

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 12th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I have to tell you that our very own Mrs Parkinson has decided it is time to stop working such long hours. After many years of teaching, she would like to find a better balance between work and home. Like many jobs teaching is a vocation, it fills every waking hour and more. Mrs Parkinson has worked tirelessly, she loves our school and community and has put her heart into creating learning opportunities that will inspire our children. We will all be so sorry to see her leave at the end of the term, but she has assured me that she will continue to find ways to support us all.

Mrs Parkinson has also been a Beech Green School Governor, covering several roles, since 1995; we are delighted she will continue with her work for the governing body.

Every year we create a school development plan so that we keep improving our school and what we offer children and families. The three main themes for pupils this year are:

1. Children's social and emotional well-being
2. Academic progress especially in maths and English
3. Establishing a home learning platform – in case of further closure.

Since September we have re-referred children to the Trailblazer project and Young Minds Matter and developed the work of our Pastoral Support leader, Mrs Ogden and our Therapeutic Learning Mentor, Claire White. We have created a Social, Emotional, Mental Health policy and identified additional ways we can try to meet the needs of all. There is of course more to do, but we would like all families to know that support is there for those that ask. Working in partnership with you and effective two-way communication is the best way to help your child. Contact the school via the office or email SarahWilliams@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk or SharonWeeks@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

I want to almost whisper that we have started to think about Christmas, look out for a Parent Mail on Monday 16th November which explains all our plans for the festive season, we want to make it as special as possible for our little people.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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Term Dates Survey for 2021-2022

Although it seems a long way away, we have to make a decision about our term dates and INSET days this week, for next academic year. We are considering a two week break in October therefore falling in-line with Severn Vale and other local schools. We don't want to assume or impose this decision on our families so please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FNDMHFN> to tell us what you think. We will let you know the outcome in the newsletter next week.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

Throughout this next week children have been thinking and learning about themselves and others. Tomorrow, Friday 13th November they can come to school in their own clothes and bring £1 or more to donate to Children in Need. There will be buckets to collect donations at both gates on Friday 13th November and Monday 16th November.



Thank you for your support

From the Governing Body

We thought that it would be good to let everyone know a little about the Governors, especially for the new parents at the school, so over the next few weeks we are all going to write a little something about ourselves and attach our "mug" shots.



My name is Sarah Costello-Byrne and I am the Chair of Governors; my role is to support and challenge the Headteacher, chair meetings, review policies, deal with complaints and with the rest of my fellow governors, to help in the direction of the school and the strategic decisions that are required. I also sit on the Education & Development Committee and have responsibility for Children Adopted from Care, at the school. I have been a governor at the school for just over 5 years, I am vice chair at another secondary school and have previous experience of being a school governor. My children attended BG for a few years, but have now moved onto "big" school.

Professionally I am a chartered accountant, but have always had an interest in education, I think that it is because I always wanted to be a teacher when I was a child! So that is me; next week Stephen Ball our Vice Chair will be writing about himself.

I would also like this opportunity to thank all the Staff at the school again for the amazing job that they are doing. Thank you from all the Governors.

Remembrance Day – 11th November



Due to COVID-19, The Royal British Legion has not been able to raise the funds they usually do, so thank you to all the families who dropped a coin or two in our collection buckets to support this year's appeal. This has now been collected.

A special well done to Jayla-Mai Butt in Frisia 5, who has been really busy painting and colouring poppy pictures, to raise money for the Royal British Legion. She has so far raised a total of £128, all by herself. Well done to you.



Also many thanks to our Art Instructor Mrs Weinzwieg, who prepared some wonderful poppy work, which is presented around school.

Kittle Photos

Kittle photos have now been sent home with the children.

Collecting Chocolate Selection Boxes for Gloucester Foodbank

The trolley to put your Christmas selection boxes or chocolate treats is out in the car park at the start and end of the school day this week and next. These will be taken to the Gloucester Foodbank by an ex pupil who is trying to achieve her Duke of Edinburgh award in these difficult times. 🌲🌲 Any donations welcome, however, big or small. They will all go to children and families who are in need. 🌲🌲🎅❤️

School Christmas Dinner

Our lovely kitchen staff are going to cook a Christmas dinner for every child who wants one. Due to the current circumstances, KS1 children will have their meal on Wednesday 16th December and KS2 children will have their meal on Thursday 17th December. KS2 children will need to bring a “festive” packed lunch in on 16th December and KS1 children will need a “festive” packed lunch on 17th December, as hot school meals will not be served to them on those days. Children entitled to a free school meal can be provided with a festive packed lunch on the day when they do not have a hot school dinner – but again this will need to be pre-ordered. A ParentMail was sent yesterday and the **order forms** are coming home today.

FABG Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please see the FABG poster coming home with this newsletter, about the planned FABG Christmas Hamper Raffle. There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 27th November, when your child is invited to bring in an item of festive food or £1 towards the Christmas hampers. For a chance to win a hamper; raffle tickets will be on sale early December and will cost £1 per ticket.

Reception Gravel Pit

The Reception children are loving their new gravel pit thanks to the generosity of Buildit Gloucester, who last Saturday made an early morning delivery/donation to school.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their Saturday to build and fill it. Many thanks again Buildit.



OPAL play at Beech Green



Thank you for all your recent support with outdoor shoes, wellies and waterproof clothing – the children have been having some amazing playtimes. The play can be messy at times, but it is helping to develop our children’s imagination and use of descriptive language. Here is a selection of what we have been getting up to:



We are pleased to announce the opening of our new **Play Café**; officially opened by Mrs Poulson and some excited children! We would love to enhance this new play area with some additional items: pots and pans; kitchen play equipment; plastic food etc. We also have an OPAL donation “wish list” for the following items:

- Scooters
- Old (working) Makita digital radio
- Buckets and spades
- Tool bags and boxes
- Old phones and keyboards
- Paintbrushes

Thank you for your support in helping to create wonderful play opportunities for our children every day!
From Mrs Hart & the OPAL Play Team

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