

**Have courage; be kind; shine!**



## Hello

The fortnight since our last newsletter has been full of ups and downs. We closed for half a day at short notice because of the storm, we held our annual act of remembrance together and, today, we became rock stars. Huge thanks to all our families for your amazing resilience and support – we so appreciate it.

Thank you too to everyone who donated money to Children in Need this week – we have raised £214. Congratulations to Belle – Year 1 who won our Pudsey Bear this afternoon in a draw carried out by our house captains.



## Working Together

Just a reminder that teachers are happy to catch up with you and answer any questions after school. They are usually available at the gate for you to “grab” or, if you need a longer meeting, or don’t collect yourself, please contact Lisa in the school office and she will pass on a message.

Teachers value their relationships with you and would much prefer to have regular contact, than for you to only come and see us if you have a significant concern.

A few of our newer families may not be aware that our staff team has a short meeting in the school hall every morning at 8.40. If you phone us or come to the front door at this time, please know we are not being rude or deliberately ignoring you, just planning for the day!

Thank you.



**Reading Resources –  
Thank You from Mrs Burt**

Mrs Burt, our Reading Lead, has been so grateful to the parents who have come in to prepare resources to support reading lessons throughout our school. Special thanks to:

Annabel and William's mum  
Emily and Sophie's mum  
Harper's mum  
Zoya's mum  
George's mum  
Mabel's mum  
Madeline's mum

We have made huge progress, but Mrs Burt would still love some more help!! Are you able to come in and help cut out/laminate words at any time next week? If you could spare half an hour or more, please catch Mrs Burt on the gate or contact Lisa in the office.

THANK YOU.

## Remembrance



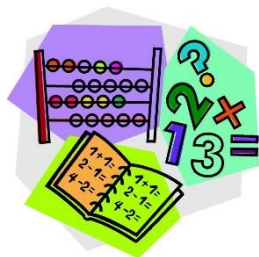


We visited the memorial plaque outside the village hall last Friday for our traditional act of remembrance. Staff and children observed a silence at 11.00 am and **Oliver – Year 6** and **Kiara – Year R**, as the oldest and youngest children in our school respectively, laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.



**Bethany – Year 6** and **Bella – Year 5** volunteered to read for us and to say a short prayer. They both did this beautifully.

We were touched by the leadership our Key Stage 2 children showed in silently reminding and reassuring our youngest children and we were extremely proud of the respect shown by all our children.



## Maths Week 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November

### Message from Mrs Cunningham:

We have had a great week celebrating maths. All classes have been busy getting stuck into new challenges, making links in their learning and trying new things. Every day has seen a new competition about estimating the edible contents of the jar, either guessing the amount or the weight of it (with some weights to pick up and use to help). We have been competing in England Rocks on Times Tables Rockstars each day and although we didn't win the competition we saw some super scores from lots of children so were able to give out lots of certificates. Not forgetting of course the chance to come to school dressed as Rockstars today and rock out



to some number and times table songs. Thank you for helping to make sure your children came in such brilliant outfits.

Each day we shared in our classes how famous people used maths all the time in their jobs- we heard about footballers, dancers, F1 drivers, doctors and even headteachers. A number of children also entered our Maths All Around Us competition and we were able to talk about finding examples of maths when we paid for our food at a restaurant or saw shapes like squares in our badges for our brownie uniform. We also took part in Barvember where we had new problems to solve each day and looked at how drawing a bar model could help us to understand what we were being asked to do.



On Wednesday after school we had Multiply from Hampshire County Council come in and run a board games night, where lots of our families joined us to play a range of games (Battleship, Uno and Guess Who were particularly popular). It was great to be reminded how fun things like games can not only give us great screen-free time as a family but also help build up maths skills like counting, recognising patterns and problem solving. We are hoping to get the team in again in the future.



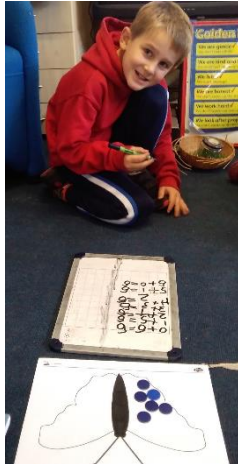
It's been just super seeing everyone puzzling through maths and the buzz around the school has been brilliant.

