



Beer C of E Primary School

Friday Flier - 11



Friday 25th November 2016

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Saturday 26 th November	PTFA Christmas Fete at The Mariners' Hall
Friday 2 nd December	PTFA Non-uniform day - children to donate pampering/chocolate gifts etc. for raffle prizes (see PTFA newsletter)
Friday 2 nd December	Deadline for Christmas costumes to be in school
Friday 9 th December	2.00pm Christmas Matinee Performance, Mariners' Hall & Late night shopping
Monday 12 th December	5.30pm Christmas Evening Performance, Mariners' Hall
Tuesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 th December	AM - Theatre Alibi Performance - 'The boy who climbed into the moon' PM - Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 15 th December	Carol Service at St Michael's Church at 2.30pm
Friday 16 th December	Last day of term

A message from the headteacher:

The week certainly ended much drier than it started! Thank you for your understanding on Monday; we appreciate that over two thirds of children live in the village but we do have some that travel from further afield as do the teaching staff. Many of the roads near Sidmouth and Ottery were being closed with staff needing to access these routes to be able to get back to their homes safely. We have a duty of care to children and staff alike with safety being paramount.

Tomorrow's PTFA Christmas Fete promises to be another exciting one with an array of stalls and events to choose from. Mr Evans and his ukulele players as well as the newly formed choir will be making a guest appearance. The fun starts at 2.00pm and I hope to see you there.

Best wishes,

Miss Porter

Talk Topic

This week is national road safety week. With that in mind, can you remember the green cross code? Why should you not cross between parked cars? Can you name the different types of crossings?

THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

Class 1: In Maths this week, we have used the context of getting on and off a bus to find out 1 more and 1 less, with reception children telling me their own number stories and Year 1 recording as addition and subtraction number sentences. We have learned about Van Gogh, and Year 1 have colour mixed to reproduce his painting 'A starry night'. Reception have been using the craft trolley and choosing what they would like to make. We have been practising a dance in preparation for the Christmas production to the tune of 'Reach for the stars'. There was great excitement when we let off our stars attached to balloons as a finale to our Laura's Star work.

Class 2: What a gusty, rainy week! The wind was very helpful to us, because we were releasing balloons with messages on them. The children ran up and down, trying to catch a gust of wind to carry their balloon away. We had a super time and some of the balloons actually flew away. Charlie crocodile has been helping us in Maths this week to decide which numbers are greater or smaller. Our Science work has continued with our work on light. The children used torches to discover what light will shine through.

Class 3 & 4: This week classes 3 & 4 have been singing, dancing and acting as preparations for the Christmas play hot up. A lot of hard work has gone into it so far with a lot more still to do! In between, the class 3 children

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have begun learning about the features of non-chronological reports in Literacy and the properties of shapes in Numeracy and the class 4 children have worked on their projects creating some excellent written reports about their aspect of society they are researching.

Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

The School Council for being so fantastic at fundraising for Children In Need.

Class 1: Rowan Manville for excellent focus during Maths when writing addition and subtraction number sentences, **Stanley Moughton** for joining in enthusiastically and being particularly helpful at packing up time, **Toby Adkin** for great focus on number work and detailed storytelling and **Imara Smith** for trying hard at sounding out and remembering finger spaces when writing.

Class 2: Harley Jackson for working hard independently, **Isabelle Graham** for working hard in Literacy, **Payton Whale** for being so helpful in keeping the classroom tidy.

Class 3: Myia Hiscox for a very imaginative invent story and **Anthony Parkinson** for his beautiful work on the properties of shape.

Class 4 - Miss Randall: Hannah Leslie for great participation in the gym festival at Colyton Grammar and **Billy Fowler** for working really hard in Maths this week.

Class 4 - Mr Evans: Kaitlyn Flannigan for producing some excellent independent writing in her topic work and **Luca Radford** for her resilience in Maths and persevering through challenging problems.

Star Writer: Anna Wolfreys



RECEPTION / KS1 EVENTS

Thank you to the Reception parents who came to share their child's learning journey. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm you had for the children's achievements and how proud you were. I know the children really enjoyed it too.

