



Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

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Newsletter 4 – 28 September 2023

Next Week:

Thursday 5th Oct **11.00am Harvest Festival to Parents & School**
See below for information & look out for email
1.30pm Safari Stu Visit to Y1/2
3.00pm Girls Football Match @ The Grove
Friday 6th Oct **9.15am Y3 Swimming**

Key Dates / Reminders:

17th Oct - **OPEN AFTERNOON FOR ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES -**
COME AND SEE THE SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD IN ACTION
19th Oct - BHA Halloween Disco
5th Nov - Wheathampstead Fireworks @ Beech Hyde
8th Nov - **Open Afternoon (1.30-2.30pm) for prospective Reception**
Parents. Tours & Headteacher talk (ring office to book a place)
9th Nov - **Open Morning (9.15-10.15am) for prospective Reception**
Parents. Tours & Headteacher talk (ring office to book a place)
Half Term 23rd October - 27th October

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been lovely to be able to see so many parents and carers this week..... at our SEND parents coffee morning, sharing assembly and the BHA coffee morning and uniform sale. We look forward to seeing Year 3 and 4 parents at our Harvest Festival celebration on 5th October at 11am. You really are fantastic in the way you support your children and our school - thank you.

We have also been pleased to welcome new pupils to Beech Hyde this term, with our brand new Nursery and Reception classes and new starters in all other year groups. It is wonderful to watch our community thrive and grow.

Our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls footballers have been in training and out on the football pitch already this term with pre-season friendlies against Sauncey Wood and St Dominics. Well done to everyone who played and supported!

We have two exciting events coming up that I know both you and your children will be looking forward to - the Halloween Disco and Wheathampstead Fireworks@Beech Hyde take place on 19th October and 5th November - tickets are available online. A huge thank you to the BHA for organising these events and I know they very much appreciate the support of parent volunteers for both these events.

We would like to invite all current parents/ carers and families to an open afternoon to see the school, and your child(ren) in action. This is an informal opportunity to see the school in action as it normally is. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Congratulations this week go to Oliver Stevens for receiving the Davy Cup for Maths and to Alexia Ostler for being awarded the English STAR award.

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me at head@beechhyde.herts.sch.uk.

With best wishes

Karen Thomas

Headteacher

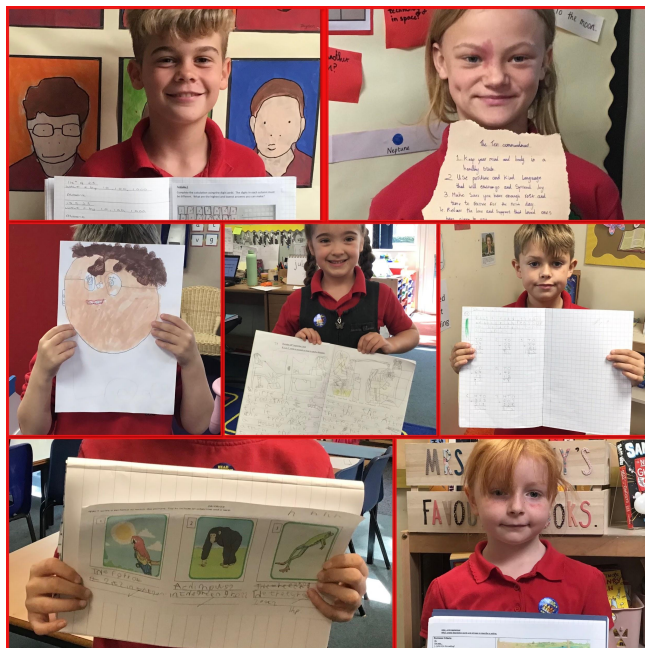
Attendance of the Week Rec/KS1 = Y2 98.2%

Attendance of the Week KS2 = Y3 97.6%



Work of the Week

Elio Today
Logan Franklin
Nora McCabe
Joe Clarke
Daisy Basso
Alfie Marsh
Grace Anderson
Louis Farr



Now Available - School Calendar updated live on the Beech Hyde Website

In the 'About Us' section of the school website www.beechhyde.herts.sch.uk, you can now view the school calendar. There are four calendars to see - main school, clubs, sporting and PE events and trips and visits.

