



Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

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Newsletter 14 – 15 December 2023

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| | Next Week: NO CLUBS THIS WEEK |
| Monday 18th December | Santa Dash (parents invited from 2.15pm - see below) |
| Tuesday 19th December | Christmas Jumper Day 10am EYFS Nativity to Parents Christmas Lunch |
| Wednesday 20th December | Y1-6 Panto Trip to Eric Morecambe Centre EYFS / Reception 'Drama for All' Workshop (coming to school) Class Christmas Parties |
| Thursday 21st December | End of Autumn 2023 Term - 2pm Finish |

Key Dates / Reminders:

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| Start of Spring Term | Tuesday 9th January 2024 |
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Dear Parents / Carers,

The final newsletter of the year can only mean one thing..... it's nearly Christmas, and we are gearing up for it in style with some wonderful events. A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for a fantastic production of 'A Present for the baby', with some very confident and inspiring performances! Great thanks go to all the staff involved - Mrs Kidd, Mrs Martindale, Mrs Barker, Mrs Wood, Ms Monro and Mrs Tymoshchuck. I think everyone who saw it loved it! Next week it's the Nursery and Reception Nativity featuring such hits as 'Baa Baa Baa Baa Boogie' - rehearsals are well underway and my thanks go, in advance, to Mrs Field, Mrs Vaile, Mrs Kostofska, Mrs Farrell and Miss McCrann.

The children did us proud, yet again, at the Wheathampstead Christmas singalong with a 26 strong choir, and entertained us beautifully at the Key Stage 2 Christmas Sharing Assembly yesterday. Thank you to parents who supported one or both events.

We still have a busy week ahead with the Santa Dash on Monday. Children can bring some festive head gear/jumper to wear for the dash and bring £1 for entry (plus sponsorship for those who would like to at justgiving.com/campaign/bhasanta23). Parents can watch their children run from 2.15pm while enjoying a hot chocolate and other goodies on sale from the BHA. Then it's Christmas lunch & Jumper day on Tuesday, Panto trip on Wednesday (thank you BHA!) and class Christmas parties!

As we break for Christmas please can I thank all parents, carers for their support over this term - the children have worked so hard and made us proud in so many ways, but we couldn't do it without you. I would also like to publicly extend my thanks to the most hardworking and talented staff you will find. I wish them and you the happiest Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Congratulations this week go to Theo Packwood for receiving the Davey Cup for Maths and to Revie Morris for being awarded the English STAR award. It was also my pleasure to award the Pearce Cup for French to Arjun Chandramohan, and the Hazelton Cup to Alfie-Carter Dayman.

With best wishes
Karen Thomas
Headteacher

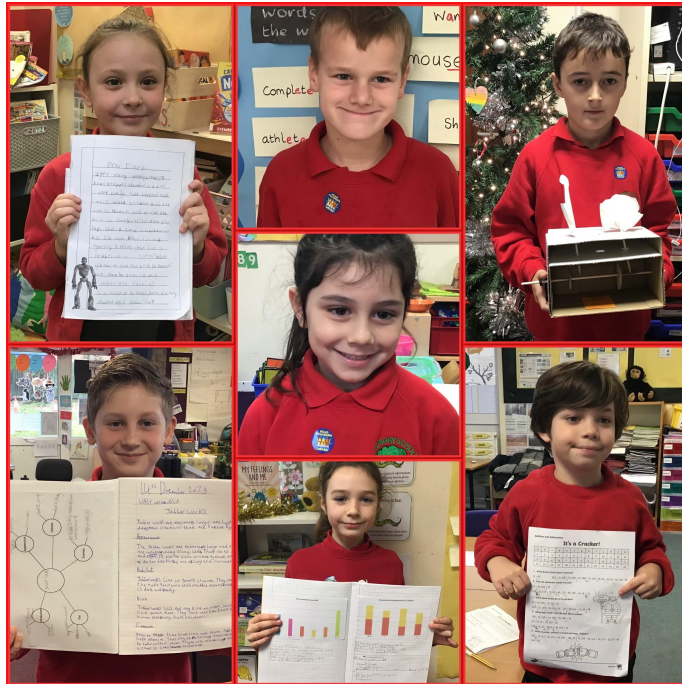
Attendance of the Week Rec/KS1 = Y2 92%

Attendance of the Week KS2 = Y6 96%



Work of the Week

Finn Dodson
Aaliyah Saghir
Charlie Long
Bobby Vallory-Girdlestone
Melisa Todayj
Aisling Moriarty
Noel Peca
Jacob McKeown



Job Vacancy

We are currently looking for a cleaner for 7 hours per week (hoovering, dusting, wiping). Hours can be before or after the school day. If you would like more information, please email admin@beechhyde.herts.sch.uk or call the school office.

