



# Bearn's Primary School Newsletter 16.11.1

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## **Safeguarding**

Our designated safeguarding officer is **Ms Eeles** and the deputy safeguarding officer is **Ms 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**– 92.4%

**Chestnuts**– 95.1%

**Sycamores**– 96.6%

**Redwoods**– 96.2%

*There has been a slight drop in attendance.*

*Please remember school starts at 8.55am*

*and children should be collected by*

**3.15pm**

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

**Acorns and Oaks:** It's been a busy week in the Early Years this week. We have continued learning all about hedgehogs and have had a visit from 'Prickles in a Pickle' who showed us a lovely hedgehog that has been rescued called Sue. The children have all made posters, or hand print hedgehogs send to Judy at the sanctuary to say thank you for coming to see us. In our maths learning in Oaks, we have been counting claps, jumps etc and in Acorns we have been busy recognising numerals and counting to 10. Next Monday, we will have a 'Mucky Monsters' session at Courtenay Park after break, please ensure your child has wellies in that day if it is wet.

**Chestnuts:** Chestnut Superheroes have been amazing this week! We have started creating our own versions of the Gingerbread Man story and we have some lovely, creative ideas that are going to result in some fabulous stories. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on addition and finding number facts to 10. We are now progressing onto comparing equations using comparative language and symbols. The children started their times tables this week and homework will be sent home on a Tuesday, Homework folders are to be brought in on Monday mornings. Please ensure that you work with your child regularly completing their spellings and times tables in different ways to make it fun and enjoyable, have a look in the homework folder for fun ideas and activities.

**Sycamores:** Sycamores have been really busy this week and are definitely ready for a break! We had great fun sat around a Stone Age fire this week, carving soap (flint knapping) to make a replica Stone Age tool. A huge mess was made, but it was well worth it! In computing, the children explored how to change the colours of the sprites and make them move. They're really making great progress with their algorithms. In English, we identified all the features of instructional text and in Maths we have been pulling apart how to use the column method confidently. We have also introduced a daily 2 minute times table test. In PSHE we have been continuing our work on resilience and how our effort levels are linked to our successes. We are now really clear about what 'Growth Mindset' means and how it can transform our learning!

**Redwoods:** Redwoods have been grappling with multiplication this week. After working hard on multiplying by 10, 100 and 1,000, this week we've been multiplying 4-digits by 1-digit and then pushed ourselves to look at 2-digits x 2-digits. We've been using partitioning to help us get our heads round this and have also looked at the grid method (ask us about the 'zero hunter goggles'!). In English, we've been looking at using colons correctly and reminding ourselves of the two (and only two) important jobs an apostrophe does. We're starting to write first person narratives set in the Stone Age. Here's an extract from Jacob's work for you to enjoy: Just as I blinked, some extraordinary embers floated like petals in the wind. They left a trail on the ground like ink from a pen. I followed the trail to find an elder sitting next to me by the fire. He had a red-hot spherical stone grasped between two deer antlers... Any ideas about what he was doing?



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## Diary Dates

- 27th November 1.30pm–Sycamores to The Avenue Church for Christmas Craft
- 28th November 1.30pm–Redwoods to The Avenue Church for Christmas Craft
- 30th November– Gymnastics festival (Chestnuts)
- 3rd December 1.30pm–Chestnuts to The Avenue Church for Christmas Craft
- 4th December 1.30pm –Oaks to The Avenue Church for Christmas Craft
  - 5th December Christmas Fete
- Monday 10th December– Christmas Performance 2.30pm
- Tuesday 11th December Christmas Performance 6pm
- 12th December– Newton Abbot Lantern Parade 6pm
- 19th Dec school Christmas Lunch and a special visitor
- Last day of the Autumn term 20th December (2pm finish)

## A message from the Head of School

*This week has flown by and we have all crammed so much learning in! The attitudes of the children are so impressive, well done Bearnese!*

*This year The Avenue Church have kindly offered to host our Christmas Play for both performances. Details will follow regarding tickets!*

*Please can we ask you to provide your children with suitable named winter coats, hats and sensible shoes. You may have noticed that we have implemented a late collection log. If you are going to be late to collect your child, where possible can you please ensure that you call the office before 3pm as this is when our administrators leave for the day. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.*

Miss Eeles

## Awards



### Star Learners;

**Acorns– Bella**

**Oaks– Penny**

**Chestnuts– Lexie-Mae**

**Sycamores– Dylan**

**Redwoods– Kayden**

**Random Act of Kindness; Wednesday**

**-Attendance winners; Sycamores**

**-House Points winners– Lemon**