



NUMBER DAY

On Friday 3rd February we will be taking part in "Dress up for Digits". It will be a non-uniform day and children are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Your child could get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. You can make your donation through School Money. Thanks for your support.

PE KIT

Children are allowed to wear their PE kit to school on PE days, but please remember that they should be wearing their school jumper or cardigan over the top. PE kit is a plain white t-shirt and black shorts (indoor PE) or plain tracksuit bottoms (outdoor PE). Children can wear tracksuit bottoms over their shorts during the day. Thank you for your support.

MOTHER'S DAY - SAVE THE DATE!

On Thursday 16th March in the afternoon we will be inviting mums and other female carers into school (maximum one per family) to show you how much you are appreciated! The finer points are still to be worked out, but keep the date free and look out for more information in the coming weeks.

WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR?

Last call for responses to our survey to help shape our vision. It's very short and we'd love as many responses as possible. The survey will close on Monday 23rd January. You can find it here: <https://tinyurl.com/beechees3words>

YEAR 6 VISIT TO STEELHOUSE LANE

Dolten (6S) has written about Year 6's visit last week. Warning: Do not read while eating your dinner; this report contains quite a lot of information about toilets!

Last week, Year 6 went on a trip to the Steelhouse Lane Police Station and Prison. In the museum we were taught about crime and punishment. Did you know that you had the same punishment if you stole from a shop because you wanted to play and if you stole because you were going to starve? We were taught about drills and punishments during Victorian times. In the 1800s your toilet would be a bucket and you would have to throw the faeces and urine from inside of the bucket to the main floor of the building. Inmates' names were written on a board so that they would know who was injured and who was not injured. Inside of the cells there would be a tiny door that you can only open from the outside of the cell. In the Victorian times you would have to bang on the door if you wanted anything but over the course of time it began to get better. Thanks to our technology we now have a speaker in the wall so that when the inmates needed help they could hold a button and call out for the guards. What also changed over the course of time were the toilets - changed to wooden toilets - but what they couldn't do was flush the chain. People nowadays flush the chain every time they go to the loo but you cannot flush the chain by yourself in prison; only the guards could flush the chain. This was because the inmates would flood the cell by shoving whatever they could down the toilet and flush it. We had a really interesting day!

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Following last year's visit to Watford, this year's girls' team is at it again, and we will once again be Aston Villa's representative at the Primary Stars tournament later in the year! Tegan (4P) has written a report:

On Tuesday, Amelia, Abbie, Ria, Sonia, Laila and I dominated the girls' football at Villa Park. In every game, we worked as a team and scored 22 goals! Our talented goalkeeper, Sonia, only conceded 1 goal! We were nervous at first but in the middle of the tournament, our confidence grew more and more as we powered our way constantly to the lead. They say teamwork makes the dream work and that was certainly the case as my team helped me in scoring my first hat-trick. Every member of the team was integral to us winning. We will now be going to Elland Road, home of Leeds United, to play in the next round!

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You have probably seen in the news that the NEU, the country's largest teaching union, has voted in favour of strike action. As it stands at the moment, we have very few members of the NEU at our school, so we don't think this round of strikes will force any full or partial closure. However, this is a fluid situation, with other unions potentially having another ballot, so please have a contingency in place for 1st February, 1st March, 15th March and 16th March.

DIARY DATES

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| Tue 31 Jan | Year 5 Cadbury World visit |
| Thu 2 Feb am | 4L vihara visit |
| Fri 3 Feb | Number Day - non-uniform |
| Fri 3 Feb am | 4P vihara visit |
| Tue 7 Feb, 9.05am | Year 5 parents' spelling workshop |
| Mon 13 & Wed 15 Feb | Parents' evenings |
| Tue 14 Feb | Year 3 synagogue & library visit |
| Fri 17 Feb am | 4AS vihara visit |
| Fri 17 Feb | Break up for half term |
| Thu 16 Mar, pm | Mother's Day event |

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

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| 1 | Team Cadbury (Red) | 720 |
| 2 | Team Zephaniah (Green) | 665 |
| 3 | Team Lewis (Blue) | 569 |
| 4 | Team Malala (Yellow) | 560 |

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

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| Year 3: Angel (3RW) | Year 4: Dhanvi (4L) |
| Year 5: Liam (5L) | Year 6: Amelia (6M) |

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

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| 3JW: Isaac | 4AS: Maksym | 5A: Ajit | 6A: Stefania |
| 3P: Zachary | 4L: Hamida | 5L: Zoya | 6M: Ria |
| 3RW: Ayesha | 4P: Freya | 5P: Lena | 6S: Maira |

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