Here are some of the things the children have especially enjoyed:



"I did the competition in the office. It was the jelly babies' one. I tried to count them all." **Millie - Y3**

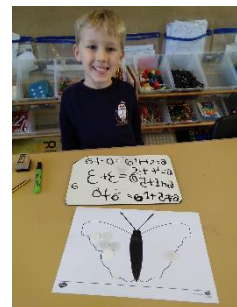
"We did a dance. If we got stuck with some maths, we could think of the dance to help us. We did level 1 where they broke it to pieces, level 2 which was a bit quicker and when we got to level 5 it was really quick. Everyone tried their hardest at the dance and in maths." **Harper - Y2**



"I liked it when we had to do the puzzle to turn the rectangle into a square. Also when I beat my dad at battleships." **William - Y6**

"We had a look at some bar models and we saw how to separate the parts up so it can go to make a whole. It was about animals in a zoo. It helped me picture the problem." **Zac - Y4**

"We were trying to find out what makes 10. I found  $10 + 0$  first. We used the building blocks to help us." **Ned - Y1**



"I liked mathematician of the day. I kept guessing who it might be from the clues but I didn't manage to get it right! " **Harriet - Y6**



We have been extremely proud of our children's ability to think hard and to stick with a difficult problem this week.





## Attendance and Punctuality

### What is research telling us?

As you know, research shows that children's attendance at school makes a huge difference to their learning and to their life chances. This is because of the gaps in children's knowledge that missed learning can cause as well as the impact on their friendships, relationships and general resilience.

Research further shows that children who arrive at school on time and attend school every day (unless really unwell) tend to feel happier and more secure; they also develop excellent habits for their future working lives as adults.

### What are we noticing in school?

We understand the enormous pressures of family life, but recently we are seeing a higher than usual amount of both absence and lateness, which naturally worries us.

Arriving late disrupts learning for the individual child as well as for whole class as teachers need to stop and explain to the child who has just arrived.

I am therefore reminding families of our school expectations and asking for your help.

### **What happens when there are concerns?**

If your child's attendance drops to 90% or below you are automatically notified by the school because of the impact missing 10% or more of their learning is likely to have on your child. We completely understand that children sometimes have unavoidable periods of illness when they cannot be in school and there is no judgement from us where this is the case, but we will usually still inform you of your child's attendance percentage.

**If there are particular difficulties around attendance for your child, please talk to us.**

Where we have concerns about your child's attendance, Mrs Thorne, our attendance officer, will phone you and may arrange to meet with you so that we can work together to improve things.

We will also contact you if your child is persistently late.

### **When is absence authorised?**

As you know, we can only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances and this cannot usually include family holidays. We are always happy to discuss any proposed absence with you in person.

**Huge thanks to the many families who ensure their children attend school regularly and arrive on time – this makes a real difference to all of us.**



## **Wellbeing**

### **What are we noticing about wellbeing?**

We have lived, and continue to live, through some very uncertain times. There is lots of research to suggest that this kind of uncertainty can be psychologically challenging for all of us. Some of us may feel we cope less well now than we did before the pandemic and that the "ups and downs" of life affect us more than they used to.



In school we see on a day to day basis that there are people who don't feel "OK" and we see that many children and families need support. You may well be noticing this in your own work place, or amongst your own friends and family.

We think it's important to acknowledge that for many people life is particularly challenging at the moment. If you're feeling this then you're not alone and it's not surprising.

### **How do we approach wellbeing?**

In school, we encourage our children to talk about their feelings and to be kind to themselves and each other. We teach them that part of having courage is asking for help when we need it. We also try to ensure that our children experience frequent moments of joy such as singing together, playing outside or sharing a joke with their teachers. We are more mindful than ever of our children's wellbeing but we sometimes need help to understand their lives outside of school.

We know some of our community are struggling. If you or your family are facing particular challenges, please do talk to us in confidence. You can arrange a time to talk to your child's teacher, to Mrs Thorne (our family support officer) or to me. It really helps us to support your child (and your family) if we understand what you are going through. Thank you.



## **Thank You**

Our beautiful grounds support everyone's wellbeing. Special thanks to Mr Lewis (Phoebe and Rory's grandad) for his generosity and hard work in planting so many lovely trees along the border of our field. And for continuing to look after them for us, despite unhelpful weather and the presence of deer and other animals.

## **New School Website**

We are delighted to have launched our fabulous new Beaulieu Village Primary School website. If you haven't visited it yet, please do have a look at our fresh, new design and at the wonderful photos by Phill Williams (George and Mia's dad). Huge thanks to Phill for donating his time and expertise. Teachers are busy updating content and we will let you know as new pages come on-line.