Thank you also to the parents of Reception and KS1 children who attended the phonics meeting. I really enjoyed that time with you and it was obvious how keen you are to support your children in their reading journey. The partnership between home and school is so important. Thank you also for the positive evaluations I have received and I will action any suggestions as soon as possible. Also, I did cram a lot in so if you have any further questions or need a reminder just pop in and see me. Have fun being Digraph Detectives!

Christmas Lunch - 13th December 2016

You should have already received a letter with tear off slip or please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter **and return by Friday 2nd December** at the latest indicating your choices.



Christmas Performance tickets **Cinderella** by Rockerella

Any remaining tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 29th November between 8 and 8.45am or 3.30 and 4pm.

For each performance, we have a set number of seated tickets, but will be in a position to offer a limited number of standing tickets once the seating ones have sold out.

Please note the performance dates are Friday 9th December at 2.00pm and Monday 12th December at 5.30pm.

Christmas Costumes

Please could all Christmas play costumes be given to your class teacher in a named carrier bag by Friday 2nd December. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks/Lunches + NO NUTS

Please could we remind parents that we encourage parents to provide their children with healthy snacks and lunchboxes e.g. no chocolate, sweets. Thank you for your cooperation.

Spotlight on..... Mrs Martin (Class 1 Teacher)

I have been a teacher for thirty years and I am as enthusiastic and passionate about this role as I have ever been. My first job was at this school where I taught for twenty years so it has been lovely to return and to teach children of children I taught. I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome and it has been great to remember old times as well as meet new families. I left Beer to become the Foundation and Key Stage 1 leader at Pinhoe C of E Primary School where I was for ten years. Although four times the size of Beer, it still is a school with a real family feel. I live in Ottery St Mary with my husband and three springer spaniels. Hazel is getting on in years whilst at the other end of the scale is Lottie an excitable and cheeky youngster who is rarely still and to complete the line-up we have sweet Solo in the middle. We are out before 7.00am every morning, currently in the dark! Barry and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary next year and we have lived in our current home since 2000. We were lucky to be able to extend our garden so I can indulge my love of gardening. It was a wilderness to start with so to clear the site we had a great bonfire party for family and friends. 'We' (Barry) landscaped it to include a large pond, summer house and various sized patios. After numerous deliveries of dumpy bags of various materials and pallet loads of bricks and blocks, the delivery driver requested to see where it was all going! I've enjoyed many other hobbies over the years including horse-riding, badminton and I currently enjoy Body Pump classes, but my forever interest is reading which is why my passion is teaching children to read. After all these years, I still get a 'buzz' when everything clicks into place and children take off with their reading. We are now in the run up to Christmas which is my favourite time of year in school. Glitter, rehearsals and lots of excited children - hectic but great fun!



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that helped make this event such a success, we raised a grand total of £370.20, so thank you to the School Council for the posters they made to promote the event, for everyone that came to school wearing 'spots' and donated money or bought wristbands and last but not least, to all the parents/carers that made such a wonderful array of cakes for us to sell and to those that purchased them also. Well done everyone!

Punctuality

We would like to remind parents/carers that school opens at **8.45am** for class 2 to enter first, followed afterwards by class 1, then classes 3 & 4. Everyone should be in the classroom ready for registration by **8.55am**.

Pupils who arrive after this time but within the registration period will be marked as late. **The registration period ends at 9.05am.** Pupils who arrive after the registration period has ended should go straight to the school office to advise school that they are present and give a reason for their lateness. Any unjustifiable reason for absence will be marked as unauthorised. It is vital that pupils notify the office to ensure that appropriate health and safety regulations are followed and that all pupils are accounted for.

Yr 3 /4 Gymnastics Festival

On Thursday we went to a gymnastics festival at Colyton Grammar. It was really fun because we got to do all sorts of things like cart wheels and jumping. The best bit was when Charlotte and I tried to stand up whilst having our arms linked together, we fell a few times but we did it in the end. I also liked when we had to walk across a bench. In the middle of the bench you had to spin around, get on the trampet and jump three times!



