



From the Headteacher

This coming Saturday, 3 December, is our annual Christmas Fair where the BSA raise several thousand pounds for the benefit of all students at Beaumont. Do come and support between 11.00am and 2.00pm and help to raise a record amount this year. Further information is at the back of this issue of Beaumont Life and includes order forms for Puddings and Christmas Treeasy, two easy ways to help.

I am delighted to confirm earlier emails that we have now sold all the 'Buy-a-Bricks' for the new building, raising a total of £16,500 which has gone some way to fitting out our amazing new fitness suite, as shown in the photo.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the bricks and to the School Fund so far. Since its re-launch in September 2015 the School Fund has raised £21,000 in one-off gifts and brings in a monthly £1,400 through standing orders. This is great news for students so thank you. If every family in the school contributed £10 a month, we would raise in the region of £8,000 a month, or £96,000 pa. That would be even more amazing! Do consider completing a standing order form on the '80 in 18' section of the school website: <http://www.beaumontschool.com/pages/about-us/80-in-18.html>

Congratulations this month to Alex Hall, our Chair of Governors, who was awarded Hertfordshire School Governor of the Year at the recent Governor Awards. This award is so richly deserved being the result of the huge time commitment and quality chairing that Alex brings to Beaumont. We are very fortunate to have him as Chair.



This month our very best wishes go to Mrs Lennox-Hennessy (English) and Ms Khanam (Psychology) as they begin their maternity leaves.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our forthcoming Christmas events listed on the calendar below. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Elizabeth Hitch

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Thursday 1 December

Year 7 interim reports issued

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Friday 2 December

Years 11/12/13 senior follow on Maths Challenge

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Saturday 3 December 11:00 am Hall and various

Christmas Fair (BSA)

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Monday 5 December 3:25 pm Hall, D28, C1/C2

Year 13 Drama A Level Unit 3 Practical Exam

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Tuesday 6 December 5:00 pm Hall

Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

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Wednesday 7 December 7:00 pm Hall

Year 10 Work Experience Evening

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Thursday 8 December

Year 10 interim reports issued

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Saturday 10 December 7:00 pm County Club

Christmas Party (BSA)

Monday 12 December 1:45 pm Hall

Performance of 'A Christmas Carol' for Year 8

Wednesday 14 December 7:00 pm Hall

Christmas Concert – all welcome

Thursday 15 December 9:25 am

Year 9 interim reports issued

Monday 19 December 7:00 pm St Peter's Church

Year 11 interim reports issued

Tuesday 20 December 7:00 pm Hall

Carol Service

Wednesday 21 December 12:30 pm

Sixth Form Presentation Evening for Year 13 2015/16

Students dismissed (return on Monday 9 January 2017)

For sports fixtures please check the PE Blog www.beaumontpe.blogspot.com. For up to date news and information on forthcoming BSA events please check our website. Beaumont welcomes comments from parents/carers and families about any aspect of school life. Please contact us via our email admin@beaumont.herts.sch.uk.

Under 14 Girls win the District Basketball Rally

An undefeated set of games saw the Under 14 girls' team become District Champions at Oaklands College on Tuesday 18 October. In the round robin tournament, the girls beat Sandringham 12-2, Loreto 14-0, Sir John Lawes 8-0, Townsend 16-0 and Marlborough 8-2 to become District Champions and go on to represent St Albans in the County tournament later in the year.

Daisy Porter top scored with 16 points and Hannah Mc Corkindale Brown (10 points), Alice Jones (10 points) and Josie Leavold (8 points) also scored well throughout the tournament.

The whole squad played extremely well, both on offence and defence, and should go to the County tournament with a really confident approach.

Well done to all of you! Girls Under 14 squad: Daisy Porter, Emma Norman, Josie Leavold, Kate Riches, Alice Jones, Gracie-Ella Robinson, Abbie Brooks, Hannah McCorkindale Brown, Susie Weidmann, Ellie Flynn.

Mr Stewart



Mr Woolley's Poland Experience

Over half term I was honoured to represent Beaumont and the Great Britain Teachers Rugby League Team in a two match series against the Poland National Team. I left Gatwick not knowing what to expect of Poland nor the standard of rugby. I was overwhelmed with the welcome we received, not just our opponents but the whole local community within Lodz. There were huge language barriers but this did not get in the way of the hospitality and generosity shown to us.

It was a great privilege to represent my Country and Profession and singing the national Anthem. It became clear our trip was about helping develop rugby league in Poland which truly epitomized 'grassroots rugby'. I had arranged with St Albans Centurions to take over some old kit, which was gratefully received. I took an opportunity to present the Captain and Founder of Polish RL with a Polo top from Beaumont School, as a token of thanks and gratitude for their hospitality.

