

CALENDAR DATES 2023

23rd OCTOBER TO 27TH OCTOBER	HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
30th OCTOBER	STAFF TRAINING DAY
6th NOVEMBER	INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS
8th NOVEMBER 9am to 10am	BEAUDESERT SLEEP SHOW – NON UNIFORM Children to come to school in their PJ's - see details below
10th NOVEMBER	GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA – letter sent 17.10.23
14th NOVEMBER	EARLY YEARS VISION SCREENING – letter emailed 17.10.23
16th NOVEMBER 9:00am to 9:45am 6:00pm to 6:45pm	PARENTS FORUM - details to follow Morning session held in the school hall & evening will be virtual
17th NOVEMBER	CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – details to follow
21st NOVEMBER 9:30am & 1:30pm	OPEN DAY 2 – NEW STARTERS 2024
22nd NOVEMBER 8:45am to 9:15am 6:00pm to 6:30pm	YEAR 2 PHONICS & READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS – details to follow Morning session held in the school hall & evening will be virtual
24th NOVEMBER	PTA BRING SOME CHOCOLATE DAY – NON UNIFORM Details to follow
27th NOVEMBER	YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY – details sent out 20.10.23
1st DECEMBER	PTA BRING A BOTTLE DAY – NON UNIFORM – details to follow
8th DECEMBER 3:00pm to 4:30pm	PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE – details to follow
12th DECEMBER 9am & 2pm	EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY – details to follow
13th DECEMBER	FLU IMMUNISATION – WHOLE SCHOOL – details to follow
13th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS LUNCH & JUMPER DAY – details to follow
14th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL – details to follow
20th DECEMBER 12:00pm to 12:30pm	FANTASTIC FINISH! - Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning then children to go home



Trick or treat!

Beaundesert Sleep Show
Wednesday 8th November 2023
9am to 10am

Harley Ladbury from CAMHS will be holding a sleep workshop on how to support your child's sleep patterns and encourage healthy sleep.

Children from every class will be performing a variety of skits, poems and songs based around asleep.

This is a new event that every parent/carer needs to see!

All children are to come to school in their PJ's (sensible shoes/trainers)



Please note all parents/carers attending will need to stay for the duration of the workshop.

Challenge Champions Last Week



BOBCAT: Abigail

1M: Nivayah

2O: Harvey

3J: Leonardo

4P: Lexi

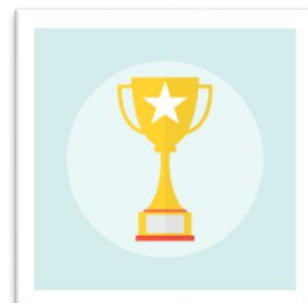
LYNX: Owen

1Y: Jack

2L: Finley

3T: George

4G: Harrison



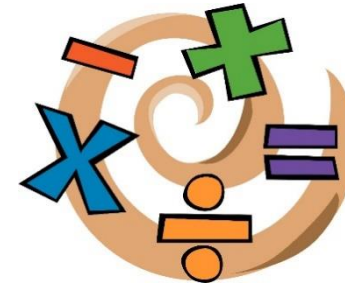
A MASSIVE THANK YOU! to everyone who kindly donated to our Harvest Assembly! What a fantastic amount of food for our local foodbank charity!



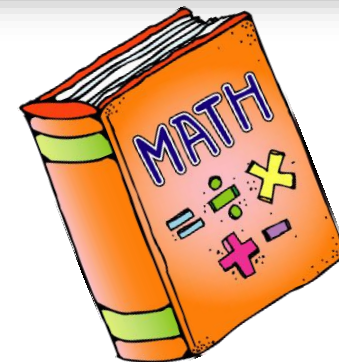
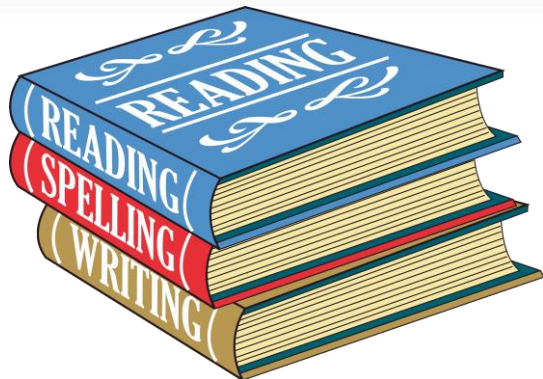
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English Champion of the Week
13th October 2023



