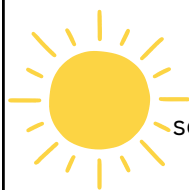
DON'T FORGET

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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Sun Cream, Water & Snacks

As the weather warms up, please remember to send your child to school with sun cream applied, a refillable water bottle, and healthy snacks to keep them energised throughout the day. Kindly avoid sending chocolate or sugary treats, as we aim to promote healthy eating habits.

Shape the Future of TEAM MAT – We Need Your Views!

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is developing its next 5-year strategy, starting this September, and we'd love to hear from you.

Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey and help guide the future direction of the Trust:

[TEAM MAT Strategy Survey](#).

Your feedback is greatly valued. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

Thank you for your support!

Menu

Monday

Minced Beef Lasagne
V – Vegetable Lasagne
Garlic Bread and
Salad Platter

Flapjack with Apple
Sticks

Tuesday

Sweet & Sour Chicken
V – Quorn Sweet & Sour
Chicken

Rice, Sweetcorn

Fruit Muffin

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
V – Vegetable Bites
Roast Potatoes and
Seasonal Veg

Strawberry Angel
Delight with Real
Strawberries

Thursday

Sausage Rolls
V - Quorn Sausages
Hash Browns, Beans,
Peas

Sticky Chocolate Cake
(Hidden Veg)

Friday

Salmon or Cod Fish
Fingers
V – Macaroni Cheese
Golden Fries and
Seasonal Vegetables

Trifle

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

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Early Years Playworker

After School Club

8 hrs per week

Witheridge Primary

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Witheridge and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!



Early Years Playworker

After School Club

10 Hrs per week

Witheridge Primary

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Witheridge and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!



1 FTE Classroom Teacher

(Suitable for Early Career Teachers)

Witheridge Primary

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic colleague to join a thriving primary school. The successful candidate will have a passion for teaching, the ability to inspire and enthuse pupils and a desire to get involved in many areas of school life. ECT's are encouraged to apply.



1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

Witheridge Primary

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support a pupil, currently in the Foundation Stage Unit (FSU) to engage with their learning as they undertake their journey through the school. In service training will be provided where appropriate.





Come along with your children to a TEAM Community Day. A chance to get together with friends from your child's school and schools across the Trust. It will be a chilled social gathering for all to enjoy, and the children can make new friends or even hang out with the friends they already have.

You will need to supply your own refreshments and dress for the weather on the day and most importantly remember sun cream.

Please also cross your fingers and pray for good weather.

The dates are as follows:

Friday 25th JULY

Westward Ho!

Beach fun, Rock pooling, sandcastle building, ball games, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Tuesday 29th JULY

Knighthayes (National Trust)

A wooded walk and play & picnic lunch. Meet @ 10:00

Friday 1st AUGUST

Saunton Sands Beach

Beach clean, play, ball games, sand sculptures, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Thursday 7th AUGUST

Landacre Bridge (Exmoor)

Exploring the river and a picnic lunch. Meet @ 10:00

Tuesday 12th AUGUST

Westward Ho!

Beach fun, Rock Pooling, sandcastle building, ball games, paddle in the sea. Meet @ 10:00

Please let me know if you plan to attend any of these events so I can be in contact with more details closer to the time.

Csprenger@team-mat.org.uk .

Community News & Events



RootNotes MUSIC WORKSHOPS

FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

Alwington Village Hall, Fairy Cross, Bideford EX39 5AW

ROOTNOTES FAMILY MUSIC **Tuesdays, 4-5pm**

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For young musicians age 9+

Learn folk tunes from around the world, develop your music & performance skills, and play in a band

Tuesdays, 5.15-6.15pm



ROOTNOTES RHYMETIME

A fun music and song session for under 5s and their families/carers

Fridays, 9.45-10.30am



RootNotes

groups are led by
Community Musician
Becki Driscoll

For more info email
becki@rootnotes.org.uk
or message 07811 279230

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Lara Conley

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www.rootnotes.org.uk



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