



# Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

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## Newsletter 8 – 3 November 2023

### Next Week:

<b>Sunday 5th November</b>	Wheathampstead BHA Fireworks
<b>Wednesday 8th November</b>	1.30-2.30 Open Afternoon for Primary Places
<b>Thursday 9th November</b>	9.15-10.15 Open Morning for Primary Places 9.00 Girls Football Tournament @ The Grove 2.50pm Sharing Assembly
<b>Friday 10th November</b>	Armistice Day remembered in school
<b>Sunday 12th November</b>	Remembrance Sunday

### Key Dates / Reminders:

<b>Friday 17th November</b>	Children In Need - email sent with further information
<b>Thursday 23rd November</b>	Wheathampstead Village Lights Up
<b>Wednesday 20th December</b>	Panto Trip - Payment can be made on School Gateway
<b>End of Term</b>	Thursday 21st December - <b>2pm Finish</b>

Consider booking a place on the Family Toolkit Course - See details below

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many families at Parent Consultation evenings this week. As ever, we are so grateful for your engagement and support of your child's learning - it makes all the difference.

It was also a pleasure to see so many of you at sharing assembly this week as we welcomed Nursery and Nursery parents and carers to the 'sharing assembly' experience - they did a fantastic job, especially with their French!

Next week we have our annual open morning/afternoon where we welcome prospective Reception parents to the school to hear from myself, Mrs Field and pupils, take a tour with our Year 6 pupils and feel the buzz that is Beech Hyde. We are asking for some help in delivering leaflets to local houses advertising these. We would be grateful to anyone who can spare time to deliver to their road. If you can do this just let Mrs Pleasants in the school office know and she will provide you with the leaflets.

I can't believe I am about to mention it, but Christmas is coming and, as ever, will be extremely busy celebrating the season within school and with the wider Wheathampstead and district community. A list of events is included below so you can get organised and brace yourselves.

We are all very excited about hosting the annual Wheathampstead Fireworks this weekend - a massive thank you to the BHA for the huge amount of organisation that goes into this event. If you haven't got your tickets then do hurry and I look forward to seeing you there!

Congratulations this week go to Charlie Webb for receiving the Davey Cup for Maths and to Oliver Deamer 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](mailto:head@beechhyde.herts.sch.uk).

With best wishes  
Karen Thomas  
Headteacher

**Attendance of the Week Rec/KS1**

**= Y1 95.8%**

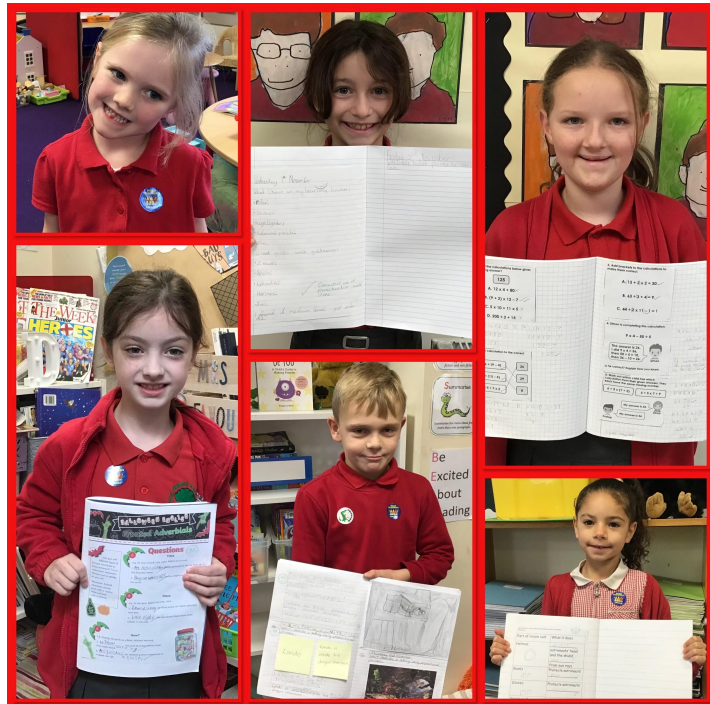
**Attendance of the Week KS2**

**= Y6 100%**



Lucy Gibson  
 Arabella Mawhood  
 Judy Davies-Walls  
 Allayah Harti  
 Revie Morris  
 Matty Beaney  
 Lexi Clarke  
 Hollie Marr