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School Calendar

Today: 1 October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Oct	2	3	4	5	6	7
18:30 Assembly - KT 19:40 Break 19:40 Lunch 19:40 Y4/5/6 Yoga C 19:40 Y5/6 Girls Foo	18:30 Assembly - KT 19:40 Break 19:40 Lunch 19:40 Y4/5/6 Yoga C 19:40 Y5/6 Girls Foo	18:40 School Nurse 18:40 Assembly 18:40 Break 18:40 Lunch 18:40 Y4/5/6 Yoga C 18:40 Y5/6 Girls Foo	18:40 Break 18:40 Assembly 18:40 Break 18:40 Lunch 18:40 Y4/5/6 Yoga C 18:40 Y5/6 Girls Foo	18:40 Break 18:40 Harvest Festival 18:40 Lunch 18:40 Y4/5/6 Yoga C 18:40 Y5/6 Girls Foo	18:40 Break 18:40 Y4/5/6 Yoga C 18:40 Y5/6 Girls Foo	18:40 Break 18:40 Y4/5/6 Yoga C 18:40 Y5/6 Girls Foo

Events shown in time zone: United Kingdom Time

Wheathampstead Churches Together Christmas Booklet Competition 2023

Every year the 3 churches in and around Wheathampstead, produce a card that is delivered to every house in the village, detailing all the services and activities for the Christmas season.

For the past 2 years the front of the card has been designed by a pupil from St Helen's school, but this year it will be designed by a pupil from Beech Hyde! Therefore we are launching a competition to find this year's designer.

To enter the competition pupils need to design a Christmas card (based on the theme of Christmas) on A4 paper. No words should be included and bright colours are recommended. Pupils name and Year must be clearly written on the back. The Churches Together committee will choose one overall winner and, with permission, that design will appear on the front with the name and school of the designer. The winner will also receive a £25 book/gift token. There will be internal school winners too, one in each class.

Deadline for entries is 13 October 2023 - please give your entry to your class teacher.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday next week (5th) at 11am. The assembly will be shared with children in the school and we invite parents to come along too.

We would like to encourage the school community to help St Helen's church support the local foodbank this year, by bringing the items listed below. Your donations of non-perishable food and household items will help greatly.



Please bring your donations into classes on Monday and Tuesday next week. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause which is needed now more than ever.

Typical donations are non-perishable items like:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice

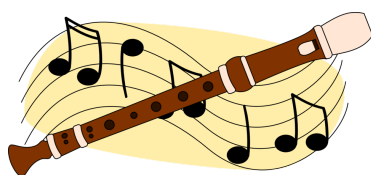


LATENESS

As we settle into the new academic year it is worth reminding the school policy for pupils that are late.

We are aware that the odd late arrival is sometimes unavoidable. If possible, let the school office know if you are going to be late. As lunches are ordered first thing after registration, if your child is going to be later than 9.20am, please provide them with a packed lunch from home.

The office will register/record the time and reason for lateness. Persistent lateness may result in a meeting with the Headteacher.



Herts Music Service Message

Fife Club is an opportunity to learn a new instrument from scratch for an affordable cost, playing together in a fun group setting! Includes free loan of instrument during sessions, and instruments can be purchased at an affordable cost for those wishing to practice at home. Playing in a musical group helps to build confidence and ability, gain experience of playing in an ensemble and learn performance skills.

Please note we have limited places in this popular group which will be allocated on a strict first come first serve basis. Apply early to avoid disappointment!

Fife Club takes place at St Albans Music School (based at Townsend School, High Oaks, St Albans, on Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:10pm. It is suitable for children in Year 4 and above and costs £59 for the term (9 sessions including concert). **Please note this group takes place outside your child's school.**

Here's how you can sign up for a trial:

1. Visit www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/register
2. Choose 'sign up for music lessons and ensembles'
3. Scroll down to 'Sign-up for courses'
4. Select the 'Music Centre' option and select 'St Albans Music School' as your selected school
5. Choose 'Short Courses/Workshops'
6. Click on Short courses/Workshop
7. Choose 'Fife Club' and 'Add to Basket'
8. Fill in the full details to complete registration. If you already have an account with us, you will then get the opportunity to login with your existing information

If your child continues to come along to the ensemble after the trial session, you will be invoiced for the ensemble.

After the trial, if you do not want to continue, please send notice to stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk and you will not be charged.

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787>

Workshop	Date & Time
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Wednesday 22 nd November 6pm
Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Wednesday 15 th November 6pm
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem.	Monday 9 th October 10am Tuesday 5 th December 10am
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and how parents/carers can help.	Tuesday 3 rd October 6pm Thursday 7 th December 6pm
Supporting your Child's Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their resilience.	Friday 27 th October 10am Monday 18 th December 6pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Tuesday 7 th November at 10am
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation.	Monday 13 th November 6pm
School Transitions A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing school transitions.	

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit: <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services-and-referral-information/our-services-a-z/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-service/>