



# Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

Nurseries Road, Wheathampstead, Herts, AL4 8TP  
Tel: 01582 832661  
Email: [admin@beechhyde.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechhyde.herts.sch.uk)  
Headteacher: Ms K Thomas

## Newsletter 18 – 2 February 2024

### Next Week:

<b>Monday 5th February</b>	Children's Mental Health Week (see table below for activities)
<b>Tuesday 6th February</b>	Safer Internet Day Tag Rugby Festival @ Harpenden Rugby Club
<b>Wednesday 7th February</b>	3:30pm Y5 Maths Challenge - Heat 2
<b>Thursday 8th February</b>	2:50pm Sharing Assembly (R,2,4,6 Sharing)
<b>Friday 9th February</b>	3:20pm Football Match Home vs Sauncey Wood & Manland

### Key Dates / Reminders:

<b>Inset Days</b>	<b>15th &amp; 16th February</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>19th Feb - 23rd February</b>

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been a sporting week at Beech Hyde with victories for the football team and netball team in their first league matches - we are very proud of them, not only for the wins, but for the Beech Hyde spirit they showed in both games. Preparations are also underway for the Tag Rugby Tournament, Speed Stacking Competition and Rapid Fire Cricket Festival! Go Team Beech Hyde!

We have also been taking part in national events... enjoying National Storytelling week by retelling stories in a whole variety of ways! Today is NSPCC Number day and we are celebrating numbers and maths in our work and in what we are wearing! A total of £105.87 was raised so thank you for your generosity. Next week is Children's mental health week - a whole week of activities are planned to focus on making sure our children are equipped with the tools they need to feel confident in themselves and ask for help if they need it.

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed the parent survey. It was lovely to hear about all the things you love about Beech Hyde and very useful to get feedback on things we can improve.

Parent consultation evenings are scheduled for the 27 and 29 February - a letter will go out on Monday and appointments can be made from then. We would love to see all parents/carers so that we can share the progress your child has made with you.

Congratulations this week go to Logan Franklin for receiving the Davey Cup for Maths and to Jacob McKeown 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).

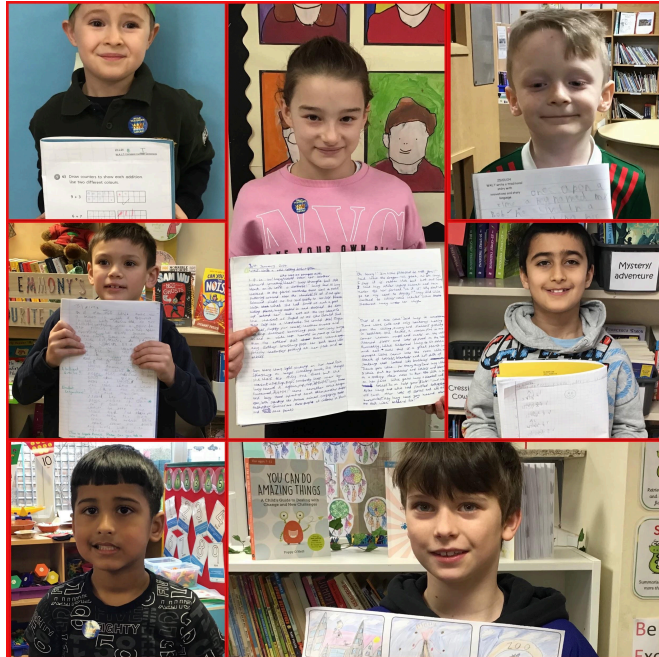
With best wishes  
Karen Thomas  
Headteacher

**Attendance of the Week Rec/KS1 = Year 1 - 91%**  
**Attendance of the Week KS2 = Year 5 - 95%**



## WORK OF THE WEEK

Nihal Kabir  
Ellis Papachrisostomou  
Conor Mcellin  
Ronnie Kiely  
Patrick Penfold  
Jayden Thakrar  
Yazmin McKnight



---

## Message from Hertfordshire County Council, Director of Public Health

### Measles cases are rising in the UK.

Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November 2023. While Hertfordshire has no outbreaks at the moment, we are close to London and the West Midlands where there has been a large rise in cases. The UK Health Security Agency has declared the increase in cases of measles a national incident (19 January 2024). There is the potential for cases and outbreaks in Hertfordshire as uptake of the Measles Vaccination (MMR) in the county is lower than recommended.

Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences. Measles spreads quickly from person to person, especially in schools. Spending more than 15 minutes in direct contact with someone infected with measles is sufficient to transmit the virus. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with.

Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact or direct contact with infected nasal or throat secretions. For more information about measles and the symptoms, see Measles - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)).

### Important for staff and pupils






If someone thinks they have measles they should not come into school or work for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.

### Call to action

We are urgently asking parents and staff to be alert to signs and symptoms of measles and to check that children are fully vaccinated. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, **it is not too late to catch up**. Parents can contact their GP to book an appointment as soon as possible if they have missed either dose. The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS, whatever your age. Our best protection against measles is MMR vaccination and this will help stop outbreaks occurring in the community.



## .....at Beech Hyde

<b>Monday</b> 	<b>Wear a scarf day. This is to represent that there is always someone around us to help, talk to and keep us safe.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 	<b>Bring in a small cuddly toy or small object which makes you feel happy and calm, to share with the class - not expensive or very precious!</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> 	<b>House assembly and whole school activity.</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 	<b>Bring in a small photo/drawn picture of something or someone who makes them feel good and who they feel they can trust and talk to - to share with the class.</b>
<b>Friday</b> 	<b>Wear a top that makes you feel good and helps to show off your personality (school uniform trousers/skirt as usual).</b>

[www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

**W.A.S.P.S**  
Wheatthampstead After  
School Play Scheme



## HOLIDAY CLUB HALF TERM



19th - 20th February



**OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY AGE CHILDREN**

**Full days**  
(8.30am - 5.30pm)

Wasps members - £30  
Non members - £32

**Half days**

(8.30am - 12.30pm / 1.30pm - 5.30pm)

Wasps members - £18  
Non members - £20

**Book online** - [wasps.kidsclubhq.co.uk](http://wasps.kidsclubhq.co.uk)

**Email** - [admin@wasps-asc.org](mailto:admin@wasps-asc.org)

**[www.wasps-asc.org](http://www.wasps-asc.org)**

Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery,  
Nurseries Road, Wheatthampstead, Herts AL4 8TP