

LAST DAY OF TERM

Next Friday is the last day of the autumn term. This will be a non-uniform day (another chance to rock those Christmas jumpers if you want to!) and there will be an optional early finish that day. You can collect your child from 1.10pm. More details on that to follow, but for now, if your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you want them to walk home alone at 1.10pm, please put this in an email to Mrs Wall: l.wall@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk (We had previously said Mrs Liddington - if you've already emailed Mrs Liddington, you don't need to email in again.) Please note that if we do not have an email, your child will not be allowed to leave until 3.20pm, even if they normally go home alone. Don't worry if you need your child to stay here until 3.20pm - that's fine, school will still be open and Beeches Busy Kids Club will run as normal. Please make sure your child does attend on the last day. We will have our Year 4 Stars assembly and our Carols by Candlelight that day, and there will be a special visitor!

TEAM ZEPHANIAH

Congratulations to Team Zephaniah who won this term's team treat. They enjoyed a visit to Wibbly Wobbly's on Thursday. The management of Wibbly Wobbly's commented on the excellent behaviour of the children. Well done Team Zephaniah - your win this term and your behaviour on Thursday are a great tribute to the sadly-departed Benjamin Zephaniah!

BEAUMANOR

Amira, Jaydon and Logan (6MS) have written about Year 6's day out at Beaumanor Hall this week:

On Monday, Year 6 went to Beaumanor Hall. We went in an air raid shelter and we looked at different gas masks for children, babies and adults. While we were in the air raid shelter, we heard what an air raid would sound like with bombs dropping and aeroplanes flying above us.

Then we went to do some decoding. Inside the building, the room was split in two halves: Bletchley Park and Beaumanor Hall. There were three jobs for decoding: a motorcyclist, audio listener and a writer that noted down the message in code. The motorcyclist went to Bletchley Park where they decoded and decided whether it's urgent or secondary. There were two types of codes: morse and binary code but we focused on another one that was a mix of different letters that needed a wheel that we used to decode the message.

After having the two activities, we ate lunch in the main room with our class. Once we finished, we did our third activity: a classroom in 1939-1945. We made our ID cards and made our female relatives a Christmas card because the men would probably be at war. There was a cartoon character on the front called Chad saying, "WOT, no plum pudding," and many soldiers and others found him funny in the most grim of times. We also made an angel out of cardboard to decorate a Christmas tree.

Overall, we had a good time and it was a pleasure to be there and we recommend it for the coming years.

CHILDREN COMING TO SCHOOL ALONE

We have noticed that some of our younger children are being dropped at the gate by the infant school and are walking up alone. Please note that you are responsible for your child until they come through our doors, and we do not feel it is appropriate for Year 3 and 4 children to be coming up alone. For older children, if you are sending them alone, that is fine, but please make sure you make your expectations clear to them. We have had a few instances of inappropriate behaviour recently, along with unsafe behaviour in icy conditions. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS WINTER TRAIL

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Winter Trail last week. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces. Congratulations to all our prize winners! We have raised over £1500 which we will use to subsidise educational visits in the coming year, meaning you will have less to pay to enable these valuable experiences to go ahead. A big thank you to the staff team for the hours of work that went into making this event so successful.

DIARY DATES

Tue 19 Dec, 9.00am & Wed 20 Dec, 2.30pm	Year 4 Christmas show
Thu 21 Dec	Christmas dinner
Fri 22 Dec	Last day of term - non-uniform day
Tue 9 Jan 2024	School reopens
Thu 11 Jan	Professor McGinty visiting Year 3
Tue 16 Jan	Year 6 visit to Steelhouse Lane
Thu 25 Jan	Whole school visit to the theatre
Fri 9 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 19 Feb	School reopens

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3C: Amilah	4B: Jessica	5A: Mina	6IS: Max
3L: Rahand	4F: Nehemiah	5P: Dani	6MS: Cameron
3P: Lucian	4L: Kaian	5W: Darla-Rae	6SM: Liam
3W: Jay-Jay			

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Isabel (3P)
 Year 4: Kelsey (4B)
 Year 5: Arjun (5A)
 Year 6: Esther (6MS)

TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Zephaniah	715
2.	Team Malala	688
3.	Team Lewis	654
4.	Team Cadbury	602

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