Mr Woolley

Writers Matt Dickinson and Tamsyn Murray visit Beaumont

Year 7 and 8 students were treated to two author visits this month. Firstly, we met writer, film-maker and climber Matt Dickinson. Matt summited Everest in 1996 and has used his experiences as the inspiration for his series of young adult books *The Everest Files*. Using his own breath-taking photos and video clip, Matt gave us a fascinating account of an Everest ascent, encouraging us all to 'think adventurously in life'. Students in 8A said: *"Matt Dickinson has inspired me to reach new heights and believe in what I do"*. Also *"I thought I was going with him on that adventure to Mount Everest"* and *"I thought Matt was very humorous and I can't wait to read some of his other books"*.

Last week writer Tamsyn Murray visited us and introduced her new book *Instruction for a Second-hand Heart* to Year 7 students. This compelling and uplifting book centres on the issue of organ donation. During her visit, Tamsyn read out a chapter to the students. Her story-telling mesmerised the audience who gasped as events in the chapter unfolded. After her talk, the queue to meet Tamsyn and buy a signed copy of the book stretched all the way through the library. Students' comments on Tamsyn's visit: *"I loved listening to the author and learning about her inspiration for her books"*, *"it was very cool to see the writer for real"* and *"The visit made me put the cliff-hanging book on my Christmas list"*.

For more information on these author visits, please read the Library blog:

libraryatbeaumontschool.blogspot.com

Mrs Shepard



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you for all the vouchers received for Sainsbury's Active Kids. Our order has now been received and the PE and Food Tech departments have benefitted from the following equipment: tennis balls, stopwatches, mesh carrying bags together with peelers, juice squeezers and saucepans. Thank you for your generosity.



From the Governors

You will all by now have read the letters from Mrs Hitch and me regarding Mrs Hitch's decision to retire early at the end of this academic year. At its meeting on 10 November, the Governing Body appointed a panel to oversee the Headteacher recruitment process. This panel has already met to discuss that process and the exceptional individual that we wish to appoint to build on Mrs Hitch's legacy. A lot of time has also been spent on preparing information for candidates that conveys what the Governing Body considers to be important about the school and its ethos. The post is being advertised nationally from the week commencing 21 November. Whilst we are moving quickly to advertise the role and recruit a new Headteacher as soon as possible, we are considering very carefully the sort of person that we need for this crucial post. As I said in my letter of 11 November, please be assured that we will do all we can to find the right person, so that Beaumont's excellent standards, both within and outside the classroom, will be maintained, and the school can continue to go "beyond outstanding". We hope to make the appointment by the end of January 2017.

On 10 November, the Governing Body also considered the results of the consultation on the expansion of PAN (by an additional 30 students) from September 2018. The feedback from stakeholders was overwhelmingly positive and so the Governing Body has now formally approved the expansion. It also approved the signature of the Funding Agreement (with Hertfordshire County Council) which provides for the funding of the new Science Block. We will now take steps to appoint an architect (and other consultants), so that this project can move forward as quickly as possible. We will also be asking the appointed architect to draw up plans for Beaumont Arts Centre. This is being funded by monies raised through the 80 in 18 Campaign. We continue to be immensely grateful for all donations towards the Campaign. A concrete example of what the fundraising has achieved - and, more specifically, what has been achieved through the Buy-a-Brick initiative - can be seen in the fitness suite in the new building, which (since Half Term) has been kitted out with state-of-the-art fitness and exercise equipment. Do take a look next time you visit.

Alex Hall, Chair of Governors

BEAUMONT CHRISTMAS FAIR:

Saturday 3 December 11-2pm

Come and enjoy the fun and support the school!

Can you help us make this a great event?

- Donate a prize for the auction from you or your company?
- Donate a prize for the raffle, gift stall, or tombola?
- Help set up on Friday 2 December 2.00-6.00pm?
- Help on the day running a stall?
- Help in the kitchen anytime between 9.00am – 3.00pm?

Thank you for all the help offered so far, but we still need more!

email us at bsa@beaumont.herts.sch.uk

or sign up via PTA social

<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/BSA>



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With Christmas fast approaching its time to inform you of our fantastic Christmas tree delivery & recycling scheme that Christmas Treeasy are able to offer through your school again this year.

For every tree sold through your school, to both staff and parents, your relatives, friends and work colleagues, we will donate the sum of between £3 and £5 (size of tree dependent) to your school funds by the start of the new school term in January.

Christmas Treeasy specialise in only the very best top grade trees available, the non-drop Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, which we deliver free of charge direct to your home. For a small additional fee there is also the option of recycling, whereby we collect and recycle trees in the New Year.

This year we have seven dates available for delivery (more dates may become available) and trees are of short supply, so please order early to avoid disappointment. How to Order:

There are again a variety of ways to your tree this year:

Through your School via the order form attached to this parent mail. Return these with payment to the school office.

Online at www.christmastreeasy.co.uk here we can take credit card payments, please choose your school from the drop down list.