[www.beaulieuschool.org](http://www.beaulieuschool.org)



# Gymnastic Success!



Our Year 5 and 6 gymnasts competed at Priestlands last week and, despite an unexpected and uncharacteristic error in their routine, the girls recovered brilliantly, showing real courage, and going on to come second overall... amazing!

Mr T said: I was very proud of this group - they put lots of time and effort into their routines, coming in before school and also practising during lunchtimes. They were instrumental with helping the year 3 and 4 group get ready and they've been incredibly helpful with setting up the mats for both groups.

Their performance came in at a very close second place. They were just brilliant.

Congratulations to **Ruby – Year 6** who was awarded the respect band and **Mollie – Year 5** who was awarded the creativity band.



Our Year 3 and 4 gymnasts competed earlier this week and could not have been more delighted to come first in their competition... Wow! Huge congratulations – we are very proud of you!

Mr T said: This group was even more excited! They first of all watched the year 5 and 6's routine, before memorising it, on their own, outside at lunchtimes. They worked really well together to agree on which parts they would perform. The Priestland's judges were super impressed and Beaulieu came away with first place.

Congratulations to **Lorne – Year 4** who won both the respect and creativity bands!



## Beaulieu Victorian Christmas Evening

On **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 5.00 – 8.00 pm** Beaulieu village will be hosting another of its incredibly popular Victorian Christmas Evenings (BVCEs).

The high street will be closed to traffic, beautifully decorated and open for Christmas shopping, food and entertainment.

The organisers have asked me to share that due to the popularity of the event, this year parking will **ONLY** be available at the Motor Museum and **parking spots need to be booked in advance as tickets will not be available on the night.**

They are worried that families from the school will be disappointed.

The BVCE leaflets which children brought home in their book bags contain a QR code to make booking really easy. There is also a poster at the bottom of this newsletter which contains the code. (And we have a spare leaflet in the office which you can scan if you need to!)

The organisers wanted me to also remind you there's a Victorian Sponge Cake competition on BVCE day – and they would love Beaulieu School families to enter. There's a child and an adult prize for the best Victoria Sponge. All entries to the Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November by 3.00 pm please, judging at 5.00 pm winners announced on the Village Hall board, after which the cakes will be cut up and sold on the High Street, with all proceeds going to Honeypt Children's Charity.

FOBS will also be running a stall on the night to raise money for our school.



# Headteacher Stickers

**Brooke and Madeline – Year R** For being Heart Smart

**Alba and Annabel – Year R** For outstanding work in phonics

**Kiara – Year R** For courage

**Leah – Year R** For fabulous art work (mixing her own colours)

**Otto – Year 1** For kindness

**Benny – Year 1** For fantastic independence in maths

**Lucas – Year 1** For outstanding creativity and for applying historical knowledge

**Mia and Martha – Year 2** For excellent thinking and superb presentation in history

**Audrey – Year 2** For creating a beautiful poem and presenting it superbly

**Ela – Year 2** For excellent maths

**Mason – Year 3** For fabulous homework

**Henry – Year 3 and Arthur – Year 4** For fantastic effort and teamwork in gymnastics (they performed some incredibly tricky balances together safely!)

**Rogue – Year 4** For exceptional kindness

**Sophie and Albert – Year 4** For their own excellent work and for encouraging others in P.E.

**Stephanie – Year 4** For being so kind in P.E. and using her skills to help others

**Bella – Year 5** For being the first in the class to solve a very tricky maths challenge!

**Bella – Year 5 (2!) and Bethany – Year 6** For courage

**Harriet and Grace – Year 6** For outstanding focus and effort in their maths lesson



**Skylar and Ruby – Year 6** For showing superb leadership to our Year 3/4 gymnasts

**Skylar – Year 6 (2!)** For powerful writing

**Oliver – Year 6 (2!)** For great mathematical thinking and for courage

**Josh – Year 6** For exceptional work in maths

**Lily – Year 6** For applying her new knowledge of colons and semi-colons

**Harriet – Year 6 (2!)** For working so hard on her maths at home and using this learning in her lessons

**Grace – Year 6 (2!)** For writing the minutes of the school council meeting so responsibly

Have a lovely weekend,



**Headteacher**



## Diary Dates

New dates will appear in red

We do our best to stick to our dates, but inevitably a few may need to be changed. Where this is the case, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Day/Time	Event	Notes
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Sailing Assembly	2.30 Village Hall All children in Years 1-6 (not Year R) will attend. The children who have attended Sailing Club will receive awards. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the club and consider whether you might like your

