



Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

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Next Week:

Monday 15th January

Clubs start this week (except Rapid Fire Cricket)
Deadline for Primary (Reception) applications - Sept 24

Thursday 18th January

Virtual Archery Competition
14:50 Sharing Assembly
15:30 Home Tag Rugby Friendly Match vs St Dominic's
Full Governing Body Meeting

Key Dates / Reminders:

If not already done so, why not register for a school lunch account even if your child currently prefers a Home Packed Lunch?

Your child can now choose a lunch whenever they fancy!

Register at select.aspens-services.com (a reminder of codes can be provided by the office)

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term! We have been straight back into it and have spent time focusing on our goals and aspirations for the new year. I am always so impressed with how reflective and generous our pupils are when thinking about their resolutions for the future.

It is always lovely to welcome visitors to school and we are excited to welcome two external teachers to work on a cross year dance project and a year 5 are looking forward to working with a Djembe drum specialist. We look forward to both performances!

We have also taken delivery of brand new ipads for each class this week - half funded by the very generous Wheathampstead Community Group and half funded by our very own BHA and the money raised by the fireworks. If you don't already, please consider volunteering with the BHA. It's a fantastic way to support our school and to get involved in the community.

Thank you to everyone for signing up and getting to grips with the new school lunch system - it has helped make the ordering of school meals a lot easier and means you can be a part of the process of choosing your child's lunch. We have altered the menus so that they reflect the pupils favourite meals and are still a cheaper option than daily packed lunches. Just remember to cancel the meal if your child is absent (before 8.30am).

Congratulations this week go to Patrick Penfold for receiving the Davey Cup for Maths and to Joe Clarke for being awarded the English STAR award.

With best wishes

Karen Thomas
Headteacher

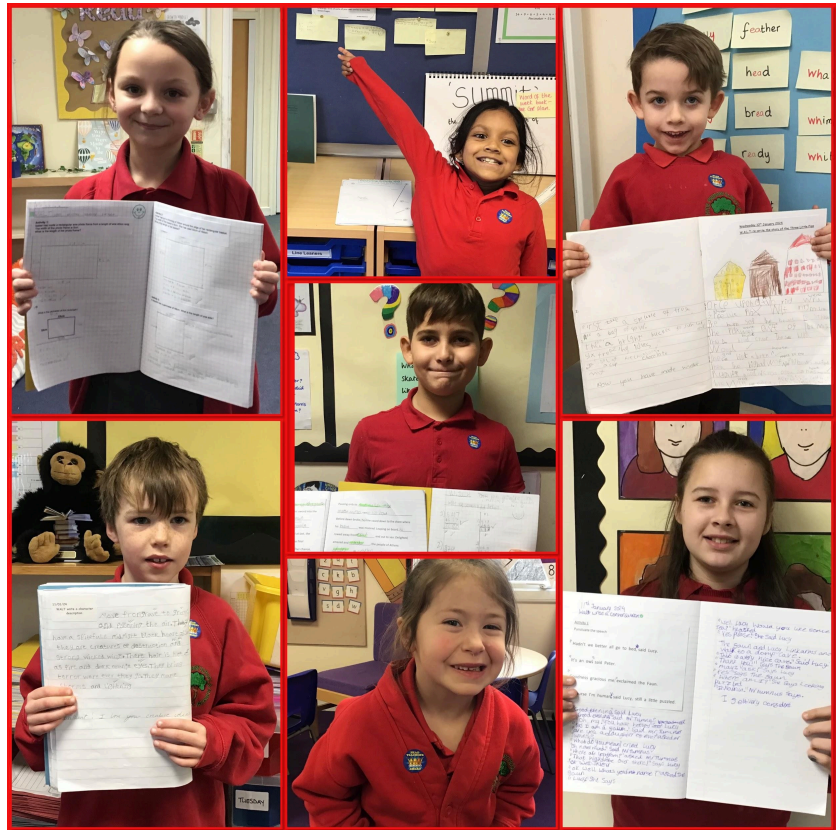
Attendance of the Week Rec/KS1 = Year 2 99%

Attendance of the Week KS2 = Year 5 98%



Work of the Week

Alice Wilks
Evie Smith
Richie Stevens
Fionn Toolan
Suhana Chowdhury
Daisy Bennett
Roman Cook-Kenny-Dedrick
Cienna Cook-Kenny-Dedrick



BHA Easyfundraising Raffle

Something exciting to brighten up your January - a one-off **SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW** (names announced in the newsletter on Friday 19th January)

Prizes include:

JTB Butchers in Sandridge £20 voucher
Loafing £20 voucher
Ayletts £15 voucher
Tesco £10 voucher
Glaze Time pottery £15 voucher
Bottle of Prosecco from Frosts!

- To win, sign up for free at <https://tiny.cc/Easyraffle>
- Support the school each time you shop online when it's tracked through Easyfundraising
- All Christmas raffle entries will automatically be in this draw plus any new transactions made through January up until the draw date will be added to the list of potential winners!

Spot prizes also to be announced through 2024... so make sure you sign up to Easyfundraising and support Beech Hyde. You've got to be in it to win it!

Hertfordshire 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, starting 11th January.



For more information and to sign up, please visit

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/st-albans-music-school>, and scroll to 'Something for Everyone'.



Coat Swap

Did you know that Wheathampstead Parish Council has a coat swap facility at the Memorial Hall?

They are open weekdays between 10-12 and we have been reliably informed that they have a number of primary school size coats available.

Get the right help at the right time



early help, brighter futures

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| Emotional & Mental Health | SEND Local Offer |
| Staying healthy | Search local services |
| School attendance/anxiety | and much more |



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