



Beer C of E Primary School

Friday Flier - 14



Friday 16th December 2016

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Children return to School

A message from the headteacher:

As we come to the end of a long term, I know that many of the staff and children are looking forward to a well-deserved rest. I thoroughly enjoyed this year's Christmas play and I'm sure you'll agree that there were some captivating performances. I am incredibly proud of the children and staff and all they have achieved. The nativity service was a very fitting end to the term and reminds us that Christmas is a time for family and a time to count the gifts we have that money can't buy. It is important to remember that it is thanks to the whole school community that we are able to enjoy events such as the Christmas play and nativity service and we really do appreciate the partnership we have with parents and the support they give. On behalf of everybody at Beer CofE Primary School, I wish you, your family a peaceful but enjoyable Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.



With kind regards,

Miss Porter

Thank You Certificates

Thank you to all the children for trying so hard and performing so well in all the Christmas performances and Carol Service.

Thank You certificates will recommence next term.

Reminders/Information:

Illness

There have been a few cases of suspected 'hand, foot and mouth' in school so please be aware and seek medical advice if you have any queries. For further information, please consult PHE (Public Health England) or NHS website.

We have also experienced several cases of sickness and diarrhoea in school. Thank you to everyone that has observed the '48 hour clear' rule as this has seriously helped limit spreading the bug and at the end of the term we are now nearly back to full attendance.

Clubs Next Term

There will be NO clubs during the first few days, except Breakfast Club and Teatime Club which will run as normal. Clubs will recommence in the first full week of the Spring Term, e.g. week commencing Monday 9th January 2017
West Country School Music lessons recommence on Thursday 5th January 2017

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THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

To round the final week off nicely, the children have enjoyed lots of festive activities including: the brilliant evening performance of the Christmas play, the whole school Christmas lunch, the visit from Theatre Alibi, the Christmas parties and yesterday's Carol Service.

Theatre Alibi Visit

On Wednesday 14th December, a small group of actors, called Theatre Alibi, came to perform a play to the whole school. It was called 'The Boy Who Climbed Into The Moon' and it lasted around 1 hr 30 mins. The play was made of a mixture of puppetry and acting. Paul, the main character, had a theory that the moon was a hole in the sky. With help from his mum, dad and Molly, he goes to see if it's true, where he meets Fortuna.

Overall it was amazing how three people could act out so many parts. Everyone loved it!

By Hope Redding

A big thank you to the PTFA who funded this great event.

Zumba

BOOK YOUR CHILD A PLACE NOW!! KIDS HAVE FUN & IMPROVE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE LEVELS

New children are welcome to join the termly classes after the Christmas break.

Every Friday RECOMMENCING January 13th 2017.

3.30pm - 4.15pm Beer Little Starz* Zumba - MAIN HALL

Winter Term Class Dates: January 13th, 20th, 27th

February 3rd, 10th, 24th March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.

The cost of each class is £4 per child, with termly fees paid upon first lesson. If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna directly on 07739518587 or

at johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk For further details on all JM DanceFit Adult and Children's Zumba classes please

visit www.jmdancefit.co.uk

A message from Mrs Jean Smith, our Chair of Governors...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Such a lot has happened this term!

On 1st October the Ark Federation joined the St Christopher's Multi Academy Trust. This required the formation of a new Governing Body. Some Governors transferred and new Governors have been appointed. Details of all the Governors will be posted on the Ark Federation website next term. I will continue as Chair of Governors and Mrs Gill McMenemy is now the Vice Chair; Mr Rick Dormor continues as Chair of the Resources Committee.

The PTFA in both schools have continued to do magnificent work to provide those extras for the children. A highlight for the children this term was the recent visit of Theatre Alibi, made possible by the parent's fund raising. The fund raising activities are also great fun for us all and we have enjoyed the Christmas Shopping Day at All Saints and the Christmas Fete in Beer plus other events and activities. The Governors realise what a lot of work goes on in the organisation to make these events such a success and we thank all the parents involved.

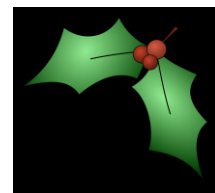
The school performances have enchanted us all, with all the budding performers singing and acting their hearts out.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Gibbs who moves to a new post in Honiton; she will be missed by us but we wish her well and thank her for all she has given to The Ark Federation.

On behalf of the Governors I wish you all a really good family Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2017.

Jean Smith

Chair of Governors



Thank you for your continued support,

The Beer Staff Team

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Community Events & Notices

Sunday 18th December - 4.30pm - Christingle Service at St Michael's Church, Beer

Everyone is invited to attend this service and the school choir will be singing a few songs as well.

All children attending the service are invited to come dressed as their favourite Nativity character and refreshments will be served after the service.

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.

East Devon Countryside Events

Reindeer trail, Tuesday 20 December, 10:30am to 3pm, Seaton Wetlands

Father Christmas needs your help! Follow the clues around the Wetlands to help track down his missing reindeer. Followed by Christmas crafts and hot drinks. No booking required, £3 per child. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

Wassailing walk, Saturday 7 January, 10am to 11am, Cranbrook

A wassailing walk down to the Cranbrook Community orchard with the Country Park Ranger to bless the trees and encourage a new harvest. No booking required, free donations welcomed. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

Countryside calendars

This year the Countryside service ran a photography competition. There were over 150 entries of views and wildlife found in East Devon. The top 12 are included on the Countryside calendar which are being sold for just £6 each.

View photos included here; <https://goo.gl/OetqFd>

Purchase calendars online: <https://goo.gl/mrFGMZ> or call 01395 517557

All funds raised will go back into the management of East Devon District Council Nature Reserves.

New Learn to Snorkel Sessions at The Flamingo Pool, Axminster - Tel. 01297 35800

11.00 - 11.45am on either 19th, 20th or 21st December. £6 per session. Session must be pre-booked to ensure a place. Suitable for level 8+ swimmers. Maximum age 16 years.