I thought it was so good that I wished I could do it again. I couldn't wait for the next gymnastics festival and I hope that it will be as good as this one! By Molly Douglas.



Thank you for your continued support,

The Beer Staff Team

Community Events & Notices

'Be a Chorister for a Day' - Saturday 26th November 2016

Children are invited to come and 'Be a Chorister for a Day' - an informal day open to boys and girls aged 7-9 to sing in the Cathedral with our Cathedral Choristers. This is always over-subscribed so we encourage any interested families to register as soon as possible! This day is suitable for those simply wishing to experience a day in the Cathedral as well as those children who may be interested in the possibility of becoming a Cathedral Chorister. Please download the information packs from the website www.exetercs.org or contact l.lewis@exetercs.org or 01392 422763.

Cathedral Chorister Auditions - Tuesday 31st January 2017.

Helping the Foodbank this Christmas

It would be very helpful if we could have any Christmas treats donations by the end of November. Also, why not try a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' - each day you add an item to the box and then just before Christmas donate the contents to a foodbank. Seaton foodbank will not be open on Christmas Eve but you are warmly invited to come along with your Advent gift on Wednesday 21st December to No. 1 (by the traffic lights) 2 - 4pm and enjoy a hot drink and mince pie and meet the foodbank volunteers. More details from Lesley and Stephen 01297 24796.

Festive Evening - Friday 2nd December - 6-8.30pm - Woodroffe School, Lyme Regis

A festive evening, organised by the PTA including; christmas shopping market, cheese & biscuits, mulled wine, prosecco, mince pies, local ales, music by Woodroffe students, amazing hampers to win. Free entry. For more details www.facebook.com/WoodroffeSchoolPTA

Sidmouth Late Night Shopping - Friday 2nd December

Shop local with an array of unique shops to find your perfect festive gifts. Includes children's and adults Zumba in the Market Place 5.15 - 5.45pm and adult Zumba at Wendy's House, Old Fore Street, 6.45 - 7.15pm.

Cinderella - Colyton Theatre Group's Pantomime - Colyton Town Hall

Adults: £9, under 18s £5. Weds 30th November, Thursday 1st December & Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm, Friday 2nd December 6pm. Tickets from The Little Shop, Colyton, 01297 551374; Archway Book Shop, Axminster, 01297 33595; Frank Property, Seaton, 01297 24022. More information at colytontheatregroup.co.uk and Facebook.

Seaton Eats Boutique - Windsor Gardens, Friday 2nd December 4 - 8pm at Seaton Christmas Carnival Festival

The event will also include a mini carnival, Christmas lights switch on and late night shopping.

Saturday December 3rd - 7pm - 'A Christmas Carol' By Charles Dickens at Branscombe Village Hall

Suitable for 8 and up. Tickets: adults £7, children (under 12) £3 - available on the door. Contact: B Farquharson 01297 22925, L Hughes 01297 680369 and D Lamb 01297 680777.

Friday 9th December - Late Night Shopping - 6-8pm

Family Christmas Disco at the Mariners' Hall - hosted by Rock n Roll Steve. Bar open, Grant's hog roast outside. Parents/Carers are responsible for their children at all times. Father Christmas and Craft Fayre in the Church 6-8pm.



Christmas Lunch - Tuesday 13th December 2016

My child in class.....
would like to order a Christmas Lunch for Tuesday 13th December.

NO THANK YOU I DO NOT WANT TO BOOK A CHRISTMAS LUNCH. I WILL BRING MY OWN PACKED LUNCH

My child is entitled to Free School Meals My child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals (R to Yr2)

I enclose £2.60 cheque I have paid by **School Money**
PLEASE TICK YOUR CHOICE OF MAIN COURSE & PUDDING BELOW
Roast Turkey OR Sliced Quorn
Violetta OR Christmas Pudding & Custard

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