

# Bearnes Primary School

Bearnes School Newsletter  
1<sup>st</sup> December 2017



## Message from Head of School

The Christmas production is now very nearly upon us. Please see the diary dates for the performance start times. On the evening of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, please bring your child back to their class at quarter to six to allow them to prepare themselves!

**School finishes on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.** After school that day, friends of the school have kindly organised a mini Christmas fair to raise much needed funds. If you could donate a cake to sell at the event, we'd be extremely grateful. The fair will start at the end of the school day in the hall. Please come and have a browse, play a few games and enjoy the start of the holidays!

If you've not yet returned the letter in which you name 2 persons other than you who are permitted to collect your child from school, please do so asap. Many Thanks.

**N.B. All clubs have now finished for the term.**



### Diary Dates:

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – Christmas Play**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Netball tournament (invite only!)  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm – Christmas play**  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/6 lantern making workshop  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Bearnes mini Christmas Fair from 3:15 in the hall!**



### Stars of the Week

A huge well done to the four certificate winners this week – you are an inspiration to your peers!

Redwoods – Tyler  
Chestnuts – Grace and Sophie  
Acorns and Oaks - Scarlett

### Attendance:

**Redwoods: 97.2 %**  
**Sycamore: 96.6 %**  
**Chestnuts: 96.5 %**  
**Acorns and Oaks: 97 %**

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### Acorns and Oaks News

On Wednesday this week the children in Acorns and Oaks spent the morning at the front of our school, giving out Christmas cards and cakes to the community as an advertisement for Bearnas Pre-School. The children were lucky enough to meet the Mayor of Newton Abbot Councillor Ann Jones who was walking past the school. If you know any friends or family whose children are due to start school in September 2018 or September 2019 please invite them to come and visit our Early Years Unit.

Thank you to all the parents who have paid for our Trago Mills trip. Please remember to bring in the form and money by the end of next week, Friday 8th December.

### Chestnut News

Congratulations to Sophie and Grace who have become free readers this week! A massive achievement for Year 1s who have made 9 levels progress over the term! Fantastic girls!

This week has been busy for everyone! Year 2 had a fun packed morning on Monday where they all got incredibly muddy but had a great time in Gin's field in the Teign Valley.

The whole class have been working incredibly hard in their Christmas Performance and I hope you are all able to attend either Monday Afternoon or the Tuesday Evening Performance at 6pm.

The homework sent home today will be the last this term.

Reading books will continue to be changed until the end of term.

Please ensure that you are reading 5 times a week for 20 minutes a night.

### Sycamore News

Poor Ms. Minifie has been poorly this week so Mr. Stacey is writing the Sycamore entry! The Sycamores have worked amazingly hard for our higher level teaching assistant Mrs Fraser who has got some inspirational writing from the children. Paul's story about a snowman feeling abandoned on Christmas morning as children rushed to open presents was a particular highlight. Well done Sycamores!

### Redwoods News

This has been a busy week for Redwoods. We have had daily rehearsals - to ensure our 'Christmas is Forever' production is tip top, our normal maths and English sessions, and many children have been attending interesting and beneficial workshops. On Monday, Callum, Tom and Jacob were challenged at a gifted and talented maths session, Caitlin, Freja, Charlotte and Libbie got creative at an art workshop and produced some intricate leaf paintings, then, on Wednesday, it was Maddi, Libbie and Oliwia who were solving maths puzzles and, finally, today, a group of children have gone to lead badminton games. I was particularly impressed by Julian who was already leading games with younger children in the playground.

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