



8th Hornchurch ST. GEORGES Beaver Colony.

January 2018.

Happy New Year and welcome back to beavers. This term's subs of £35 are due, payment by cash or cheque, (made payable to 8th Hornchurch Beavers). Thank you to those who have already paid.

Attached to this newsletter is a 'counting sheet' for this year's **Big Garden Birdwatch**. Please encourage your child to spend an hour over this weekend to look into the garden and record any birds coming in to feed. If you could then enter the figures on to the RSPB's website www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch it would be appreciated; or bring the counting sheet back to beavers and I'll enter them.

This Sun., 28th January, is our usual Church Parade at St. Andrews church, High St., H'church. Meet in the church hall at 10 a.m., dismiss from the church at approx.. 11.15 a.m. Please encourage your child to support this part of scouting; you are welcome to stay.

12th February NO Colony meeting as half-term.

Colony catch-up – Thank you to those who donated gifts for the Toy Service, also many thanks for the Christmas presents and cards to me and our young leaders.

We've welcomed a number of new members into the colony and hope they enjoy their stay with us.

Please ensure that your child's coat, jumper, scarf is labelled with their name as they often get muddled or left behind.

I try to encourage the beavers to take an interest in our environment and this forms the theme for lots of our evenings. The beaver masks we made our first week back were successful. Following on from the weather charts they did last week, perhaps you can point them in the direction of looking at a weather forecast and maybe making more weather symbols to use, (I really didn't think they'd need the snowman symbol). This evening the beavers have gone home with a 'cheerio' bird feeder and seed to encourage them to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch as mentioned above.

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