

# Bearnes Primary School

Bearnes School Newsletter  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Message from Head of School

This week the children enjoyed 'Dinner at the Movies' an event organized between our school dinner providers and our staff. Mrs. Gale was thrilled with how well the event went and especially impressed with the children's table manners! We are now considering doing similar events more regularly.

Parents of children in years four and five have received a letter about next year's residential trip to Potheridge House. More details about the trip (including a meeting about the accommodation and activities on offer) will follow, but if you'd like to familiarize yourself with the center please go to:

<http://encompasstraining.co.uk/great-potheridge-house-activity-centre/>

to see the sorts of things on offer! Please return the deposit payments asap to avoid disappointment.



### Diary Dates:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Tapestry Workshop at 3:15 in Oaks class

Evening of Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Parent's Evenings

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – School Photograph day – please ensure children are looking their smartest!

Week Beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – return to school for 2<sup>nd</sup> half term.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Flu vaccinations for Reception, year1, year2, year3 and year4.

### Stars of the Week

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

Redwoods – Joe  
Sycamores – Millie  
Chestnuts – Dylan  
Acorns and Oaks - Maja

### Attendance:

**Redwoods: 95.8%**  
**Sycamore: 97.6%**  
**Chestnuts: 95.8%**  
**Acorns and Oaks: 98.3%**

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## Acorns and Oaks News

The children have been really enjoying learning all about trains this week. We looked at the different parts of a train and even watched a video of a steam train! If you have any photos of your child on or visiting a train we would like for you to bring them in next week to help further our discussions. We will photocopy them and return the originals to you.

Remember that on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a Tapestry workshop at 3.15pm in Oaks classroom. If you want to come along please fill in the form attached to the letter sent out last week or come and speak to me.

## Chestnut News

What a week we've had in Team Chestnuts!

We've finished off our unit on Place Value and the children have really been demonstrating how much knowledge they have of numbers by using fantastic explanations to explain their reasoning.

'I know that 24 is greater than 16 because 24 has 2 tens but 16 only has one ten'.

We have also just finished our unit on Monkey See Monkey Do and I was absolutely bowled over by the progress in our class's Literacy books! I was so impressed it really does demonstrate what a great attitude to learning does to your work.

Homework is coming out today. Please practice the spellings and maths task ready for the children to be tested each Thursday and Friday. If you are in Year 2 please ensure your black homework folder is returned this year so that we can continue to use them.

Year 1s will be given a labelled clear plastic wallet. Please ensure the homework sheet is signed and handed back in by Thursday each week.

## Sycamore News

We have started a new unit in maths and already made encouraging progress. We have been learning how to mentally add and subtract numbers as well as look at written methods when using larger numbers. We have some very keen mathematicians in Sycamore Class and this has been a real pleasure to witness. During art we have been finding out about Henri Rousseau and enjoying his rainforest pieces. We love his bold style and colourful strokes. Archie managed to capture this perfectly when drawing foliage, using a range of colours confidently. Well done Archie!

**Homework folders contain your child's personal spellings and time tables to learn each week. Please make sure the folder is in school every Thursday so testing can take place. Thank you for your support in this matter.**

## Redwoods News

In our writing this week, we watched a clip from 'Jurassic Park' and then used a variety of techniques to help us build suspense in our writing. Reading the children's paragraphs left me on the edge of my seat.

In computing, we have been think about e-safety and, in particular, about cyber bullying. Redwoods really impressed me with how much knowledge they had taken in and with their maturity in presenting their e-safety message to the rest of the class.

This is one slide taken from Lily, Caitlin and Bethany's presentation with an important message for everyone to



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