# Beech Green Primary School "Believe Grow Persevere Succeed" Newsletter for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 School to Home – Week 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Sue Poole, who has worked at Beech Green as a mid-day supervisor, then cleaner for many years. We thank Sue for everything she has done during her long time with us and all wish her well and much enjoyment with her new free time.

I'd also like to inform you that Mrs Carole Phillips has decided it is time to take early retirement. There have been many times in the last 3 years and most especially in the last year that Mrs Phillips has made school life easier by quietly noticing gaps and picking up the pieces. She has been at the end of the phone and running our school for 30 years. It is going to be a very difficult role to fill; it requires a blend of financial expertise, knowledge of human resources, the ability to work well with a huge range of professionals, excellent communication and people skills, resilience, humour and patience. If you know anyone who might be interested in this post, please pass on our details.

The advert can be found here - www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/vacancies

Attached to this newsletter is a request for children to put themselves forward to be a school council representative for their class. The class meeting in the first week back after half term will include time for potential representative to talk about themselves and their ideas. Children at home and at school will be able to vote. Please read the attached information and good luck!

Undoubtedly some families will be working over half term, while the rest of us put down our virtual pens. Home learning will stop for a week, hopefully this will at least ease the pressure.

There has been a lot in the news about how children will need to 'catch up'. Of course there has been some missed time, but whenever they come back we'll just do what we've always done, talk to our children and you, identify any learning gaps and emotional needs and make a plan to help each child. We are still here if you need us over half term, just email <a href="mailto:covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk">covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk</a> and someone will get back to you. Very best wishes

#### A message from Tally

https://twitter.com/BeechgreenTally/status/1358898427007033344?s=20

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

@beech green

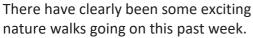


# **Half Term Holiday**

Tomorrow we finish for the half term holiday. It's time to put away the Home-Learning for one week, switch off the laptops and get out to have some good old fashioned fun (albeit in our gardens or local walks.) We do understand many of our parents are still trying to work from home or key working somewhere, so your 'juggling act' goes on. Whatever family arrangements you have, then please try to find some time to unwind and enjoy the simple things in life. They are often free, so that's a bonus too.

#### **Cheerful Photo of the Week Corner!**







Have you noticed the first signs that Spring is around the corner? Snowdrops in bloom and other bulbs too starting to push on through?

Here we have Year 1 twin sisters and a Year 2 sharing their finds and big smiles. The cute little chap in the middle is Pringle, a pet African Pygmy hedgehog feeling happy after bath time!

Anymore happy photos please, to <a href="mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk">admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk</a>

## **Can Anyone Help Us Please?**

# Does anyone have a van or trailer, who would be willing to collect something from Mrs Poulson's house please?

We are getting excited for when the day comes that we can welcome all the children and our families back into school. Whilst there are fewer children around, we have started to decorate the communal areas, with the next job being the school hall.

We want it all to look super sparkly and fresh for when you can come back.

We need to transport a decorating tower from Mrs Poulson in Tewkesbury to school, so that Mr Morris can access the high bits of the hall. If you can help us with this transportation (and return it later), then please phone Mrs Simmonds in the school office 01452 722363. Your assistance will be really appreciated.

#### **Rotary Children's Competitions 2021**

The Rotary Club is organising some competitions for children, suitable for young people aged 7 to 17. If your children love a competition, then this might be something fun to do and enter over the holiday. Please see the link below on what's available and how to enter. Good luck. If we have any Beech Green Winners, then please let us know and we can congratulate you via this newsletter.

Free to enter. Gift voucher to be won. www.gloucesterquaysrotary.co.uk/competitions

- Rotary Young Artist
- Rotary Young Photographer
- Rotary Young Writer

## A Big Thank You from Pudsey

Despite the pandemic we managed to raise almost £400 last autumn. BBC Children in Need have sent us this poster to acknowledge your brilliant effort. Thank you.

