

Beeston Primary School Newsletter

1st December 2017

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Congratulations

This week in school we are pleased to announce that the following children will receive the following awards :-

Stars Class Learning Heroes awards:-

- Tough Tortoise - Amelia for working hard on her maths this week
- Wise Owl - Mea for working thoughtfully on her writing this week

Star of the Week certificates to all those children who made a fantastic theatre and puppets for their homework this week. Well done, everyone, they are wonderful! Please come and see them in our cloakroom.

Planets Class Learning Heroes awards:-

- Wise Owl - Tegan for consistently reflecting on what she has learnt and applying her learning to her independent work.

Comets Class Learning Heroes awards:-

- No awards this week.

Team Points Congratulations

Congratulations go to Mea, Louie, Nicole from Stars and Katy and Alfie from Planets who has been awarded a bronze badge for earning 25 house points. House points are awarded throughout the school day for great learning, positive attitudes and kind deeds.

Thomas JG and Harry F have been awarded their silver badge today for earning 50 house points.

Golden Mile

Well done to all the children who have been participating in the Golden Mile. As of Friday morning the miles clocked up by the classes is as follows:-

Stars Class EYFS/KS1 - 51.35 miles

Key Stage 2 (Planets and Comets Class) - 78.23 miles

Birthdays

We wish Ben a happy birthday today, enjoy your celebrations.

Attendance

The attendance for the week ending 1/12/17 is: 98.6%

Since 1st September our overall school attendance so far is: 97.17%

House Points

House point totals this week are:-

1st Holkham - 83 points

2nd Wells - 82 points

3rd Cromer - 59 points

General School Information

Invoices

Invoices for clubs and lunches November are being issued. Several invoices from October are outstanding for payment. **Please ensure that these are paid by Monday.** Thank you.

Pupil Absences

Please can you state on your phone message when children are off school and the reason for this. If we do not receive a reason, we will phone you back for the detail, otherwise it will have to be recorded as unauthorised absence. Thank you for your support.

Christmas cards

These will be collected by our Year 6 monitors in the post box daily and handed out to children. Please ask your child to keep the letters until the Year 6 arrive with the postbox.

Christingles

Christingle is a fun, family-friendly Christmas service that takes place in thousands of churches and schools across the country, raising vital funds that help vulnerable children to fulfil their promise.

We are sending out today a Children's Society Christingle candle to fill up with spare change in advance of our Christingle service on Thursday 14th December. Please return to the Christingles to school on Thursday 14th

GoGoHares



We are thrilled to let you know that the Assembly House Trust in Norwich have agreed to fund a package for Beeston Primary School to participate in the **GoGoCreate Project**. Our school leveret sculpture will be on display in Norwich **24 June- 8 September 2018** in the GoGoHares trail. Watch out in 2018 for some further information.

Comets Class Mid-Norfolk Food Bank request

Comets class are organising a collection for the **Mid-Norfolk Food Bank**, this links into their Topic learning in class. The children have written a letter below with a food list to explain suitable items. We hope every family will be able to contribute, but please could you make sure that all items are dated at least until January 2018.

Unfortunately they are unable to take perishable items. We hope to deliver our collection to the Food Bank by the 7th December.

Dear Parents/Carers

For our christmas donation this year, we have decided to arrange a collection for Mid Norfolk Food bank, who donate food to people who are struggling to feed themselves and their families.

The Food Bank would be pleased to receive these items of food:-

Fruit juice (long life)

Tinned fruit

Rice pudding

Biscuits

Pasta sauce (not pasta)

Sweet treats

Tinned tomatoes

Tinned meat

Tinned vegetables

Christmas food

Tinned ham/chicken/corned beef

Mince pies

Christmas pudding

Custard

Biscuits

Savoury treats

Chocolate treats

Please could you check that all of your donations have an expiry date of at least January 2018.

We welcome all donations and hope that you will be able to send them into school by Thursday 7th December. Please help these local families who are struggling from the lack of food.

From Harry, Thomas and Joe on behalf of Comets Class

Dereham Christmas Lights switch on - 3.12.17

We wish all our singers well for the Unity Education Trust lights switch on in Dereham on Sunday. A reminder those who are attending and have returned their slips to meet at 4.15pm at the UET stall opposite the Halifax Bank/Myhills in Dereham. All pupils to wear their school uniform and coats. The performance will be at 4.40pm and will have finished by 5.15pm when pupils will be collected from the same place. Please stay and listen to the performance.

