



Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

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Next Week:

Sunday 12th November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 13th November	Y5 Bikeability (all week) Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14th November	12.30pm Cross Country Event @ Harpenden
Wednesday 15th November	12pm 'Can-Do' Event @ Beaumont School
Thursday 16th November	Y6 Netball Morning @ Oaklands College 2.50pm Sharing Assembly
Friday 17th November	Children In Need - SPOTACULAR (see previous email for details)

Key Dates / Reminders:

Thursday 23rd November	Wheathampstead Village Lights Up
Wednesday 20th December	Panto Trip - Payment can be made on School Gateway
End of Term	Thursday 21st December - 2pm Finish

Consider booking a place on the Family Toolkit Course - DEADLINE MONDAY 13TH NOV

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Fireworks event was a massive success once again! The members of the BHA work tirelessly to make these occasions organised, safe and enjoyable and we are truly grateful.

We welcomed visitors to our school as we held our two open events this week. The Year 6 guides were as impressive as always. There was some great feedback about the 'family feel' of the school.

We have spent time thinking about Remembrance Day and what it means to us. The whole school has created a poppy display in the school hall and at 11am, we held a 2 minute silence on the playground and thought about those we wanted to remember. Please join us on Sunday in the village (from 10.45am) where Ruby-Lou Shea and Max Lee from Year 6 will be laying a poppy wreath on behalf of Beech Hyde.

I was delighted to receive an email this week from the coach company that takes our Year 3 children swimming each week. They wanted to praise the children on their behaviour and politeness whilst using their coach. It makes us so proud when others recognise what we already know!

Congratulations this week go to Cienna Cook-Kenny-Dedrick for receiving the Davey Cup for Maths and to Arabella Mawhood for being awarded the English STAR award.

Huge congratulations also go to Sasha Tymoshchuk for winning the Churches Together Christmas Card competition.

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 93.4%

Attendance of the Week KS2

= Y6 98.8%



Work of the Week

Maddie Handscombe

Juliette Edmondson

Lara Webb

Poppie-Louise Paxton

Brooke Griggs

Harriet Gard

Finley Canfield

Harmony Fortey



PUNCTUALITY REMINDER

On Tuesday this week, 16 pupils arrived late for school. Here is a little reminder as to the impact of frequent lateness.

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions, the introduction to the lesson & ordering lunch.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

Our gates open at 8:45 am. School begins at 8:55 am.

Please help your child to be punctual.

Herts Music Service

St Albans Musical Voices - Find Your Musical Voice!

This is an exciting opportunity for children in Years 2 - 5 to find their musical voice. We specialise in offering a safe space where children can come and sing whatever their ability. We create a friendly nurturing environment where each child can develop their own unique voice. The children will learn all aspects of singing, whilst singing enjoyable music, and having lots of fun. No previous experience necessary. Workshops with visiting specialists, performance opportunities and progression routes all part of the fun. Please note this activity takes place **outside school, at St Albans Music School – Thursdays 4:30 – 5:30pm.**

For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school>, and scroll to 'Something for Everyone'.

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.

Harpenden PLUS
PARTNERSHIP
Harpenden-Kimpton-Redbourn-Wheatthorpe

Family Links



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 - 21st, 28th November and 5th, 12th 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

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



BHA NEWS

THE BEST KIND OF FUNDRAISING - NO ADDITIONAL COST!

Planning to have a real Christmas Tree this year?
Why not order from the Harpenden Academy!

£10 donation per tree goes to the BHA.

This year all trees can be collected from Harpenden Academy on 8 & 9th Dec between 9.30-10.30am or delivered to your home on the same dates for an additional cost.



Easyfundraising Raffle is back!



Some of you will remember the amazing prizes that were given away last year which included Fish & Chips from the Wheathampstead Fryer, Haircut from The Beatique and an MOT from Jessamine Garage!

It's free to enter and does not cost anything additional, and you'll be included automatically... all you need to do is sign up and do your shopping via Easyfundraising.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Or just search for the free app & sign up.

Lots of our fab local businesses are taking part to give you a treat this year and we will be showcasing

them and their prizes over the coming weeks before the raffle starts. Find out more about the prizes on offer by visiting the Beech Hyde Parents page on Facebook.

Find out more, or enter today by visiting <http://tiny.cc/Easyraffle>

We look forward to announcing our first winners towards the end of November in the school newsletter.