

# BEAMINSTER SCHOOL

BEAMINSTER  
DORSET DT8 3EP

Tel: 01308 862633  
Absence Line: 01308 861917



Ambition • Service • Kindness

HEADTEACHER  
MR K HALES NPQH

DEPUTY HEADS  
MR D WITHERS NPQH  
MR R BARNES MEd

Email: [office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

Website: [www.beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many **thanks for your forbearance** with the school closure, yesterday. The combination of the uncertainty of school transport and a yellow warning of rain plus other school closures reducing our staffing capacity meant that it was better have the certainty of online learning linked to the curriculum, rather than reduced classes and excessive cover lessons.

Our Sports Leaders helped to officiate and manage a very successful **House Sports Day** on Wednesday, especially the girls outside on the hockey pitch in very wintry conditions! **Lewesdon** won both the Hockey and Basketball to extend their narrow lead in the overall competition at the end of this first term.

Due to an error when tallying the scores, the Kenway Cup has now been correctly awarded to **Greenford Primary School**. Congratulations to Greenford, who will receive their gold medals on the 14<sup>th</sup> December at the beginning of the West Dorset Final.

We really appreciated such a positive attendance at the **Year 13 Consultation Evening** on Wednesday at the Sir John Colfox Academy, and thank you for the important conversations that took place.

On Wednesday, Year 10 students completed their **Prince's Trust Young Enterprise Project** of developing a product to sell. Having worked hard to complete their market research, logo designs, product design, testing and packaging, their Christmas chocolate was sold in a matter of minutes! There are a couple of photos on our Facebook page.

We also enjoyed seeing so many different designs for **Christmas Jumper Day**. As well as an opportunity to express the holiday spirit, much needed funds were raised for charitable causes. The BSPTA made their **Raffle Draw** this morning with 10 lucky winners receiving a wonderful array of prizes; thank you to everyone who bought tickets and helped to raise funds for the BSPTA.

As we approach the end of this first term for **Year 7**, Mrs Stone wanted to pass on how well they have settled in. They are living out our school values of Ambition, Service and Kindness and this week and next week they are handing out '**Random Act of Kindness**' cards to members of staff (teachers, support staff and the canteen) to show how grateful they are for the support they have received. One staff member wrote: "I have received a little card from a Year 7 student for helping her find her lost things. This is such a lovely idea, it made me feel appreciated and made me smile a little more than usual. Thank you for thinking of me!" Mrs Stone said: "It is an absolute pleasure to be their Head of Year and I am extremely proud of them all." Additionally, following their work for **Children in Need**, Year 7 have received a £50 Amazon voucher in the "Tell Us What You're Doing" competition!

Congratulations also to **Alfie Hambleton** and **Cale Faiers** who applied for, and were awarded, a place on the RI Maths Masterclass programme in Exeter. These extra-curricular workshops in Mathematics or Computer Science nurture students' curiosity and inspire them to continue with science, technology, engineering and mathematics engagement into the future.

**National Online Safety** are encouraging all schools to share a series of parental leaflets with you in the run up to Christmas. Please do take a few minutes to look at the two attached, based around **smartphone online safety tips and keeping children safe online** this Christmas.

Enjoy the weekend and stay dry!  
Mr Hales

*This ParentMail and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed. Disclosing, copying or distributing the contents is strictly prohibited without prior permission from the school. If you have received this email in error, please notify [office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)*