



Beedon News

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Christian Value: SERVICE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. The children have come back in good spirits and look very smart in their uniforms. Welcome to our new Reception children and their families; the children are settling in very quickly. Welcome also to Zach, Alex and George who have joined us in other year groups. I know that you will all give them and their families a warm welcome to our Beedon community. Welcome, officially, to Mr Sharpe who is teaching Hedgehogs Class this year.

Thank you to our staff who have worked so hard setting up their classrooms and helping the children to settle into new class groups and routines so quickly. There has been a real buzz of activity around school this week and I've already had several visits from children bringing good work to show me – my favourite part of my job!

First for Sports

Welcome, also, to Mr Edwards who has joined us this year. Mr Edwards will be teaching PE every Wednesday afternoon and will be leading an after-school activity. This week, the children were learning about healthy lifestyles and getting to know Mr Edwards.

Harvest Festival

We hope parents will join us at St Nicholas' church, Beedon at **9.30am on Monday 25th September** for our harvest festival. This year St Nicholas' will be supporting Loose Ends and have asked that children bring tins and packets to church for Harvest. Rev Toogood will lead our service and each class will contribute.

Healthy Eating

There is an expectation on schools to promote healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. Please could we ask for parental support in

sending in a healthy snack for playtimes? Fruit or vegetables are ideal and other options could include crackers, cheese or yoghurt. High sugar, chocolate covered snacks and crisps are not suitable snacks for the school day. Thank you to parents who already support us in this. Please could we also ask that when children have packed lunch, these do not contain sweets? As a rule of thumb, if a product is found in the confectionery aisle of the supermarket, it is not suitable for school. **ALL PACKED LUNCHES AND SNACKS MUST BE NUT-FREE.** Thank you for your continued support.

Swimming

Thank you to the parents who have supported swimming lessons by providing transport. If any other parents are able to offer to help, so this could be on a rota, please let Mrs Boden know.

Building works

The work to fit new fencing and gates has been completed and the playground entrance looks very smart and keeps our children safer. Over the summer we have had new doors fitted to Hedgehogs class and the library has been completed. Doesn't it look great?



Thank you to all the parents who made this possible by supporting PTA events and an extra thank you to those families who gave up

their free time to set up the shelving and to Shirani, for painting our school motto on the wall.



We are very grateful to author, John Chapman, who opened our library last week. www.jonnierocket.com

School Garden

Could you spare 1/2hour after Achievers' next Friday? We would like to organise a working party to tidy up the garden and planters ready for autumn. Children are welcome to help but must be supervised by a parent.

Achievers' Assembly

Please join us at 2.45pm on Friday for our weekly achievers' assembly. Please enter via the playground gate - a member of staff will be on duty at the gate and this will be locked after parents have entered. This is to keep our children safe.

Mrs Green has asked that I pass on her thanks for her leaving gifts and sends her good wishes to everyone at Beedon.

Kindness Assembly

We are working hard with the children to encourage to them to use kind words, to think before they act and to treat other children as they want to be treated.

Please ask your children why Mrs McDonald squeezed toothpaste all over the hall floor in Thursday's assembly!

Sainsbury's vouchers

Thank you to everyone who donated their Active Kids vouchers. This week, we have taken delivery of lots of lovely new resources for the children to use in their learning and

play, including our own mini planetarium and sensory tent.



Dates Ahead

These are still being updated and added to. Calendar dates will be added to our school website.

Mon 25th September 9.30am Harvest Festival

Friday 6th October – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS INSET TRAINING

Wed 11th October – Hedgehogs visit to Newbury Showground

Sunday 12th November 3.00pm Remembrance Beedon Church

Weds 15th November – parents' evening
Weds 6th December – Corn Exchange pantomime

Thursday 14th December – 6.00pm Nativity and Carols at Beedon Church

Director of Primaries' time

	Morning	Afternoon
Mon	Beedon	
Tues	Meeting	Beedon
Wed	I will be in Beedon either morning or afternoon dependent on staff meeting location	
Thurs	Beedon	
Fri		Beedon

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Alison McDonald, Director of Primaries