Maths Champion of the Week
13th October 2023



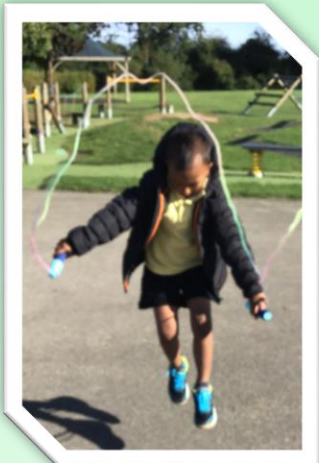
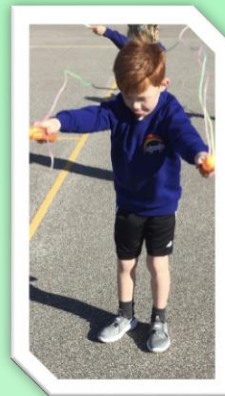
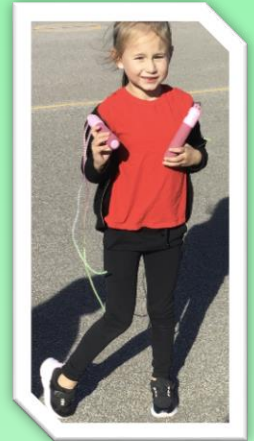
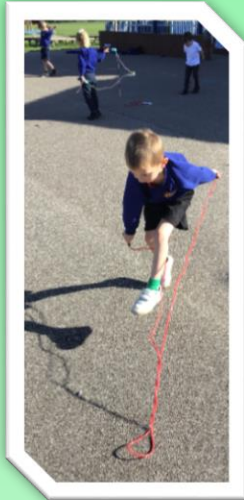
Year 3 Roman Army Role Play & Boudicca's Visit!

At the beginning of the week 3J were recruited and trained to be Roman soldiers out on the playground. They practiced their marching skills and various attack and defence formations. This was lucky as, later in the week, Year 3 were visited by none other than Boudicca Queen of the Iceni tribe. Fortunately, Boudicca just wanted to share a bit about her life and answer any questions the children had before she left in search of some Romans!



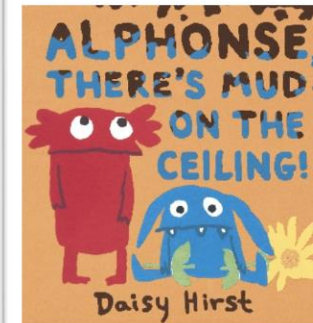
Year 1 Skipping!

Year 1 teachers have spent some of their PE time this week teaching the children how to skip. Research shows that skipping helps children, as well as adults, train their motor skills, coordination and concentration. Jumping also aids both the left and right side of the brain which studies show can support reading skills and make children more mentally alert. Lots of the children finished skipping by commenting that they would like a skipping rope of their own!



EARLY YEARS WALK

What an exciting walk Early Years had walking around Appenine Way looking at all the different houses!



Marvellous Me is coming to Beaudesert Lower School!



Marvellous me is an APP that shares wonderful news about your children's learning and positive behaviour. You will get notifications on your phones about your child's learning and it celebrates their success through thumbs up and badges rewarded to them and their teams.

At the end of the day, your child will be given a letter with steps of how to download the app on to your phones, so you can start your marvellous me journey with your children.



POPPY APPEAL

We are supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year and have a selection of poppies for your children to purchase.

- Wearing a poppy is a show of support for the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families
- The poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance for over 100 years
- The poppy is red because that's the natural colour of the poppy flower
- The red poppy directly supports the Armed Forces community
- Poppies are recyclable



Zip Pull: £1

Reflector: £1

Silicon Wristband: £1

Snap Band: £1.50

Velcro Poppy: £1



If your child wishes to purchase any of the shown items, the School Council will be going to each classroom from Wednesday 1st November 2023, so please send your children in with the correct money in an envelope/purse. Many thanks.



**MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SESSION
HERE AT BEAUDESERT LOWER SCHOOL**

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2023

**YEAR 1, 2 & 3 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB,
MONDAYS, 3.00 - 4.00PM**

TERM DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS -
6TH, 13TH, 20TH, 27TH NOVEMBER
4TH, 11TH, 18TH DECEMBER

THE COST WILL BE £5.00 PER SESSION RUNNING FOR 7 WEEKS. **£35.00 IN TOTAL.** THE CHILDREN WILL NEED PE KIT, WATER BOTTLE AND TRAINERS TO TAKE PART.

THERE ARE 16 PLACES AVAILABLE, FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. TO RESERVE A SPACE PLEASE E-MAIL US AT - BEDSBUCKS@BRAZILIANSOCCERSCHOOLS.CO.UK

SUBJECT HEADING - 'BEAUDESERT ASC'

PLEASE INCLUDE ON THE EMAIL -
YOUR CHILDS NAME.
CLASS & YEAR GROUP.
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME.
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER.
ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

ON YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAIL BACK, WE WILL FORWARD OVER PAYMENT DETAILS AND WAYS TO PAY. "PLEASE NOTE" - UNLESS YOU HAVE EMAIL CONFIRMATION BACK FROM US OF YOUR PLACE ON THE CLASS & PAYMENT IS MADE, YOUR SPACE IS NOT SECURED.

PLEASE BOOK ON QUICKLY AS SPACES ARE LIMITED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT TERM OF FOOTBALL.

BRAZILIAN SOCCER SCHOOLS TEAM.



TO BOOK PLEASE -

EMAIL: BEDSBUCKS@BRAZILIANSOCCERSCHOOLS.CO.UK

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Rotary
Leighton
Linslade

Free Laser Light Show
Leighton Buzzard High Street
Friday 3rd November - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

For more details see www.leightonlinsladerotary.com and our facebook page



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Leighton Buzzard Market
Halloween Spook-tacular!

Tues 24th October 2023
Free kids event 9.30 - 1.00

HALLOWEEN PARTY

6-11 YEARS

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Friday 27th October
Heath Barn, Leighton Buzzard
7-8.30pm
pre bookable-
mchenny1000@gmail.com



DG CRICKET
BEGINNER LEVEL SESSIONS

- For children aged 5 to 10
- Designed to introduce children to the sport, or grow the talent that's already starting to build
- Teaching them skills such as batting, throwing, catching, bowling, running, teamwork, communication and the spirit of cricket

STARTING WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 23
EVERY WEDNESDAY, FROM 6PM TO 7PM
VENUE - CEDARS SCHOOL, MENTMORE ROAD, LU7 2AE

SIGN UP FOR A FREE TRIAL AND SEE IF YOU LIKE IT

MORE INFORMATION
www.dgcricket.com
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The advertisement features two illustrations of a cricket player in a blue kit. The top illustration shows the player in a batting stance, hitting a white cricket ball. The bottom illustration shows the player in a bowling stance, with a white cricket ball in the air above them. The background is dark blue with white and yellow accents.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tend to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

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Wishing you all
a lovely
half term!

REMINDERS

Thank you to all parents/carers who continue to show (reciprocated) courtesy and kindness in their interactions with school staff.
This notice is a reminder that any aggressive, rude or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. Whether in person or on the phone, contact will be terminated immediately.

Start & Finish Times for September 2023

Year	Start time	Finish time
Years 3 & 4	8.40am	3.00pm
Years 1 & 2	8.40am	3.00pm
Reception	8:40am	3:00pm

PLEASE FOLLOW THE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2ND LAP.

Face Coverings

Please note, wearing masks on school site will now be optional.



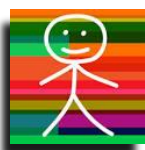
Change of contact details/address

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.



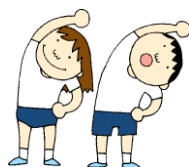
Absences/lateness

Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence. It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.45am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



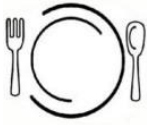
School App

We now have a school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for '**mySchoolApp**'. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



PE Kit

September 2023 – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.



School Lunches

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on www.parentpay.com. Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by Thursday for the following week. If you have any queries, please call 01908 615705. Beaundesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at <https://www.kidzzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzzoneclub.com or call the office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 3pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



Bikes and Scooters

Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.



Car Parking

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.