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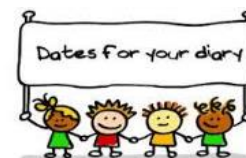
Dear parents / carers and children

It feels so strange to be writing my last newsletter as the Headteacher at Beavers Community Primary School. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to lead Beavers School over the last 33 years, 23 years as the Headteacher. During my time at the school significant changes have occurred, growing from a 2 form entry school to 4 forms of entry being an Outstanding school since 2014, achieving many special awards mostly gold for the Arts, Science and for being the only school in Hounslow to be a Gold star Rights Respecting School. The staff at Beavers are so hard-working and our pledge is to keep our pupils at the heart of all we do.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and partnership during my time at the school. Some of you were pupils and now you are parents. I will take away many happy memories and stories of the success achieved by your children. They never fail to surprise me and make me smile every day. They are a joy.

Mrs Palmer-Dunn will be the acting Headteacher from January. I can assure you that she will be leading a strong and experienced staff team, who will lead the school forward in its ongoing development. We have all been working closely together to secure continuity and the vision for our school and I know that they are ready for the challenges and successes that lie ahead.

I will miss my Beavers family very much but am looking forward to putting my feet up and taking the time to enjoy each day of my retirement.



January—Determination	
4th	Start of Spring Term
21st	Staff INSET—No Children
28th	School closed for extra bank holiday
February	
14th	Half Term
21st	Back to school

Christmas lunch

We had a fabulous Christmas lunch this week and staff and children would like to thank Chef Karen & her team for feeding us so well.



Autumn 2 value - Honesty

UNICEF CRC Article 19 states that "Governments must do all they can to ensure that all children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them".



Attendance

Good attendance is very important for learning!

Attendance cup winners were:

1st: Y3 Lime 99%

2nd: Y5 Scarlet & Y6 Jet with 98%

3rd: Y4 Lavender with 97%

Well done!

Classes with 100% attendance earn a multi-day as a prize.



Beavers Community Primary School PTA would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who participated in the Christmas Raffle. Families and staff who bought tickets and also the following organisations who donated prizes:

- Odds Farm Park Limited
- Adrian Hall Garden Centre
- Snakes & Ladders
- London Wetlands Centre
- London Museum of Water & Steam
- Hounslow Arts Centre
- Asda – Hounslow High Street
- Last but not least Mrs Thompson & Ms Hart for putting the hamper together



Merry Christmas

Message from Mr Suresh Dhotre, Chair of Governors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Scott for her 33 years service to the school and wider community, she has worked tirelessly to make the school what it is today; with a sports lodge, pitches and 4G, a playgroup, expanding the school to facilitate 4 forms per year, and getting us from Requires Improvement to Outstanding, to mention a few of her achievements. One of her proudest moments was to be awarded an MBE for services to education, this was presented by the Queen.



She will be missed but her legacy will live on in the pupils past and present, her kindness will be remembered by all who have known her. Please join me in wishing her a very happy retirement, she is looking forward to spending time with her family, in her garden and once we are able to, travel.

Mrs Palmer-Dunn will be acting headteacher while we look for a permanent replacement, Ms Scott will be in school once a week from the end of January to support her.

This has been a very tough time for schools during the pandemic and I would like to thank the staff; the senior leadership team, teachers, teaching assistants, admin, SMSAs, the site staff and cleaners for working so hard to continue to educate the children by embracing new technologies so they could deliver virtual teaching. This last term has been challenging, with pupils and staff alike contracting Covid. I look forward to being able to come into school in the New Year.

Finally have a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



The children and staff had a super Christmas Jumper Day on Monday. There were lots of festive jumpers and accessories which got us all into the Christmas spirit.

This year we asked for donations for the local food bank and once again, we were overwhelmed with the generosity of parents, carers and staff. Revd. Claire collected our boxes of donations on Tuesday and was especially pleased with the number of nappies we received as so many families who visit the food bank struggle to provide this essential item to their babies/toddlers. All of the donations will make a big difference. Thank you to everyone who donated and made the day so successful.

The pillars in the staff room are now complete and looking stunning! Thank you once again to Marion and her team at the Hounslow Senior Citizens Trust (Funders) and Kim Porrelli (Mosaic Artist).

