



Beer C of E Primary School

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Wednesday 20th December 2017

Executive Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Porter

Chair of Governors: Mrs Jean Smith

COMING UP	
Wednesday 3 rd January	Non Pupil Day
Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school

A message from Miss Porter & Mr Evans:

We have come to the end of a long term and can now all look forward to Christmas and the excitement that it brings. There have been many highlights over the term and we have seen the children perform for Harvest and Christmas. We're sure that this afternoon's Nativity and Carol service will make us feel full of Christmas cheer. No two days are ever the same in school and it is such a wonderful environment within which to work. Not only do we get to work with great children but the adults in school also make it a wonderful place to be. We'd like to take this opportunity to extend our huge thanks to all those that support the school and the children – we have volunteers that come in to hear readers and those that volunteer their time in different ways such as being active PTFA members or supporting for special events such as the Christmas performance. We really appreciate the time and support given and it helps to make our school a special place.

On behalf of everybody at Beer CofE Primary School, we wish you and your family a merry Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year,

Miss Porter & Mr Evans

The 'Thank you' certificates and 'Children's Week' service will resume during the first full week of next term.

Christmas Parties

To round the term off nicely, the children have enjoyed lots of festive activities including:

Years R, 1 & 2 - Medieval Feast

As a finale to our topic 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets', we shared our medieval dancing as part of our Christmas party. We dressed up as knights and princesses, gave a display and then parents were encouraged to join in. Great fun was had by all! Well done for great effort in learning the steps and excellent team work. This has been a super topic which the children have thrown themselves into and many thanks to all the families for their fantastic support.



Key Stage 2 enjoyed party games, Christmas craft and outdoor games with Mr Simier. They also tucked into a feast of festive snacks.

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Carol Service sneaky peak

Rehearsals are well under way for our Christmas Carol Service. Years R, 1 and 2 have been working very hard to re-tell the nativity story with readings, songs and an array of costumes - what a spectacle we are in store for!

Thank you to all the children for trying so hard in rehearsals.

We are sure that the performance itself will be a very fitting way to end the year, well done.



Message from Mrs Jean Smith, Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governors have had a busy term with two full Local Governing Body Meetings and four Committee meetings. Each Governor also has an area of school life, or portfolio responsibility, which involves visits to school and discussions with relevant staff to have a better understanding of the teaching and learning taking place. Governors have also continued to attend Acts of Worship in both schools. During the school year we have attended a number of meetings, workshops and training to help make us more effective in our Governor role.

Finance has been discussed at length both at Committee and Local Governing Body meetings. There continues to be pressure on the budgets for all schools across the country; as there has been no increase in the money received, money going into schools has not kept in line with inflation so costs are rising when budgets are not! In addition, changes in pupil numbers can also have a significant impact on our budget. The school budget has to support a wide range of expense in order to keep our schools running effectively. For example;

- The Government pays £2.30 for a universal school meal, but this does not cover the delivery of the meals, or the staff to serve them. Although we charge £2.60 a meal this still does not cover the full cost.
- We have to pay for the use of the Village Hall and car park at All Saints.
- The emptying of the septic tank has to be paid for at All Saints.
- Grounds maintenance at Beer is high due to the layout of the grounds.

These and other demands on school budgets are perhaps not always obvious! The Governor's preference is to have one budget for the Federation, as staff work across both schools and for ease of administration. However, the Government requires us to have separate budgets as each school receives separate funding statements as we have always had two unique DfE reference numbers.

In the past Governors have always tried to have some security planning for particular expenditure we know will arise or for unseen events in the form of a budget carry forward each year. However the Government are now saying this should not happen and the majority of the money allocated should be spent each year.

There has been much positive collaboration with St Christopher's Multi Academy Trust. They have funded the apprentice scheme we have operating in both our schools whilst their network groups and courses have provided valuable professional development for staff.

We have a committed and dedicated staff team who work hard to ensure that the best education is offered to every child. We have had such an exciting and busy term, with so much going on in both our schools, from Book Fairs fund raising events. As usual, the children have shown so much enthusiasm for sporting events and done well in representing their schools not just in their sporting achievements but showing true sportsmanship in their attitude whether they win or not. Thank you to all our volunteer parents, helpers and PTFA who willingly give their time to support the children and school.

The Christmas play was wonderful and this afternoon's Carol service promises to be equally delightful. We have so many budding stars amongst us and their enjoyment and enthusiasm shone through in all these events. Thank you to all the parents who provided the costumes and supported the event.

On behalf of the Governors I wish you all a very good Christmas with your families and a peaceful and healthy 2018.

JM DanceFit Zumba Classes

Book NOW for January

KIDS HAVE FUN & IMPROVE FITNESS & CONFIDENCE LEVELS



New children are welcome to join after the Christmas break.

Every Friday RECOMMENCING January 5th 2018

3.30pm - 4.15pm Beer Little & Junior Starz (4-11yr olds) in hall.

Spring Term Class Dates: January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th, 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.

Total Spring Term Class Fee: £44 (£4 per class x 11 classes)

Cash payments to be provided in a named, sealed envelope no later than the child's first class.

If you would like to book your child a place, please contact Johanna on 07739518587 or johanna@jmdancefit.co.uk

School Clubs Timetable



Breakfast & Teatime Club will run as normal during the first few days of next term.

ALL OTHER CLUBS will recommence during the week commencing Monday 8th January 2018. A new clubs timetable will be included in the first newsletter of the Spring Term on Friday 5th January 2018.

West Country School Music lessons recommence on Thursday 11th January 2018.

Reminders / Notices

Classes 1 and 2 - REQUESTS

For our topic next term, we would appreciate donations of any of the following items:

- Farm animals, vehicles, buildings
- British wild animals – plastic/rubber toys
- Minibeasts – rubber/plastic toys
- Wellies – for up to Year 2
- Waterproof trousers/jackets
- Anything linked to The Owl and the Pussycat/Owl Babies/The Hungry Caterpillar
- Flower presses
- Jigsaws/books linked to any of the above

Thank you,
Mrs Martin and Mrs Hawtin

Thank you for your continued support and most importantly, Merry Christmas!

The Beer Staff Team