

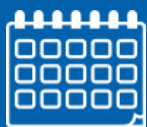


NEWSLETTER

A message from the **PRINCIPAL**

Dates for Your

DIARY



Thursday 8th December 2022

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Art Exhibition 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Friday 9th December 2022

Year 5 Visit to the Imperial War
Museum Duxford

Monday 12th December 2022

KS1/KS2 Christingle Service at
St. Johns Church

Tuesday 13th December 2022

EYFS Nativity 9.30am and 1.45pm

Wednesday 14th December 2022

KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 1.45pm

Friday 16th December 2022

End of Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our November newsletter. It really has been a busy month full of staff training and exciting ideas.

The month started with some staff training organised by Mr. Thomas for our teaching assistants on children's early communication skills. This was swiftly followed by more training for Mr Smith to further enhance our PE and Sports curriculum for our pupils. Mrs. Bailey also held an Eco Council meeting early in November and Year 2 had a visit from a Rugby coach which made for an exciting PE lesson! On 3rd November Year 4 went on a very exciting visit to West Stow Anglo Saxon village as part of their History learning and our Early Years Team held an Open Evening for prospective parents which was very well attended with lots of good feedback about Beck Row which was lovely to hear. The National Child Measurement Team were in to get some useful data from our Year 6 pupils and a few children from Year 1 gave a super performance at a Dance competition in Mildenhall. On the 9th November the whole school took part in a fabulous Art Day organised by Ms Petch ready for our Art Gallery exhibition in December and Ms Petch's Art Club on Thursday began. Later that week the Occupational Therapist visited a few pupils in school to support them and training was delivered to our Teaching Assistants in a new Lego therapy intervention being offered at Beck Row for selected pupils as well as Speech Ladder training for selected staff.

The following week we held our first Parent Consultation meetings of the year and it was lovely to see parents and carers in school celebrating and supporting our children's learning. Ms Petch attended training to work towards Beck Row achieving the Music Mark accreditation and Mr Thomas travelled to Ipswich to attend training lead by a national leader in supporting pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. We held assemblies

for Anti-bullying week and Road Safety week. Mr Smith and Mr Thomas took a group of pupils to a multi-skills sports event and Ms Petch attended a meeting to start the process of Beck Row achieving our Artsmark award. We rounded off the week with Children in Need dress-up day on 18th November.

The final full week of November started with Mr Thomas our SENDCo going on a very useful visit to Forest school in Brandon to observe their excellent work around pupil mental health, well-being and sensory needs. We will be rolling out some of the same initiatives at Beck Row in the coming weeks. The Open the Book team visited at the start of the week with an assembly for the children on the Christmas story and our local Schools Police Liaison officer delivered an assembly to our Year 5 and 6 pupils. Mr Thomas met with leaders from the SENDIASS parent advice group and the Health team were in school again to administer flu vaccinations to any pupils who didn't get a chance to get vaccinated on their last visit. More Lego Therapy staff training took place and Mr Thomas met with other SENDCos as part of a cluster of Cambridgeshire schools sharing good practice in our work with pupils who need extra support. The school nurse visited to meet with a pupil and Suffolk Special Education Service visited to observe pupils across our early years setting.

We enjoyed a lovely assembly on Advent given by Reverends Caroline and David last week and they were kind enough to remain in school to support Year 2 with their RE lesson afterwards. Speaking of Christmas, please note all the dates for various Christmas events in this Newsletter. We are especially looking forward to our Nativity performances by early years and KS1 pupils. I have heard them rehearsing and they sound amazing!

Sarah Shayler
Principal

Remembrance Day

We marked Remembrance Day with an assembly from Rev. Caroline. The children showed respect throughout, especially during the 2 minute silence. Several Year 6 pupils did a poetry reading to the whole school.

After the act of remembrance, the School Council joined Mr Ratcliffe, Mrs Shayler, Mr Thomas and Rev. Caroline at the village war memorial to lay the Beck Row Primary Academy wreath.



They shall grow not old, as we that are left
grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the
morning

We will remember them.

Excerpt from a poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943),
published in *The Times* newspaper on 21 September 1914.

Safeguarding



Online safety

Our aim as parents, carers and teachers is to keep our children safe. This is the same for the online world. We all know that the current world is heavily technology based and this will only get bigger. We want our children to grow up with technology being second nature, however with this we also know how important it is for our children to know safe practices online as well as in everyday life. At home, sometimes children can be given unsupervised access to the Internet. This, potentially, allows them to access all kinds of society (both good and bad) and bring them virtually into their homes. We would encourage you to talk to your children about what they are doing online, always encourage your child to be online in a shared area so you can work together. It's essential to be realistic - banning the internet or technology will not work and it often makes a child less likely to report a problem. Education around safe use is essential.

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Stay Safe	Don't Meet Up	Accepting Files	Reliable?	Tell Someone
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.	Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.	Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.	Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?	Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

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Club Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	Handball (Premier)	Dodgeball (Premier)	Gymnastics (Premier)		Football (Premier)

Thanksgiving

On Thursday 24th November, we had a whole school assembly and learnt all about Thanksgiving.

Our EYFS pupils made some wonderful Turkeys in celebration of the day.



ATTENDANCE

As a school, we are working hard to raise the profile and importance of excellent school attendance. An attendance certificate will be awarded to a class in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 for the highest weekly attendance. The winners since the beginning of term are the following:

05/09/22	Potter Class	Morpurgo Class	17/10/22	Blyton Class	Cowell Class
12/09/22	Blyton Class	Dahl Class	31/10/22	Seuss Class	Cowell Class
19/09/22	Blyton Class	Morpurgo Class	07/11/22	Jeffers Class	Dahl/Zephaniah Classes
26/09/22	Potter Class	Cowell Class	14/11/22	Potter Class	Rowling Class
03/10/22	Blyton Class	Morpurgo Class	21/11/22	Potter/Blyton	Cowell Classes
10/10/22	Rosen Class	Cowell Class			

Lunch

All children in **Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2** receive **free school meals**.

Menus are sent out twice a year. Children can choose a hot dinner or a cold 'pick and mix' option.

Alternatively, you may send your child to school with a healthy packed lunch.

Children in **Years 3 to 6** need to pay, in advance, for their school lunch. This is **£2.31 per day**, £11.55 per week. Please pay online at

www.eduspot.co.uk. Please ask the office for a password if you do not have one as the Academy is no longer able to accept cash.

We are a **NUT FREE** school, please ensure packed lunches do not contain nuts or nut products.

The Lunch Menu can be found at -

<https://beckrow.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2022/07/Chartwells-Lunch-Menu-Summer-2022.pdf>



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Children in Need

