



# 'INSPIRE, RESPECT, SUCCEED'

NEWSLETTER 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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## Upcoming Dates:

### **Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> January:**

- School open to all pupils – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January
- School closed to all pupils Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January AM – school opens to all pupils at 1pm
- Y1 Battle of Hastings Day Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

### **Further ahead:**

- PTA Disco Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January (EYFS 2:15-3:00, Y4-6 3:15-4:30pm)
- PTA Disco Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January (Y1-3, 3:15-4:30pm)

## Message from the Headteacher

The flurry of Christmas trips and experiences always serves as a reminder to us as staff how lucky we are to have such wonderful children at this school. We have been sent many messages from visitors and venues about how well-mannered, well-behaved and kind our children are. It is not uncommon for us to hear, 'you are our favourite school to visit' and this is something we should cherish and be rightly proud of. So thank you to you, our school community, for contributing to this and raising such a wonderful group of children.

I am sure you will also join me in thanking the staff for their tireless efforts to educate and look after your child[ren] over the last term. I know first-hand how they go above and beyond, again and again, to ensure we provide the best for every child. The last few weeks, as you know, have been incredibly hard but they have not wavered in their professional pride and duty of care. We are very, very lucky to have the staff that we do and that could not have been more palpably evident this month.

Can I take the opportunity to wish you and all your family a safe, peaceful and happy Christmas and New Year together and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## School Closure

We have been informed Mrs Mather's funeral is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the morning. As a result, we have made the difficult decision to close the school for the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> in order for staff to be able to say their goodbyes. School will begin for all year groups at 1pm on this day, with gates opening at 12:45pm.

## Timings for the New Year:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – school open to all pupils

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Breakfast club and school closed in the morning to all pupils. Gates open at 12:45 for a 1pm start for all year groups. After school club is open as normal.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January onwards – school open as normal to all pupils.

As attendance for the morning is not possible, this will not affect attendance codes. We will let you know Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January of how any absence in the afternoon will be classified.

## Mrs Mather Memorial

Mrs Mather's family have set up a fundraiser which will be split between both the food bank and for a memorial garden here at Beardall Fields. If you would like to contribute you can do so at <https://gofund.me/86d7f0ca>. Monetary donations to the food bank in memory of Mrs Mather also remain open on Parent Pay until the start of next term. Your support has been of great comfort to us as a staff and for Mrs Mather's family.



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## Christmas Fayre

Thank you for your support for this impromptu event and for purchased raffle tickets. We have raised over £1000 for our PTA fund with the final amount to be announced in the New Year.

## School Website

We are in the process of updating our website media. You will notice we now have some of the photos taken by our school photographers last week on our main page, with others to be added across the website in the coming weeks. Do contact Mr. Drayton if you have queries over any permissions.

We also have a new school video – take a look at <https://shorturl.at/oCFzU> when you get chance.

## Uniform Donations

We have a large amount of uniform from years gone by that have been donated to us. If you would like any uniform, for any age group across school, please come and ask at the office and we will gladly help. It would be pleasing to have it put to good use!

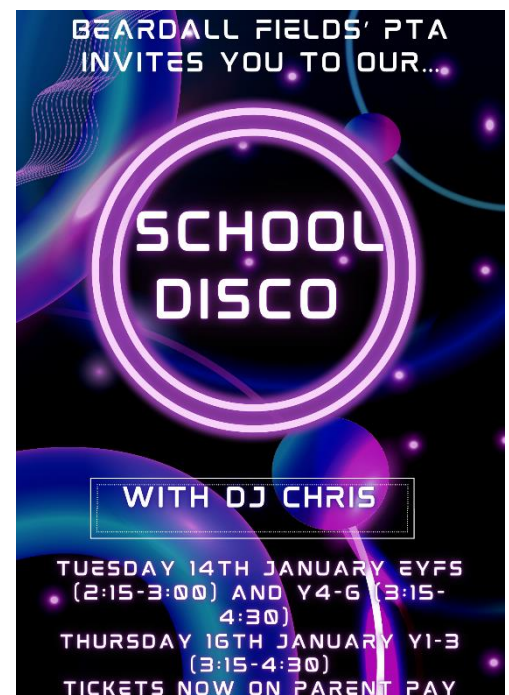
## January Disco

Our next PTA event is the school disco. School council have gathered feedback from the pupils of what they would like to keep or change from last years.

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January (Nursery and EYFS – morning nursery welcome to attend) 2:15-3:00pm (with a voluntary contribution of £2 for the non-uniform day)
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January (Y4,5,6) from 3:15-4:30pm – tickets £4 including glowsticks and a snack/drink.
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January (Y1,2,3) from 3:15-4:30pm – tickets £4 including glowsticks and a snack/drink.

Tickets are now available on ParentPay.

If you would like to support the PTA in running the event please get in touch with Mr. Drayton.





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## Easy fundraising

Please think of us when you are doing your Christmas shopping online! 😊

Beardall Fields Primary School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beardallfields/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beardallfields/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1) Thank you so much!



## Attendance

School Attendance Target	97%
Attendance this week	96%
Class(es) with the highest attendance	4H 100%

## INSET Days for 2024-2025

Please note our remaining INSET days for the academic year are as follows:

- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025

School will be closed to all pupils on these days.



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### Supporting Learning At Home

There are several ways you can help your child with learning at home. Log onto any of the following sites we have subscribed to or pick up a book from The Reading Olympiad. If you have any questions about log in details, or wish for work to be set for your child, please contact your class teacher.

### Mathematics

### Reading



The Reading Olympiad

### Science

### Music



### Whole Curriculum

