

BEECHES' BIG DAY OUT!

We had such a wonderful day out last Thursday when we took the whole school to the Birmingham Rep theatre to watch *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. A massive thank you to Mrs Flint for having the idea and putting in all the ground work to make this happen. It was a logistical triumph! Thanks also to all of you for making your contributions to the visit and getting the children here early so we could get there on time. Most of all though, thank you to the children for representing us so superbly. We were all very proud of them. Two of our children have written about the experience:

Kyra (6MS): *Last week, we went to the Rep. Once we got there, we sat on springy chairs. The best bit was when Edmund went into the big, brown wardrobe and met the White Witch. The lion was both a man and a puppet! I'm looking forward to going again.*

Alpha (6MS): *We travelled by a blue coach to the theatre. I thought it was going to be a video but it was a play! I liked the part when Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy became kings and queens of Narnia. I couldn't believe that they had grown older so quickly!*

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We usually have our second set of parents' evenings just before February half term. However, because the spring term is so short this year, in order to make them as meaningful as possible, we have decided to hold them just before Easter instead. Therefore, our parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 19th March (3.30pm - 6.30pm) and Wednesday 20th March (3.30pm - 5.30pm).

TEACHER DAY

As we announced on ClassDojo, Friday 23rd February will be a Teacher Day and school will be closed to children. This is the fourth of our five Teacher Days this year; the final one will be on Monday 22nd July, meaning that the children will break up for the summer holiday on Friday 19th July. We usually align our Teacher Days with the infant school for your convenience and we have done so with four of our five days this year. We are sorry that we haven't been able to do so for the February one; sometimes the schools separately need to take training opportunities that do not necessarily fall at the most convenient times. For those of you with children at the infant school, they will be open as usual and the children are expected to attend. Thank you for your understanding.

YEAR 4 VISIT TO WOODLANDS

A reminder that the second payment for Woodlands (£22.50, or £11 for pupil premium-eligible children) is due today.

CULMINGTON MANOR RESIDENTIAL

For our current Year 5 families, if you want your child to take part in the residential Year 6, the deposit must be paid by Monday 5th February as we have to confirm final numbers. The second payment is due by Friday 1st March. As always with any payments, if you are having difficulties, please come and speak to us. There may be ways that we can help.

NUMBER DAY

We have enjoyed Number Day today. Thank you for your donations to the NSPCC; you can still donate via the school shop on School Money. If you would like to take the opportunity to do some more number work with your child at home, here are two useful websites with activities for them to do:

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/numeracy-day-resources>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

BOYS' FOOTBALL

Adam (5A) has written about a successful evening's football:

On Thursday 25th January, two 5-a-side teams represented Beeches Junior School in an Aston District football tournament. Both teams were unbeaten throughout the tournament and one of the teams (Adam, Blake, Dhillon, Fletcher and Talvyn) won all four games, only conceding one goal. We now look forward to the next stage.

ASTON VILLA HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Our friends at Aston Villa are putting on some activities during half term. Please see the flier attached to this newsletter for more information. Please note, this is not organised by us and we make no guarantees about it. Please carry out your own due diligence, particularly around safeguarding. However, Aston Villa are valued partners and we are please to let you know about this.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

Please see the letter on the next page with information about the clubs we are hosting after half term and how to sign up for them.

DIARY DATES

Thu 8 Feb	Year 3 visit to the synagogue
Fri 9 Feb	Chinese New Year - non-uniform (wear red)
Fri 9 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 19 Feb	School reopens
Fri 23 Feb	Teacher Day - school closed to children
Mon 26 Feb	Wizard of Oz performance in school
Tue 27 Feb	Year 6 visit to the church
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 15 Mar	Red Nose Day
Tue 19 & Wed 20 Mar	Parents' evenings
Fri 22 Mar	Break up for Easter holiday
Mon 8 Apr	School reopens

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Addison (3C)
Year 4: Mikey (4B)
Year 5: Holly (5KP)
Year 6: Esmay (6MS)

TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Zephaniah	820
2.	Team Cadbury	753
3.	Team Lewis	651
4.	Team Malala	592

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Friday 2nd February 2024

Spring Term Sport Clubs

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to offer your children the opportunity to participate in a range of after school sports clubs. Please see the table below for further details:

Spring 2

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Organiser</u>
Mondays (19 th February- 18 th March)	Year 3 and 4 Dance	£15	Central Education
Tuesdays (20 th February- 12 th March)	Year 5 and 6 Dance	£12	Central Education
Tuesdays (20 th February- 12 th March)	Year 5 and 6 Football	£12	Aston Villa Foundation
Thursdays (22 nd February- 21 st March)	Year 3 and 4 Fencing	£15	Aspire
Fridays (1 st March- 22 nd March)	Year 5 and 6 BodyKombat	£12	Aspire

All clubs will be delivered immediately after the school day has finished. They will finish at 4:30pm when it is expected that they are either collected by a parent/guardian or be booked into the Beeches Busy Kids Club.

Children are expected to bring an appropriate change of clothes to participate in the clubs.

For football club, your child must provide and wear their own shin pads to safely participate in the sessions run by AVFC.

There is a cost attached to these clubs. This is purely to cover the cost charged to us by the outside organisation delivering it.

If you would like to book your child onto one of our clubs, please log onto school money to secure their place. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and shall be confirmed once payment has been received.

If you have any further questions, please message Mr Price on Class Dojo.

Many thanks,

Mr Price



FEBRUARY HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOLS



5 Days

Mon 12th - Fri 16th

Aston
Harborne
Sutton Coldfield

3 Days

Mon 12th - Wed 14th

Solihull

2 Days

Thu 15th - Fri 16th

Tamworth

Time:

9:30 - 15:30

Age:

5-12 years old



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