

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

There are a couple of bits of staffing news to let you know about. After nearly four years at our school, Mrs. Whittingham will be leaving her role as School Business Manager next Friday. Mrs. Whittingham's work is often unseen by those outside the school as she is responsible for the smooth running of the "business" side of the school: finances, the building, staffing and lots more. Because Mrs. Whittingham does this work so effectively, other school leaders are able to concentrate their attention on teaching and learning and all matters to do with the children. She will be greatly missed and we wish her every success and happiness in the future. We are in the process of recruiting a new School Business Manager and hope to have someone in post soon. Meanwhile, this week we welcomed a new teaching assistant to the team: Miss Blakemore has joined us and will work primarily with Year 4 this year. A very warm Beeches welcome to Miss Blakemore - we look forward to working with you!

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Christmas Dinner takes place on Thursday 19th December, and your child is welcome to take part, whether they usually have a school dinner or not. The Christmas Dinner costs £2.20 and can be ordered online through Dolce; if you don't have a login, please contact the office and we can sort this out quickly for you.

## YEAR 6 VISIT TO BEAUMANOR HALL

Mia (Magnolias) and Wilson (Willows) have written about Year 6's trip:

*On Thursday, Year 6 went on a WW2 trip to Beaumanor Hall. We travelled there by coach which took approximately 1 hour as it was in Leicestershire. We did loads of exciting activities while we were there. (All groups did things at different times so this isn't in order.) We went into a WW2 school: we made identity cards, Christmas postcards and we made a spinning top as a Christmas present for someone we lived with. Next, we were led into an underground air raid shelter, where we listened to a recording of bombs dropping and sirens going off. It was an immersive experience, designed to feel realistic. It was scary and also a bit exciting because we've never heard this before! After that, we walked over to the listening station. From the outside it looked like it was a cottage with normal doors and windows. However, when we looked inside, there were desks with radios, headphones and code sheets to help us work out the messages. Overall, we all had a great time. It was really fun having this experience and we learnt a lot in the process. Thanks to the Year 6 staff for taking the time to plan this trip.*

## MR. ALI'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You know when you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend." - Paul Sweeney

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## BOOK FAIR

A message from Mr. Ali:

The book fair will be in school from Monday 2nd December to Friday 6th December in the hall. Books will be available to buy after school and during the Christmas Fayre. There is a massive 50% off all books so this is a perfect opportunity to get that book you've been wanting for ages at a bargain price. Parents - this is a great chance for you to buy some lovely Christmas presents and there's nothing like a fresh new book to get your lovely children reading! I cannot stress enough the importance of children reading at home. Please also note that the first five people to spend £20 will get a £5 book voucher meaning you can get up to £50 worth of books for only £20 thanks to the half price sale!

### GENRE AWARDS THIS WEEK

Bronze: Grace, Laila, Lola, Nifemi (All Elms)

### PEN LICENCE THIS WEEK

Mikaeil (Elms)

### BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Last week's winner: Ellie Mae (Sycamores)

This week's title: 3055

### THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1	Green Griffins	692
2	Red Phoenix	635
3	Yellow Unicorns	609
4	Blue Dragons	597

## ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 83.3% This Year So Far: 96.3%

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Elms: Rihanna	Cedars: Folu & Mhyrell
Firs: Elena	Pines: Ella-Rose
Oaks: Henry	Sycamores: Harmeet
Birches: Shuaib	Chestnuts: Simrit
Palms: Kian	Magnolias: Rhia
Spruces: Aliou	Willows: Sharnie

## DIARY DATES

Fri 6 Dec, 3.30pm	Christmas Fayre
Tue 10 & Thu 12 Dec	Year 4 Christmas Show
Thu 12 Dec	Flu vaccinations
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - non-uniform
Thu 19 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Thu 19 Dec	Break up for Christmas
Fri 20 Dec	Teacher Day
Mon 6 Jan 2020	Teacher Day
Tue 7 Jan	Start of Spring Term
Fri 31 Jan	Teacher Day

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