



BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



6th December 2024

CHRISTMAS IS ON IT'S WAY.....

We've had another great week full of fun and learning. Our Year 2 children enjoyed their Christmas Journey trip this week which made us all feel very festive!

The Santa Dash was great fun today- thank you to all who sent in Festive Headware and to one of our PTA members who provided the snow!

BONANZA



Parents and Carers will be able to collect their child from the playground at 1:30pm. The stalls will then be open around school. If you are unable to take your child around the stalls, then a member of staff will. Please send them to school with money in a named envelope.

If you are available to help with this event, please let us know.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 9th December

Christingle Service in school

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 13th December

PTA Christmas Bonanza Afternoon

Tuesday 17th December

KS1 Nativity 9:30am and 2pm

Wednesday 18th December

KS2 Christmas Concert 9:30am and 6pm

Thursday 19th December

KS1 Christmas Party

KS2 Christmas Treat tbc

Friday 20th December

1:30pm School Finishes for Christmas Holidays (children to wear Christmas Jumpers/Tshirts)

GOLDEN BOX WINNER

Well done to Zara from Year 4 for winning a Golden Box prize this week!



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CERTIFICATE WINNER'S

WELLBEING

PICASSO- Julian Arnold

ROSEN- Darcie Mae Rowland

ATTENBOROUGH- Oliver Wilkinson

PANKHURST- Millie Warburton

HAWKING- Annalise Moorcroft

MALALA- India Nethercote

MANDELA- Max Taylor

CERTIFICATE WINNER'S

PICASSO

Hollie Nam adn Felicity Hueston

ROSEN

George Metcalf and Henry Davies

ATTENBOROUGH

Oscar Johnson and Olive Lane

PANKHURST

Carter Kirsners and Annalise Spiers-O'Brien

HAWKING

Nancy Ord Neary and Frankie Jones

MALALA

Elias Ap-Carreg and Mason Kirsners

MANDELA

Luca Claxton and Dasiy Hives

PARENTING SUPPORT

Halton Borough Council, in partnership with the Solihull Approach, offer free access to online courses expertly designed for parents, carers, grandparents and teens living in the region.

Sign up to understand your child's feelings, as well as your own, as you go through life as a family. Learn to understand the changes in your child's development and how to support them, whilst also strengthening your relationship.

Details can be found on the following website:



<https://www.solihullapproach.co.uk/halton/>



RAFFLE PRIZES

We are busy preparing for the Christmas Bonanza alongside our PTA. If you have any donations which would be great in a hamper, please send them into school. Also, if your work has the capacity to donate prizes, please let us know!



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FOREST SCHOOLS

This year we are excited to reintroduce the amazing Forest Schools sessions the children take part in!

Each class will get a block 'down in The Dell', to hone their inner explorer, build their risk taking skills and Reception will continue to have their weekly sessions.

When it is your child's turn, they will receive the information with all they need a few weeks before.



YEAR 2 RE TRIP
Year 2 enjoyed their session learning about the Christmas Story.



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Donations NEEDED!



Can you help?

We are looking for gift prize donations
for our Christmas Raffle

UNWANTED GIFTS OR IN GOOD CONDITION ITEMS
FOR OUR RAFFLE:

- *Items that will make good gifts for others.
- *Christmas themed gifts.

We appreciate your help and support.

Please drop off your donations at
Beechwood Primary School, Grasmere Drive, WA7 2TT
by Monday 9th December 2024.





Christmas Menu

Wednesday 11th December 2024

MAIN COURSE

Roast Turkey OR Quorn Sausages

-With-

Chipolatas

Stuffing

Roast Potatoes

Mashed Potatoes

Carrots

Broccoli

Sprouts

Gravy

DESSERT

Jelly & Cream

Chocolate Muffin

Strawberry Ice Cream Tub

Tangerine



ATTENDANCE

Following on from the latest information shared with parents and carers regarding attendance, this image highlights the importance of every minute in school.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



Good attendance means being in school at least 94% of the time or 180-190 days. Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.5%.



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HALTON HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

Fit 4 Life Bite Size Sessions



START WELL

Join us for our online parent/carer workshops:

SLEEP & SCREENS

Are you struggling to get your child off their screen? Is this impacting their sleep? In this session, we explore how children can become addicted to their screens. We'll delve into the science of how this affects their sleep and what happens to the brain when screen time is overused and sleep is poor. This workshop will equip you with new skills to manage sleep and screen time, leaving you confident in setting boundaries with your child.

FUSSY EATING & SNACKING

Does your child refuse to try new foods? Are you finding it a challenge to introduce variety into their diet? In this session, we explain how neurodiversity may impact a child's acceptance of new foods. We'll share strategies to broaden your child's preferences and offer tried and tested tips from other parents, helping you combat the challenges of a fussy eater.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SUGAR

Has the COVID-19 pandemic affected how active your child is? Are you concerned about their sugar intake but unsure where to start? Lockdown significantly impacted young people's activity levels. Using children's perspectives, we will share why they struggle to stay active and what you can do as a family to support them. We also explore the science behind sugar and its effects on the body. This workshop will help you understand why children struggle with physical activity and provide you with the confidence to get them moving again.

These workshops are for parents and carers. Choose from the following sessions:

45 Minute - Online Workshop

Fussy Eating & Snacks	Sleep & Screens	Physical Activity & Sugar
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To see available dates & to book your place please scan the QR Code, or visit -> [book a workshop on Eventbrite](#)

Alternatively, you can email HIT@halton.gov.uk



For more information call the team on:

0300 029 0029

or visit www.haltonhealthimprovement.co.uk



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Beechwood Christmas house light show

Starts on

December 1st

Every evening 5pm till 7:30pm
until December 26th

Bowland Close,
Beechwood,
Runcorn, WA7 2RQ

Raising money for
Halton Haven



Help us reach our £500 target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**



@beechwoodchristmashouse



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TERM TIME HOLIDAYS

We have seen an increase in applications for Term Time holidays. As you will have read in letters sent by Mrs Kidd last academic year, the laws around this have changed and become much tighter. I appreciate the difficulties, yet unless there is an exceptional reason, we are not allowed to authorise holidays and fines have to be issued.



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7 Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'