## Work of the Week



### Christmas at Beech Hyde



**Wheathampstead Village Lights Up** (stall and Singing Club singing)  
 Thursday 23 November - from 5pm

**Sharing Assembly and Beech Hyde Tree decoration and 'Lights On'**  
 All pupils to make in school/home a small Christmas decoration for the tree  
 Thursday 30 November - 2.50pm

**Rotary Carol Concert - invited pupils only**  
 High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden  
 Wednesday 6 December - 7pm

**KS1 Christmas Production (Years 1-2)**  
 Monday 11 December - 2pm - to school  
 Tuesday 12 December - 1.30pm - to invited guests  
 Wednesday 13 December - 2pm - to parents/carers - 3 tickets per child

**Elf Jnr Production at STAGS - Year 5 and 6 (TBC)**  
 Wednesday 13 December - 1.30pm-3pm

**Christmas Sharing Assembly for Parents (Year 3,4,5,6 sharing)**  
 All years and parents/carers to attend  
 Thursday 14 December - 2.50pm

**Village Singalong** (Singing Club singing)  
 Marford Memorial Hall  
 Thursday 14 December - 7.30pm

**Early Years Nativity**  
 Monday 18 December 10am - to school  
 Tuesday 19 December 10am - to parents/carers

**Santa Dash**  
 Monday 18 December - 2.30pm - 3pm (parents/carers invited to watch from 2.15pm)

**Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day**  
 Small donations to the charity 'Save the Children' are welcome. If your child is usually Home Packed Lunch, don't forget to book your child's school Christmas lunch.  
 Tuesday 19 December

**Pantomime Trip (Years 1-6) - 10am - 12.30pm**  
 Eric Morecambe Centre, Harpenden - £5 per child (subsidised by the BHA)  
**In school Christmas theatre workshop (Years N-R)**  
 Class Christmas Parties 2.30 - 3.15pm (with Santa)  
 Wednesday 20 December



## POLITE NOTICE

We have noticed that a growing number of children are bringing in PRIME energy drink bottles to use as their water bottle. Whilst we are aware that water is contained and not the actual energy drink, the school ethos is to promote healthy eating/drinking. All children are provided with 'House Colour' water bottles when they start Beech Hyde. If you require a replacement house colour bottle, they can be purchased from the school office for £1.50. Otherwise, water bottles brought from home should not be branded.  
 Many thanks for your support.

# FAMILY TOOLKIT COURSE

As a result of the feedback from our parental engagement survey, we would like to introduce a 4 week course - 'The Family Toolkit'. The course will run from 21 November 2023 until 12 December, and will be from 1-3pm in the Nursery classroom. It will be run by the Harpenden Plus Network, part of the Families First partnership.

The family toolkit covers;

- understanding your child's needs; how we communicate
- nurturing relationships in the home: praise and encouragement and family wellbeing
- understanding and managing behaviour; rules and routines and dealing with conflict
- Choices and consequences; behaviour to ignore and Nurturing ourselves

It is based on 4 constructs which are Self esteem/ self awareness, appropriate expectations (of our children and ourselves), discipline/ boundaries and empathy. It is an adaptation of a 10-week evidence-based parenting programme that works well for children aged 4 - 11. Please contact Mrs Pleasants in the main office to book a place. Discretion is assured.



## The Family Toolkit

A free 4-week course for parents and carers of children who attend Beech Hyde School

- understanding your child's needs; how we communicate
- nurturing relationships in the home: praise and encouragement and family wellbeing
- understanding and managing behaviour; rules and routines and dealing with conflict, anger and anxiety
- Choices and consequences; behaviour to ignore and Nurturing ourselves

Tuesdays - 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> December  
1.00– 3.00

Attendees need to attend every session

You are able to register your interest on this course by emailing us on [dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk)

All information is correct at the time of going to press, but may be subject to change.

**Hertfordshire Music Service**

Making Music Improving Lives

**Hertfordshire County Youth Training Choir**  
A pilot running in autumn term 2023



Hertfordshire County Training Choir is aimed for children in Years 6 to 8 who may have an interest in singing in a county choir!

**Rehearsals**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November  
5.00pm - 6.00pm

Mid Herts Centre for Music and Arts

**Concert**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
(rehearsals from 1.00pm)

St Etheldreda's Church (Hatfield)



£60 (includes both events listed above)

To book your place, please email [countymusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:countymusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

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## Are you struggling to meet increasing food costs each week?

Please ask at the office or email

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All enquiries will be treated in confidence.

A voucher issued here can be used at any of the Foodbanks in St Albans (Dagnall Street, Cottonmill, New Greens), Wheatthorpe, Harpenden, London Colney and Redbourn.

There are CAB advisors at each centre to offer further support.