West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership (WNDSSP)

On Monday 4th December Year 4 and Year 5 will be participating in the small schools Sportshall Athletics event being held at UEA. We wish them a good day and look forward to hearing all about the event and the teamwork involved.

Stars Class - Road Safety Talk

We look forward to welcoming Bethany & Benjamin for a road safety talk to Stars Class, the session is provided by Norfolk County Council. Stars Class families, please ask your child to tell you about our visitors on Monday.

Friday 8th December Non-uniform day

Please bring in a tombola prize for FOBS school disco next Friday in order to wear non-uniform. Thank you from FOBS for your support with this.

Christmas Lunch 13.12.17

Christmas lunch order forms will be going out, please return to the school office so that we know how much to order and get the Christmas crackers.

FOBS Christmas Disco - 15.12.17

The Friends of Beeston School are organising and running a Christmas Disco on Friday 15th December at Wendling Village Hall, 5.30-7.30pm. Tickets will be available to buy from the office in due course.

Dental questionnaire

We have been approached for help by Healthwatch Norfolk with some research to understand more about access to and experiences of their children's dental care in West Norfolk. The research comes in the form of an exploratory survey for parents/guardians to complete, please complete and return to the school office by next Friday 8th December, thank you.

Great Dunham Dig it!

We have been asked by Great Dunham to share the following information about their Dig it day on Friday 1st December 2017, 2.00 - 4.30pm.

Join us for the afternoon to discover and try some of the conservation skills and techniques needed as we repair the roof of this ancient church! St. Andrew's is a wonderful late Saxon building which has sat at the heart of our community for nearly 1,000 years! It is now undergoing urgent structural repairs to its roof and other exciting new works in order to safeguard its future for many more years to come!

During our 'DIG IT' afternoon, you will be able to: Understand a major conservation and repair project on an ancient building Gain an insight into the life of an Architect with project plans, photographs & budgets Learn about wildlife conservation and habitats with the project Ecologist Meet the building contractors as they repair the church roof and improve its drainage Tell us your thoughts on the new 'Great Dunham - Our Story' exhibition Enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits This is a FREE event.

Once a week take a peek

Thank you for supporting our weekly head lice check.

Clubs

Breakfast club is running daily from 8am. Please inform the school office if you would like to book a place. Bookings on the day are taken, please take your child in and register them if you need this service on the day, thank you. After school club is running Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at present.

Sports Clubs

Please book your child in KS1 Multi-skills with Mrs Bell in the school office. Please note if the weather is not suitable for an outside club, this will take place inside a classroom.

Tuesday - open to Year 1 and 2 only from 3-3.45 pm.

We are looking at new sporting/other club activities for the new year, watch this space.

Friday Open mornings - all parents/carers are welcome every Friday

Don't forget we continue to give all parents/carers the opportunity to come into the classroom every Friday between 8.35-8.55am so that your child can share their learning, or show you items on display/objects in the classroom.

In order for learning to start promptly at 9am we would appreciate it if you could keep to the timings, thank you for your understanding and support.

School Concerns

If you have a concern about your child please make an appointment in the first instance to see the class teacher to discuss this. If after this you still have concerns please make an appointment to see Mrs Norris on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Many thanks.

Diary Dates - Autumn term

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Lunch - details to follow

Thursday 14th December - Christingle at Beeston Church at 4pm (Christingle candle collection boxes are being sent out week commencing 27.11.17)

Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day in aid of the Children's Society

Friday 15th December - 5.30-7.30pm FOBS school disco at Wendling Village Hall. Tickets on sale in the school office in due course.

Friday 15th December - Stars Class Nativity Play 1.30-3pm in Stars Class all parents/carers/family of Stars Class children are most welcome to join us.

Monday 18th December - Whole school cathedral trip

Tuesday 19th December - last day of term

Key Stage Assessment Dates

Key Stage 1 - May 2018 (during the month of)

Year 1 Phonics - week commencing 11th June 2018

Key Stage 2 - Monday 14th May - Thursday 17th May

School Holidays - Full details can be found online at

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/term-dates/term-dates-and-school-holidays>

