



Beer C of E Primary School

Friday Flier - 19



Friday 3rd February 2017

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
w/c 6 th February	Parent Consultations Week
Monday 6 th February	Class 3 Gymnastics Festival at Colyton Grammar School
Wednesday 8 th February	East Devon Netball Hi 5 Finals at The Kings School, Ottery St Mary (selected team)
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day - Julia Donaldson book theme (further information next week)

A message from the headteacher:

This week, we have had the Education Welfare Officer in to look at attendance at both schools. Our attendance up until the end of January is 94.3% which is much lower than it should be. I appreciate that we are just coming through the time of year where we can have significant periods of illness but as we are on the cusp of entering an easier seasonal time, we should see an improvement in whole school attendance. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are unable to authorise holiday during term time and actively discourage children taking holidays. Attendance has a direct impact on achievement; we teach in learning sequences and missing elements of these sequences or being late to school and missing the input will disrupt the continuity of children's learning experiences. If you have a child in years 1-6 you should have received their interim report today. This is a new approach to reporting and feedback and we hope you find it beneficial. If you haven't yet made an appointment to see your child's class teacher to discuss their report, please do so. After half term, Mr Evans and I will be running a parent forum to invite your feedback on the interim reports and the proposed end of year report. This will take place on Thursday 9th March at 9am and 3pm.

Many thanks, Miss Porter

Thank You Certificates

Congratulations to the following children:

Class 1: **Harry Hart** for great enthusiasm and progress in reading, **Jackson Cornell** for working really hard to write his letters and improve pencil control, **Toby Adkin** for better focus in phonics this week and **Eva Langham** for great improvement in pencil control and letter formation.

Class 2: **Maisie Clist** for trying to achieve her literacy targets, **Gemma Pinnock** for producing an excellent finished piece of work for Literacy, **Elijah Radford** for always being a kind, polite and thoughtful member of the class and **Sammy Grant** for an excellent, independent piece of Design and Technology.

Class 3: **Poppy Thomson** for her amazing determination to improve, especially with Mrs Moughton and **Thomas Jones** for his excellent letter of persuasion.

Class 4 - Miss Randall: **Leo Gribble** for his descriptive writing, with good use of expanded noun phrases and relative clauses and **Anna Wolfreys** for her writing - she has been successful at creating images in the reader's mind through her use of expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

Class 4 - Mr Evans: **Meisha Parkinson** for showing greater independence in her learning and participating more in class and **Kaitlyn Flannigan** for producing fantastic work across the curriculum and being more self-critical about her progress.

Star Writer: Dylan Arnold



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THE CHILDREN'S WEEK

Class 1: This week we have started work on non-fiction books in Literacy. Reception have sorted books into fiction and non-fiction and have answered questions and Year 1 have looked at features such as headings, contents list, photographs and information. Based on a book on local transport, Year 1 have been outside school looking at the road junction and signs. They then produced a labelled map which will be the first page in their own non-fiction book. In Maths, we have been learning to count in twos and have sorted numbers into odd and even. In RE, continuing our theme on who can help us, Reception looked at how Christians often light candles and say prayers to ask God for help. Some children then drew on a hand template to express their own thoughts which I then scribed for them. These are now displayed on our prayer tree. Year 1 have had great fun designing their own vehicles, which are now in production.

Class 2: All of the Year 1 and 2 children have been very busy building vehicles in Design and Technology. The children looked at different kinds of vehicles and how they move and then designed their own transport. They had to decide how it would move and then select the right materials to make it. We had a very busy time on Wednesday painting, sticking and building the models and the staff were impressed by the focus and co-operation of the children. In R.E. the children have been writing creation poems and deciding what questions they would like to ask God if they were able to. In Literacy we have completed our final piece of writing in our work based on the text called 'The Train Ride'. In Maths we have been using coins to add amounts of money; using last week's work of adding one more and ten more.

