



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 8th December

## WELCOME!

As you are aware, Beech Hill School is part of The Family of Learning Trust along with Dean Field Primary School.

We are happy to announce that from 1st December, two more schools have joined the trust.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Heptonstall J, I & N School and Shirley Manor Primary Academy.

We are looking forward to working with them in the future!



## Festive Family Coffee Morning

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 9am until 10am, come along and join your child/children and take part in our festive family coffee morning.

You and your children will be able to decorate some festive biscuits as well as enjoy other light refreshments.

To secure your place, please use the link below to pay £1 via Parent Pay.

<https://beechhillschool.co.uk/bhps/>

If you have any issues booking a place, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support!

## Nut-Free School

We have had a number of children bringing Nutella or chocolate spread sandwiches into school as part of their packed lunch.

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school**! We have a number of children with severe nut allergies and by sending in food containing nuts such as Nutella/chocolate spread, you are putting other children's lives at risk.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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## TTRS - Most Accurate

Year 2 - Aliza M (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Subhaan H (Morocco)

Year 4 - Vanessa R (Australia)

Year 5 - Ayat O (France)

Year 6 - Aahil H (Egypt)

**Class with the highest average of correct answers per person**

Jordan



"Tolerance is accepting others for who they are, not trying to change or judge them."

## House Points

The following children have received their **bronze** award for achieving 50 house points:

Eesa A  
Aizah A  
Maryam A  
Mehak A  
Hanniya A  
Musa B  
Rayan I  
Rehaan R  
Hadi S  
Eshaal F

Ellis K  
Safiyah Z  
Abubaker A  
Charlie S  
Ibrahim C  
Zainab K  
Eesa H  
Aima O  
Aizah J

The following children have received their **silver** award for achieving 100 house points:

Hirrah F  
Abubakr N  
Habiba B  
Arooj A  
Adwaith C  
Safa Ali

Maleeha W  
Musa I  
Hassan K  
Abdul M  
Amina A  
Sabah N

Well done everyone. Keep up the hard work!

## Year 1 Stay and Read Sessions

Year 1 have enjoyed welcoming parents into class to listen to children read.

Teachers shared information about how to best support children when they are reading their phonics book at home.

You can access the information booklet by following the link.

<https://beechhillschool.co.uk/bhps/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Book-bag-books.pdf>

Thank you for all your support and we look forward to more sessions next term.



## Owl visit

We had the privilege of welcoming 'Wise Owl Bird of Prey Rescue' into school this week and they taught our children all about owls.

The children learnt about owls' habitats, diet and appearances. Some of our children even had the opportunity to hold one of the owls and stroke them. The children learnt lots of facts which will help when they write their non-chronological reports all about owls in English.

The children were amazed when they saw the owls fly silently across the hall. It was a truly wonderful experience.



## Piece Hall Art Competition

Some children from key stage 2 went to the Piece Hall this week to take part in their annual Christmas card competition.

We had a historical tour around the Piece Hall before going into the Speigeltent to complete our designs. BBC Radio Leeds were there too and were broadcasting live! Please listen to this link - from 22 minutes: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0gspfxx>



The children were, as always, impeccably behaved and polite.

We had a great time and we can't wait to see our designs.





## Women Only Exercise Classes

Would you like to join our fun, all abilities, women only classes?  
From January 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2024 we will be holding 2 classes per week.

Monday 11am-12 midday and Tuesday 10:30-11:30am

These classes are pay what you can; minimum donation £1, suggested donation £3-4, per class.

Come along and have some fun, meet other ladies, and get more active.

Contact: Marie or Reahana

Tel: 01422 252447 Email: admin@waccic.com

Women's Activity Centre (WAC), Hope Mill, Hope Street, Halifax.  
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AT CALDERDALE COLLEGE  
FRANCIS STREET, HALIFAX, HX1 3UZ

**STARTING FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024**

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR(PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)



Group	Time	Ages
Group 1	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Ages 4 - 5
Group 2	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Ages 6 - 7
Group 3	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Ages 8 - 9
Group 4	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Ages 10 - 13

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY FRIDAY during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB POLICE CHECKED. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term(usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive an engraved merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out, american shoot out and champions league competitions.


The cost of the course is £7 per week, which is payable every four weeks (£28) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities with the course held indoors in the large sports hall.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT  
'HALIFAX' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP TO;**

**07846 770 250**

Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)

## Dinner Menu w/c Monday 11th December

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Homemade Chicken Curry 3	Battered Fish 2, 5	Christmas Dinner Day Roast Chicken Or Fish Fingers 2, 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Fishcakes 2, 5	Naan Bread 5			Quorn Turkey 10, 12
Vegetables	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Onion Bhajis Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Mini Chicken Sausage 5 Sage & Onion Stuffing 4, 5	Ravioli 5
	Curly Fries 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Ziggy Fries Mixed Veg	Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Peas Carrots	Chips Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps				
Dessert	American Pancakes 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Homemade Chocolate Orange Cake 5, 10, 12	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Swirls 10	Crispy Buns 4, 5, 10	Jelly	Homemade Christmas Biscuits 5, 10, 12 Ice Cream 10	Chocolate Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email [kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk)

# National Online Safety - Weekly Information

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **DISNEY+**

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

Do\*#!

#### BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.



#### PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

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#### ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

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#### ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

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## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.



#### ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.



#### TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

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#### ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.



### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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