By phone, calling 07710 407149 or 07989 072090


By direct email at enquiries@christmastreeasy.co.uk this year's order form is attached. You can also follow us and your delivery on facebook at: www.facebook.com/christmastreeasy and on Twitter: @XmasTreeasy.


WIN WIN a full refund on your order, it worked so well last year so we are bringing the offer back. Tell your friends about us and if they purchase a tree, make sure that they inform us, via the order page, of your recommendation and the winner will be the person who supplies the most recommendations; they will be notified and fully refunded before Christmas. Good luck!





 PREMIUM GRADE NORDMANN FIR	SIZE OF TREE	PRICE PER TREE	QTY ORDERED
	4ft to 4'8"	£34.00	
	4'8" to 5'6"	£39.00	
	5'6" to 6'4"	£45.00	
	6'4" to 7'2"	£52.00	
	7'2" to 8ft	£60.00	

 CINCO STAND	SIZE OF STAND	PRICE PER STAND	QTY ORDERED
	SMALL/MEDIUM	£15.00	
	MEDIUM/LARGE	£18.00	
	EXTRA LARGE	£23.00	

	RECYCLING OF XMAS TREE	£6.00	
	TOTAL		£ .00

Recycling of Christmas trees will take place between 7th & 30th January. Please leave your tree outside your door ready for collection.

NAME							
ADDRESS							
POSTCODE							
MOBILE NO.							
EMAIL ADDRESS							
DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS IF NOBODY AT HOME							
DECEMBER DELIVERY DATES (please circle)	1st	4th	7th	10th	12th	15th	17th

To place an order please return this form with payment to your school or charity as soon as possible

Orders must be placed by 12th December.

You can also order your tree

Online: www.christmastreeeasy.co.uk via email: enquiries@christmastreeeasy.co.uk

By phone on: 07710 407149 or 07989 072090

Cash & cheques must be placed in a sealed envelope marked Christmas Treeasy. Please make cheques payable to Christmas Treeasy Ltd; please write your details on the back. Credit card payments can be made online only.



BEAUMONT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Christmas Puddings



**** ORDER EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS ****

Give your taste buds a treat and support Beaumont School at the same time by placing an order for a delicious Christmas Pudding! Puddings (suitable for vegetarians) can be collected at the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 3th December**.



The Ultimate Traditional Pudding – light and delicious, this Christmas pudding is packed with luxury fruits and nuts soaked in brandy and sherry. These puddings come in 1lb (454g) four portion and 2lb (908g) eight portion sizes. Allergens: Contains wheat, eggs, nuts, soya. May contain mustard.

Sticky Toffee Pudding - The Nation's favourite. Not over sweet. Lovely light sponge with that gorgeous gooey outside where the sauce has soaked in. You'll definitely be licking the plate. Allergens: contains milk, wheat, eggs. May contain nuts and mustard.

NEW



The Ultimate Triple Chocolate Pudding for chocoholics everywhere - the real deal. Not just cocoa - proper chocolate! It's made with melted dark Belgian chocolate, fine French cocoa powder, chocolate chips, chocolate liqueur and a good slosh of brandy. Like all these puddings it's made for adults. Just needs cream or ice cream. Allergens: contains milk, wheat, eggs, nuts, soya. May contain mustard.

Zingy Lemon has a real citrus wow from fresh zest and juice, softened with the buttery roundness of lemon curd. A proper English pudding - intensely delicious and satisfying. Allergens: contains milk, wheat, eggs, nuts, soya. May contain mustard.



The Ultimate Triple Ginger Pudding is a buttery ginger sponge packed with candied stem ginger pieces and laced with warming ginger wine. Try it even if you aren't a ginger enthusiast - there's no harshness, just delight. Allergens: contains milk, eggs, wheat, nuts, soya. May contain mustard.

For information: the pudding label displays the ingredients, the cooking instructions and advises that the sale raises funds for Beaumont School. All steamed puddings are the same size as the 1lb Plum Pudding, weigh 290g and have at least a 4 month shelf life. Just complete the form below and return it in an envelope addressed to "Victoria Swain, B.S.A. Christmas Puddings" to school reception.

Cheques payable to 'Beaumont School Association' please. Many thanks for supporting your School.



Christmas Puddings

Order Form 2016

Name Parent/Carer of

Phone no Form Email

My Pudding Choice:	Qty	Price Each	Total	My Pudding Choice:	Qty	Price Each	Total
2 lb Traditional		£9.00		Zingy Lemon		£6.00	
1 lb Traditional		£6.00		Triple Ginger		£6.00	
Sticky Toffee		£6.00		Triple Chocolate		£6.00	

I enclose cash or a cheque (payable to: 'Beaumont School Association') for £.....

Please return in an envelope to "Victoria Swain, B.S.A. Christmas Puddings" to School Reception.