



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another long half term and I am sure all the children are looking forward to the two week half break. The children have demonstrated excellent behaviour and resilience this term and we are all really pleased that so many of them will be enjoying the merit treat at the end of this week. On Friday the children took part in Overgate Hospice's Reindeer Run. We had a fantastic response to this and as a school have managed to raise £2,015 for a worthwhile charity. A massive thank you to all the parents who contributed and a special mention to those who were not in school but chose to participate at home.

I appreciate that there has been disruption in particular year groups, but we have tried to minimise this as much as possible through our remote learning programme on Seesaw. The staff were really pleased with the change in government guidance on Monday which meant some of our pupils who were self isolating could return to school earlier to complete the school term and be part of our limited Christmas celebrations.

School closes at 1.10pm on Friday 18th December and we will reopen on Monday 4th January 2021. The children will all receive holiday homework and we would really appreciate your support in ensuring the children continue to engage in learning during the break.

If your child tests positive for Covid in the first few days of the Christmas break, it is important that you let us know, as we will need to assist the NHS with contact tracing. Up until **Wednesday 23rd December** if you need to inform us that your child has tested positive, I would like you to email me directly at head@beechhillschool.co.uk. **Please do not message the class teacher on Seesaw as I would like teachers to be able to switch off completely over the Christmas break.** You don't need to inform us after this date. If your child is unable to return to school on 4th January, then let the school office know on 4th January.

I would like to finish with thanking you all for your continued support. I have had a number of parents calling me this week and sending really positive messages about the school and the staff. Please take care of yourselves, stay safe and enjoy the break with your family.

I look forward to seeing the children return in the New Year.

Yours faithfully

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Healthy School



INVESTORS IN FAMILIES

Beech Hill's Christmas Tree

All the children at Beech Hill created lovely decorations for our Christmas tree which has brightened up our hall over the last few weeks. We were really spoilt for choice when judging a winner and actually selected five year groups to be rewarded for their talented trinkets.

Which would you choose as your favorite ?



2 year old



Reception



Year 4



Year 5



Year 3

Year 2 - The Great Fire!

Year 2 have spent this half term focusing upon the Great Fire of London. They created houses, similar to those in 1666 and gained deeper knowledge and understanding of the fire week on week. As a finale, the children chose between keeping their houses or burning it on our very own Pudding Lane !

Scan the QR code to watch Year 2's Great Fire !



Christmas Composition Competition

Over the past few weeks, children across the school have been busy composing Christmas themed music. Usually, at this time of year we have festive Singing Around the Tree assemblies but 2020 called for a different type of musical celebration . The winner for **Early Years** was **USA 5** who performed a fantastic version of 10 little elves complete with costumes, singing, actions and instruments . Their soundscape was very creative and had a clear structure with the clock chiming for the beginning of Christmas day and at the end to complete the piece of music.

The **Lower School** winner was **Nigeria**. Their soundscape was very creative and had a clear structure with the clock chiming for the beginning of Christmas day and at the end to complete the piece of music. **France** won the **Upper School** section.

I was very impressed with all of the entries and it was a tough decision to name the winners. Well done to all of the classes for their musical creativity and effort !

Mrs Haigh



Year 2 are having a TT Rockstars competition over the Christmas holidays to see which class is best at their 10 x tables ! Be sure to login and practise as much as you can to help your class be the best times table Rockstars !

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PRESENTS

Top of the Rocks

YEAR 2 COMPETITION

15 DECEMBER - 08 JANUARY 2021

* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *
* PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL *
* ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES *

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Reindeer Run at Beech Hill

'This particular reindeer is a little weary tonight after helping to raise money for Overgate Hospice by running exactly 50 laps around an all weather football pitch = 13km with yr 5&6 pupils from Beech Hill School Halifax.

I feel really lucky to teach at this school one day every week . It's a big school for a primary but even in these difficult times everyone counts, staff and pupils. A learning and supportive family (including days like today when the school's poet in residence does lap after lap in the fog)' written by Winston.



Bob Sleigh

On Monday Bob Sleigh surprised the children in year 3 by decorating both classrooms! We found him in a tangle of tinsel in the corridor with a coded message for us. All morning the children completed code cracking activities and even wrote letters to him.

Heart for Homes

Children across the school have been busy creating love hearts to send to care homes to spread some Christmas cheer and let them know they are in our thoughts during this pandemic.



Dinner menu week beginning 4th January 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spicy Sausages 4, 5, 10, 12	Roast Chicken Dinner and Gravy 5, 10	Lamb Curry and Rice 3, 5	Battered Fish 2, 3, 5	Pizza 4, 5, 10, 12
Ratatouille 5, 10	Quorn Curry 4, 5, 10, 12	Veg Cheese Bake 5, 10	Veg Curry and Wrap 5	Cheese and Onion Pasty 3, 4, 5, 10
Spaghetti Herby's 5	Broccoli Sweetcorn Roast Potatoes 5	Peas Cauliflower Potato Puffs	Mushy Peas Mixed Veg Wedges	Beans Chips
Tuna Sub 2, 4, 5, 10, 12	Tuna Sub 2, 4, 5, 10, 12	Chicken Tikka Wrap 3, 5, 10	Tuna Sub 2, 4, 5, 10, 12	Chicken Tikka Wrap 3, 5, 10
Jacket Potatoes Sandwiches				
Rice Pudding 10	Bakewell Tart and Custard 5, 10, 12	Parkin 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Sponge and Custard 5, 10, 12	Ice Cream 10
Chocolate Whip 4, 5, 10, 12 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Jelly Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Strawberry Whip 4,5,10,12 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Cheese and Biscuits 5, 10 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10	Double Chocolate Muffins 5, 10, 12 Fruit Salad Yoghurt 10

Reception Forest School Campfire

This term the Reception children have been taking part in forest school in half class groups every other week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the great outdoors and learning all about nature.

Last week the children enjoyed a special treat at forest school. Each class took part in listening to a story around the campfire. The children were all very sensible and showed good listening skills. The children in USA3 even took turns to put the campfire out making sure they followed the rules to keep safe.



Important Notice: Change to administrating medication

From January 2021, if a child requires antibiotics or medication that needs to be given during the school day then their parents/carers will be asked to come to school and administer it to their child. This doesn't apply to asthma inhalers or steroid creams which will still be administered by school staff.

Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day

Last Friday, we took part in the Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper day for Overgate hospice. Throughout the day, all year groups participated in the event and put on their antlers and red noses whilst running around the hall, the playground, the Muga or the all-weather pitch.

Thank you to all those who took part including our very own Poet in Resident, Winston, who ran 13k (socially distanced) around the pitch and to Aayan Khan, in year 6, who took part in Pakistan!

Once again, your support and generosity have been amazing as we have raised a massive £2000!

As a family of trust Beech Hill and Dean Field combined have raised £5515!

Thank you!

