



Bearness Primary School Newsletter 5.10.18

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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

Attendance

Oaks– 96.5%

Chestnuts– 96.1%

Sycamores– 97%

Redwoods– 97.2%

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

This week in...

Acorns and Oaks: We had a wonderful Autumn walk this week and the children have been busy discussing and describing the 'treasures' they found. In Oaks, we wrote an amazing Autumn poem between us that I'd like to share with you...*Autumn looks like golden leaves. Autumn sounds like tweeting birds. Autumn tastes like squidgy marshmallows. Autumn feels like spiky conker shells. Autumn smells like sausage rolls.*

Chestnuts: Chestnuts has been bursting full of learning this week! We have continued our work on place value and have been looking at comparing objects and numbers using comparative language. "I know that 17 is greater than 13 because it has 7 ones and 13 comes before 17 when counting." We have also started writing our own version of What I do with Vegetable Glue the children's arms, eyes, ears and legs rolling all over the place. We found out where bread comes from by reading the Little Red Hen and making bread rolls of our own.

Sycamores: Sycamores and Redwoods went on an amazing trip to Kent's Cavern on Wednesday. We really enjoyed exploring the caves, experiencing total darkness, seeing the stalactites and stalagmites and learning about who lived there. The children worked really hard to work out the clues on the forest trail and then they got to dig for fossils, taking home the gems they found along the way. We all really enjoyed ourselves and can't wait to learn even more about the Stone Age. In English, we have started to look at how to write informal letters. This started with an invitation to our open morning, which the children should have brought home to give to you. We hope you can all make it! In maths, we looked at how to recognise the value of each digit in a number and how to compare numbers using symbols and charts as well as using a number line for ordering from smallest to the largest. In science we have started to explore rocks in more depth and in art we have started to paint our river designs on a canvas. What busy week it has been!

Redwoods: The highlight of our week has undoubtedly been our day out at Kents Cavern. The weather was amazing - what a shame we were underground for half of the day! The moment we experienced total darkness (well, apart from Oliwia's glow-in-the-dark glasses!) in the bear cave will be remembered forever. Big thank you to Neil for helping out. And an even bigger THANK YOU to the children for being awesome!



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Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 9th October:**
Maths Back to School sessions and Open Morning

- 16th October

Key Stage One PE Festival

- 16th October Class visits from the dentist
- 22nd October—Half Term
- 29th October return to school

A message from the Head of School

This week we have a lot of exciting news! Firstly, a huge congratulations to Mrs Malpas who is expecting twins in December! Everyone at Bearn's is so excited for her and her husband.

Secondly, we have been shortlisted for the Sports and Community School of the Year Award which is fantastic.

A huge thank you to Sarah Luxton who has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of our sports provision.

On a different note, you may have read in the news this week about Apps which are aimed at children but contain incredibly disturbing and graphic hidden content. We urge you to be mindful of the apps and social media that your children are accessing. Most social media services require children to be age 13 or over. If you would like any further advice about this or wish to discuss concerns please come and speak to us.

This website has some useful guidance; <https://www.net-aware.org.uk>



Star Learners;

Acorns— Hannah

Oaks— Travis

Chestnuts— Heidi

Sycamores— Trent

Redwoods— Saul

Awards



-Random Act of Kindness; Paul

-Attendance winners; Oaks

-House Points; Exe— 62