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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your continued support regarding our school. Exciting things are in the pipeline in our school and next half term, I hope to have a resolution to our fencing project and to start to put in some timescales and make announcements for the new playground project. Have a lovely half term break.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'G Tucker'.

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

What a successful first half term we have had in Beacon and what a pleasure it has been to get to know each of them and be there through this year in their school journey.

A quick reminder regarding reading at home. It is so important that children find the time to read at home, even just for 10 minutes a day. They can read their school book, a book to their dog, a recipe book, a magazine; it all counts as reading and has such a positive impact on their learning in all areas of the curriculum. With half term upon us, it's a perfect time to just add a few minutes into each day.

On that note, I wish you a happy and healthy half term and a good rest. I look forward to seeing everyone back on the 4th November.



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Alfoxton

This week, we have finished our Anglo-Saxon pendants and coil pots in our art project. We really enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons, "They had intricate, interlocking designs with amethysts and garnets to decorate their jewellery. They look amazing."

In Maths, we have learned about the composition of numbers up to 2,000. We can confidently count forwards and backwards in multiples of 100!

Our Science project is coming to an end so we have completed our final learning about the water cycle and an assessment to check the knowledge we have retained - we know a lot about solids, liquids and gases now! We finished off our learning in history by creating a double-page spread all about the lives of people who lived in the Anglo-Saxon period. Did you know that the children even had jobs to do? They would help with farming, preparing food and cooking. We quite like our time in school learning compared to the lives of Anglo-Saxons.

In English, we finished our learning by writing a letter to Arthur (King Arthur), persuading him that Excalibur really was the best sword to use in battle. Did you know it was forged by Avalonian elves using dragon fire? Wow!

We are all ready for a good rest over half term now that we have filled our memories with so much new knowledge!



Triscombe

It's been another busy, fun-filled week in Triscombe. In Adventurers, we made blueberry muffins that were as delicious as we expected. We took turns weighing and mixing the ingredients. We were careful not to lick the spoon! In English, we have been busy writing instructions on how to plant a seed. We hope to use these to help the rest of school grow plants that we hope will go into our quirky garden. We have also been busy making Autumn art. We made Autumn trees using broccoli and made apple print pumpkins.



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Preschool

This week in preschool, we have continued our Autumn theme. We have explored our new sensory tough tray, lifting the pumpkins to see which ones were heavy and light and listening to the crunch of the dried flowers when squished in our hands. We have guessed what we might find when cutting open our large pumpkin - juice and soup being amongst the guesses! Instead, the children were surprised we found lots and lots of seeds! We used paint and pipettes to drip Autumn colours onto cotton wool 'leaves' and watch them change colours and have painted with some of the natural objects we have found on some of our recent walks. We have also been recognising numerals 1-5 with our leaf sorting game and by feeding our squirrel her acorns.



Library

Our library is continuously being upgraded. This week our brand-new shelving was installed, as well as a fresh lick of paint! We have so many new books that have been organised so we can find what we want to read easily. We also have librarians from Year 5 and 6 to help keep our library tidy and organised!



Miss Mpfu cover first week back

Miss Mpfu has pre-arranged leave for the first week back so we welcome Miss Katie Cottey as teacher of Triscombe class. Miss Mpfu will be back the following week.



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Assembly Bangers

In an attempt to restore traditional school hymns to our singing repertoire, Mr Tucker has been on a mission to put this into any singing practices and Collective Worship he leads. It has put a smile on parents' faces and some have even joined in. He took his inspiration from a YouTube clip of a Glastonbury performer who got lots of adults sitting down crossed-legged and singing these classics. He refers to these as 'Assembly Bangers' and we have been doing our bit to restore these and get parents involved (no sitting down cross-legged required!). Come along every Friday 3.00pm to see children getting their weekly certificates but also to experience timeless masterpieces such as the following:

All things Bright and Beautiful
Give me joy in my Heart (Sing Hosanna)
He's got the Whole World in his hands
Shine Jesus Shine
Lord of the Dance
One more step
And many more...



KS2 Swimming

Due to the road closure on Tuesday, we were unable to attend our weekly swimming lesson. This lesson has now been rolled over and their last swimming will now be Tuesday 3rd December.



Football

We have taken the decision to pause Football club until the Spring. The dark, cold nights ahead don't make for a pleasant training experience and so we will hopefully resume when the clocks turn forward once again. We thank Dan Hocking for all his help over the year coaching the team and for getting our first win this summer. We will send out details in the spring regarding the club restarting.



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Poppies

Year 6 will be selling poppies to members of the school after half term. Please can children bring in a contribution for the Poppy Appeal, who raise funds for our Armed Forces community, for those who serve our country, have served our country or the families of the armed forces who have been taken in the line of duty. Any donation that you wish to give, however small or large, will be accepted gratefully for a poppy or a poppy themed memento to wear in remembrance.



Important Dates

Friday 24 th October:	Last day of term
Monday 28 th October-Friday 1 st November:	Half Term
Thursday 7 th November:	Individual and Sibling Photos
Monday 11 th – 15 th November:	Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November:	Parents Evening 16.00pm-18.00pm
Wednesday 13 th November:	Parents Evening 16.00pm-17.00pm
Friday 22 nd November:	Inset Day
Wednesday 11 th December:	Christmas Dinner (please ensure you have registered with our HSM app)
Thursday 12 th December:	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December:	Christingle at the Church 2.00pm
Friday 20 th December:	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 7 th January 2025:	First Day Back

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