Fantastic musical progression opportunities from January 2024

All activities take place at St Albans Music School, based at Townsend School, High Oaks, St Albans AL3 6DR. Rehearsals commence from 9th January 2024.

Ukulele Bandits – Tuesdays, 4:30 – 5:15pm

- an opportunity to learn from scratch, or develop, your ukulele playing skills at an affordable price

Fife Club - Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:15pm

- an affordable gateway into woodwind playing – learn to play fife (a small flute) together with others, in a fun, ensemble setting

St Albans Musical Voices – Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:15pm

- a regional choir for children across the area to sing, develop confidence and make new friends.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

For more information and to sign up, please visit

www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school

For any enquiries, please contact stalbanmusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk, or telephone 01438 845299 on weekdays 3:30 – 7:00pm during term time.

BEECH HYDE CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2023



Over £1000 of prizes!

Winners to be announced on Friday 24th Nov,
Friday 1st, 8th, 15th and Monday 18th December.

Sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk
(remember to select: Beech Hyde)

For more info go to <http://tiny.cc/Easyaffle>



BHA Easyfundraising Raffle Winners!

The lucky winners this week are:

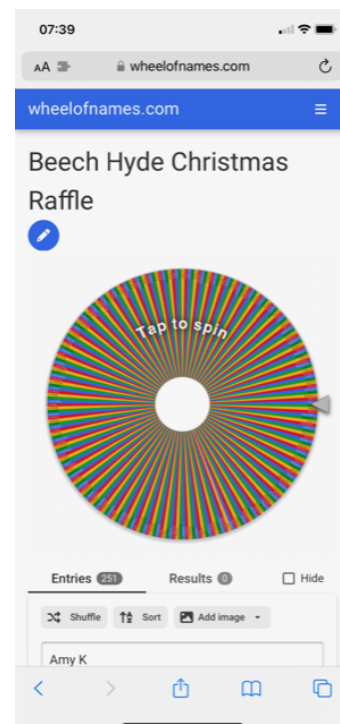
Emma M wins a Wheathampstead Fryer Voucher for 2 & a bottle of Prosecco courtesy of Frost's
Vicky T wins Gel Nails Voucher courtesy of Lucy Mayo

Claire P wins a bottle of Toffee Fudge Vodka courtesy of Black Bridge Distillery

Stuart F wins a £10 voucher for Brewhouse Coffee

Cheryl R wins Stollen courtesy of Tesco and

Prosecco courtesy of Frost's



Come to the School Office to collect

Diana M, winner from 3 weeks ago to pick up prize from office - if not collected by the end of term, it will go into the raffle again in January.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

REMEMBER YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!



MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

HOW MANY LAPS CAN YOU DO?

£1 ENTRY

PLUS SPONSORSHIP VIA

JUSTGIVING.COM/CAMPAIGN/BHASANTA23

IN AID OF THE BHA



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN



Message from Wheathampstead Parish Council

Do you love living in Wheathampstead?
If so, would you like to tell all of the readers of the Pump magazine why that is?

Wheathampstead Parish Council is looking for a few primary school aged children to each write a short article (80 – 100 words) letting us know why they love Wheathampstead.

It could be because of your school and clubs, your friends, the parks and open spaces or any of the things that you can do or go to in the village. So if you are looking for a project over the Christmas holidays, please write your article and send it, along with any photographs you wish to add, to

info@wheathampstead-pc.gov.uk.

Articles need to be submitted by
Wednesday 3rd January.



PARTNERSHIP

Harpenden-Kimpton-Redbourn-Wheathampstead



Too Good To Go

We would like to promote a useful App that enables families to access "Surprise food bags" from a variety of local shops and restaurants. The "Too Good To Go" app can easily be downloaded from your App Store and is free to sign up. Once logged in you can see the offers available, make your selection and then collect at the specified time. By using Too Good To Go not only are you getting some great deals from your favourite places but you are also saving surplus food from going to waste.

Harpenden Plus Partnership

We are here to offer a free and confidential services to parents/carers of families of children who attend our partnership schools. We will support you and your families with any concerns you may be facing with your child at home or school, however large or small the problem. We can offer anything from one conversation to a longer period of support. We also run various courses and workshops on a variety of topics that give you ideas to try at home.

Contact us during term time:

Telephone: 01582 623676 or Email: familysupport@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

Families First Services to Families Team of the Year 2023

Families First AWARDS 2023



Celebrating the success of partnership working!