Class 3: We have begun our new Literacy topic of persuasive writing this week. We began with our elicitation of writing a letter to Miss Porter to try and persuade her to let us wear non-school uniform all the time. The letters were very creative! During our topic lessons, we have been practising our final picture to become part of the class collage.

Class 4 - Miss Randall: In Literacy, the children are now at the invent stage of the writing process. They have been able to apply their research which was gathered for homework last week to their planning, ready to start writing their chronological reports. I have been really impressed with the quality of the homework and the fascinating information that the children have found out. I am looking forward to reading the children's chronological reports. In Maths, the children have been working on mental strategies for addition and subtraction as well as formal written methods.

Class 4 - Mr Evans: This Week, Year 5 and 6 have given their presentations in answer to the key question: How do fossils provide information about creatures that lived in the past? There were lots of creative ways in which this information was shared – drama, art, PowerPoint, to name but a few. It was clear from listening to the children's explanations that there has been a lot of learning taking place with some very detailed explanations and visual representations of how fossils are formed. The children have also begun creating story boards for an animation project exploring (and in some cases, inventing) how the dinosaurs died out. We look forward to filming the project after half term.

Year 6 have completed their report writing about 'Extreme Animals' and have begun to look at persuasive writing focusing on the plight of endangered species. In Maths, the children have been learning about ratio and proportion, making the link with fractions, and solving some complicated problems.

Reminders/Information:

School Milk - if your child is under 5 they are entitled to free milk at school but you must register for this either online at www.coolmilk.com, email registration@coolmilk.com or collect a form from school reception. For further information, telephone 0844 854 2913. If your child is over 5, you can still register them, in the same way, for school milk at a minimal cost.

Water Bottles

We now have 'Ark Federation' 500ml clear plastic water bottles for sale in the office at cost of £2.50. There is also space to write your child's name in marker pen. Please ask in the office.



BEER BLAZER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Thank you to everyone that attended Wednesday's meeting and to anybody else that has expressed an interest in helping out. There will be another meeting after half term - further information to follow next week. We hope to see you there.

Spotlight on.....

Miss Squire – Class 3 Teacher

From a young age, if you asked me what I was going to be when I grew up, the answer was undoubtedly a teacher. I was very fortunate to have encountered some amazing teachers throughout my own education who kept the flame alight and encouraged me to continue to improve, to reach my dream. As a child, I attended Seaton Primary School followed by Axe Valley Community College, before finally embarking on my teaching degree at the University of Bedfordshire. I have really enjoyed my first year at Beer Primary and look forward to enjoying many more years.



My family and I have always lived locally, my father is from Beer and my mother and grandparents are from Branscombe, where Grandad is currently very proud to have the title of 'the eldest Branscombe born male.' Although we aren't a very big family, we are full of surprises. My great aunty, Millvina Dean was the youngest and last survivor of the Titanic, this has allowed me to take part in a few TV documentaries.

In my spare time, I am a keen netball player and play for a local team. My boyfriend and I have also recently taken up running and will be attempting to run in the Grizzly Cub in March, as well as The Inflatable Run in July. (Wish us luck!!)

It has been a real pleasure to teach in Beer over the past year, it is a lovely welcoming school with so many fantastic opportunities and excellent children. I can't wait to see what the future holds.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Beer Staff Team

Community Events & Notices

Sidmouth Rugby Club - Sunday 5th February 2017 - 12.30 - 4.30pm

Welcomes all girls, any ability to come and have fun, play rugby and make new friends at our Rugby Fun Day 6yrs - 18yrs. Sidmouth Pavillions, Byes Lane, Sidford, EX10 9QX. For more information, contact Pam, 07799 090900.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a risk that this event will be cancelled due to the anticipated adverse weather conditions this weekend. Please ask pupils to check Facebook or the Sidmouth RFC Website www.sidmouthrfc.co.uk for final confirmation that the event will proceed.