

Beech Green Primary School

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Newsletter for Thursday 2nd July 2020

School to Home – Week 15

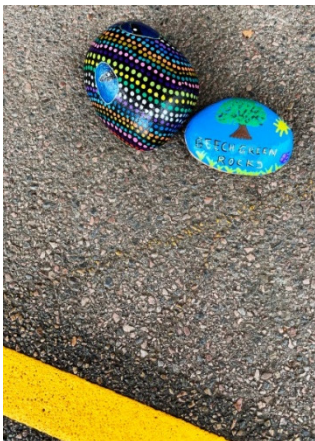


Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at Beech Green. On Wednesday we had 308 children in school across the day. I am mindful of the families who are not yet able to return; we have not forgotten you. I hope you are still receiving the home learning information and support.

The organisation required to open part-time for all year groups has taken time; we are grateful to you for your understanding, to the staff for their dedication and professional determination to keep educating and to our pupils who have embraced the changes and found the positives.

The one-way system seems to be working, most days it is a well-oiled machine that only grinds to a halt when I forget to open a gate! Please be assured that you can arrive ANYTIME in the fifteen-minute window, it means we can reduce the number of people in the playground. Gates open (or should) at 8:45, 11:45, 12:45 and 3:45 and close at 9:00, 12:00, 1:00 and 4:00. Please use the path to line up for collection of KS1 and Reception. Key workers are doing a great job of avoiding the busy times – thank you!



Can you add to our Beech Green Rocks Snake? A pupil in Year 5 has started off a stone snake. You'll find its head near the pedestrian gate; you can add your painted stone on your way out.



Please leave the stones for everyone to enjoy.

Transition

On Monday you will receive a ParentMail from your child's new teacher. The letter will include their email address which you are welcome to use anytime, although please do not expect an immediate reply. Government guidance for the autumn term was released at lunchtime today. Like us, you might be keen to know what the new academic year will look like. There is flexibility so we can plan to meet the needs of the children at Beech Green. This information will be sent to you before the end of the term.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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All Key Worker Childcare enquiries to: covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Two Long Serving Mid-Day Supervisors (Play Team) Retiring

With much sadness, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Challoner and Mrs Trenfield at the end of term. Mrs Challoner has worked at the school since it opened in 1986 (our longest serving member of staff) and Mrs Trenfield has worked here for over 21 years. Both ladies have decided it's now time to retire. We wish them both a long, healthy and happy retirement and thank them both for their long service and all they have contributed to our school over the years.

Midday Supervisor vacancies

Following on from the previous paragraph, we now have vacancies on our Play Team (midday supervisory assistants) from 2nd September. Hours worked are between 11:50 and 13:10, Monday to Friday. The job involves supervising and interacting with the children over the lunch period. Please contact Mrs. Phillips in the office if you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining our team or you would like further details.

Beech Green Library Wish List

www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1SSXB58TWNFIR?&sort=default

We've had a number of parents asking us about a wish list, as they would like to buy something to say 'thank you' as the end of year approaches. As we have been giving the library a make-over, this would be the perfect opportunity to share our book wish list with parents.

Returning Library Books

Please can all library books be returned to school. To do this, we will place trolleys on the school playground located near to the gates. As you drop off your child/children please deposit your books into a trolley as you pass. The trolley's will be out on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th whilst the gates are open in both the morning and the afternoon. Many thanks.

Check to see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) using the confidential online portal available on this website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered. Please do apply, as we need all the money available to us!

Beech Green's Got Talent (BGGT)

A virtual talent competition this year; to enter your child you will need to film their performance and send an email (please use BGGT in the subject box) to

fionawescott@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

harrietmcgill@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

After the first round of auditions, Mrs McGill and Miss Wescott will select a limited number of acts to put forward for whole school viewing. Films that get through to the final round will be combined to make a final show which will be shared with the children in classes and sent to those of you at home.

The films will not be posted on social media and will only be accessible via a link.

Children's Report Comments

Please remember that tomorrow is the last day to have emailed these to your child's teacher. Many thanks if you have already sent your comments in to school; we do love reading them.



Museum of Gloucester – A Life In Lockdown Exhibition

Memories of Covid-19 in Gloucestershire 2020

The **Museum of Gloucester** is inviting everyone in the county to capture their memories of #Gloucestershire during the period of #lockdown, for an exhibition titled 'A Life in Lockdown'. They are hoping to display as many memories as possible in an exhibition at the museum in Autumn 2020, as well as producing a permanent record of this period in their digital collection.

www.museumofgloucester.co.uk

A Beautiful Landscape Painting – thank you Alex

We were thrilled to be given an amazing painting this week, which we are going to display in school for all to enjoy. It's that good you would think a professional artist had painted it.

The amazing landscape painting is actually by Alex Burge in year 5, who is 10 years old.

Alex writes, "This is my landscape painting, created for everyone at Beech Green School. When my Dad was showing me Bob Ross, the person who inspired me, I wanted to paint straight away. He was so calm and peaceful to watch. At the beginning of some of his videos he would hold baby racoons or squirrels. For Christmas 2019 I was given a Bob Ross set which included different brushes, paints and a book full of different paintings which; help you to learn step by step. The book is very helpful but it is Bob's programmes that help me more.

I paint because it makes me happy. I feel very proud when I look at my paintings. So, I hope he inspires you like he did to me and I hope you like the painting."



School Summer Holidays

The last day of term for pupils will be Thursday 16th July. This means that school, home learning and the key worker facility will finish on 16th July. We are not able to offer any childcare during the summer holidays.

Take care, stay safe, best wishes.

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