		child to attend next season. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Beaulieu Victorian Christmas Evening 5.00 -8.00 pm	All welcome High street closed to traffic Please come and support the school and the village community if you can! Please book parking in advance to avoid disappointment
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Assembly	2.30 pm Village Hall
Wednesday December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Services at the Beaulieu Abbey Church	10.00 am (Dress rehearsal) – all welcome including grandparents and younger children 6.00 pm (Entry via ticket)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December at <b>1.15 pm</b>	Break up for the Christmas Holiday	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas holiday 2023	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring half term 2024	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Races	Our traditional races for all children and members of our village community will take place in the High Street in the afternoon – all families welcome. More details to follow!
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day	Whole staff curriculum training with Waterside schools
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening (alternative date)	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday 2024	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Summer half term 2024	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET day	Whole staff curriculum planning
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day	Whole school picnic from 12.00 (families welcome to join us)

		Traditional races from 1.00 pm More details to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day reserve	In case of bad weather!
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Summer holiday 2024	







**Beaulieu Village Victorian  
Christmas Evening  
Sat 25th Nov 5pm-8pm**



- Shops open late
- Punch & Judy
- Petting Farm
- Storyteller
- Stilt Walker
- Ukulele Band
- Swing Boats



- Shops open late
- Mulled Wine
- Hot Food & Drinks Stalls
- Carol Singing
- Merry Go Round
- Barrel Organ
- Steam Lorry

**Parking is only available at  
National Motor Museum**

**Scan QR to book parking**



**Wrap up warm  
Bring some change/  
coins**

**Must book online in advance**

**£5 per vehicle**

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## AUTISM & ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

*Second Monday of every month 7.30pm-9pm*

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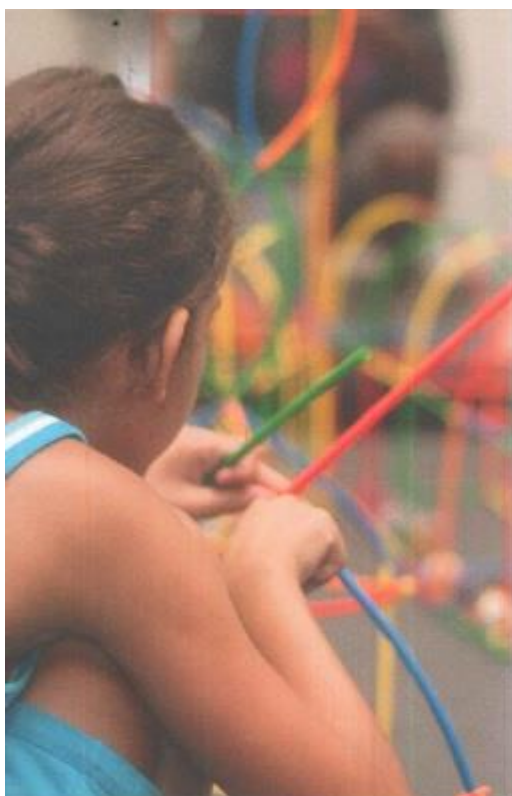
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This group aims to support those who live with Autism or ADHD. This could be parents, carers, grandparents of children with Autism or ADHD. It could be adults who have themselves experienced growing up with Autism or ADHD.

The group provides an opportunity for people to meet up, have a chat, support each other as well as finding out information. There are regular visits from organisations that can help and support such as Autism Hampshire, Parent Partnership and Parentlink.

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# MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S ANGRY FEELINGS

*Six week course*



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Managing your child's angry feelings is a course aimed at parents who would like some tips on helping them manage their children's angry outbursts.

It's a six week course looking at triggers and strategies.

The course usually takes place either Monday evenings or Thursday mornings for approximately 1.5 - 2hrs.





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# TIDES

*Wednesday 12noon - 1.30pm*

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TIDES provides a safe and supportive space for those struggling with anxiety and depression. There is mutual respect and support alongside acceptance and encouragement.

It is expected that anything that is talked about in the group is confidential and everyone will be treated equally.

It is facilitated by a member of the YFM team. If you are interested in joining this group please contact YFM.

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