



# Bearn's Primary School Newsletter 1.11.18

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## **Safeguarding**

Our designated safeguarding officer is **Ms Eeles** and the deputy safeguarding officer is **Miss Clarke**.

It is also possible to express concerns to the multi agency safeguarding team (MASH)

directly on 0345 155 1071 or email [mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk)

## **Attendance**

**Oaks– 93%**

**Chestnuts– 95.4%**

**Sycamores– 97%**

**Redwoods– 96.7%**

*There has been a slight improvement in lateness which is great. Please remember school starts at **8.55am***

## **This week in...**

**Acorns and Oaks:** What a lovely but chilly week it's been! We have been busy learning about witches and wizards by learning the poem 'What's in a Wizard's pocket?' and reading the book 'Room on a Broom'. We went on a walk to Courtney Park on Tuesday and collected sticks to make into broomsticks and wands. On Wednesday, we learnt all about Diwali and made Diva lamps, lanterns and window decorations. Please continue to read with your child and record in their reading diaries each time. We have PE every Monday and Thursday, please can children have their kits in for these sessions.

**Chestnuts:** What a fantastic week it's been! The children have been fantastic with their counting on in, not just 1s and 2s, but 5s, 10s and even 3s! We had an absolutely brilliant day on Wednesday for our Diwali day. The children learnt all about India, they cooked some tomato rice, made some mango and banana lassi and even helped make a dough for naan bread. On top of all of this the Chestnuts created a whole class Rangoli pattern using tiny square pieces of paper, which will be up on display next week.

**Sycamores:** Sycamores have had so much fun this week. We started off our 'How to wash a woolly mammoth' English instructions topic with the children using imperative verbs to wash the really dirty foundation toys. Watch out, as the children may start using imperative verbs at home! Then we made playdough, ready for our Diwali day. The children have produced some amazing rangoli patterns using lentils and rice to create symmetrical patterns. We also had a chance to cook vegetable curry, pea and potato samosas and some children got to design a Kathakali mask or create an Indian paisley pattern. We have also started learning about the 'awe inspiring' Stonehenge. We've discovered some fascinating facts and used descriptive language in our writing too. We have set an impromptu homework task that involves researching this historical landmark. The children can choose how to display their work. Writing, drawing or crafting would be great....surprise us! Work should be in school next Friday to share please. Have fun and enjoy the weekend!

**Redwoods:** Redwoods have come back to school after the half-term break refreshed and raring to go! We have spent some time writing recounts of our best (and worst) bits of the fantastic residential trip most of us went on, really focusing on including relative clauses and using a variety of parentheses. I've included an excerpt from Kayden's for you to have a look at. In maths, we have started a new block of work focusing on multiplication and division. The children have all been challenged to learn and improve their recall of times table facts so any help, encouragement or bribery you can offer is appreciated! Excerpt from Kayden's work: "Our first stop was Hound Tor, where we pushed ourselves as we scrambled then did rock climbing and some really fun letterboxing. Then we went on to Great Potheridge House. The first thing we did was have a tour of the place; it was huge! We were shown where our rooms were and we had to make our own beds (and, on the other days we had to make our own lunches too). When we had made our beds – which I found easy but some of my mates really struggled – we met up in the hall and we were mingling with Ash Class."



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## Diary Dates

- **Monday 5th November 9am- Coffee Morning**– Supporting children's additional needs.
- **Tuesday 6th Nov**– individual School Photos
  - **Thursday 8th Nov**-Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 5)
- **Friday 16th Nov**-Children In Need. Details to follow
- **Monday 10th December**– Christmas Performance 2.30pm
- **Tuesday 11th December** Christmas Performance 6pm
- **Last day of the Autumn term** 20th December

## A message from the Head of School

Welcome back, we hope you've had a lovely half term break. On Wednesday we hosted our Diwali Day which was a huge success, the children asked great questions and I am incredibly proud of each of the classes for coming up with their own fundraising event. I would like to send a huge shout out to Sophie Sheffield in Chestnuts who has raised an impressive £60.00 for her sponsored Bhangra dance, well done Sophie!

Next week our House Captains will be visiting each class to sell Poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion. If your child would like to buy one please send them in with a donation. We also have the Royal British Legion stationery pack which will be brought out at the end of the day on Monday should you wish to make a purchase. Next week the children will be making poppies to display on the school fence and we will hold a minute's silence next Thursday (8th Nov) at 2.30pm at the front of school if you wish to join us. Could I please ask that children are discouraged from climbing on the fence as this is not only dangerous but could damage the children's careful artwork. Many thanks and we hope to see many of you at our coffee morning on Monday.



## Star Learners;

**Acorns**– Iris

**Oaks**– Faith

**Chestnuts**– Alfie

**Sycamores**– Wednesday

**Redwoods**– Jacob and Charlie

## Awards



**Random Act of Kindness; Alby**

**-Attendance winners; Sycamores**

**-House Points; Lemon—80**

**Exe – 41**

**Dart –79**

**Teign – 67**