

Beech Green Primary School

"Respect, Achieve, Belong"

Newsletter for Thursday 23rd September 2021

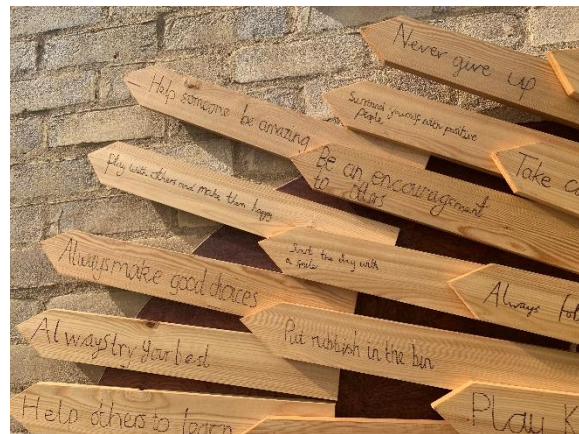
Dear Parents and Carers,

There are some physical changes going on around the school, these symbolise what we value, celebrate achievements and demonstrate our determination to serve our community. The photographs I have included below are just two examples of projects we started last year.

Each child in Year 2 (now Year 3) created a piece of bunting which sewn together has been displayed in the entrance hall and Family Tree Café. We are very proud of the finished piece.



The children now in Year 4 worked together to make a pledgehog; each wooden spike contains a pledge which aims to help us all think about our behaviour towards others.



This term every class is making a bug, a big bug! This will be positioned around Quedgeley for families to hunt for. The Big Bug Hunt is planned for Sunday 10th October, look out for more information on the official face book page and a Parent Mail next week.

The Governing Body at Beech Green

A new academic year, comes with some changes to our Governing Body.

We would like to welcome Mrs Katie Tucker as our new Chair of Governors.

"My name is Katie Tucker and I have been elected as the Chair of Governors for the upcoming year. I am honoured to be able to serve the school in this way. I have been a governor here for almost 2 years and have previously been a Governor and Chair of Governors in two other settings. I have a particular interest in self-improvement and look forward to working with the Governors to be the best 'critical friend' we can be for the leadership in the school. I have two boys in KS2 at the school so I am often in and around. Please do come and say hello!"

You can contact Katie Tucker at chair@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk. We would also like to say thank you to Mrs Rakiya Sambo, who has served on the governing body for several years, but who has now resigned her position as Co-Opted Governor.

The governing body play a very important role in governance of our school and from time to time we seek new members or have Parent Governor elections. If being a school governor is something that might interest you, then you can find out more information about the role, or speak to Katie or any of the existing governors. www.gov.uk/become-school-college-governor

Governors fall under different categories and at Beech Green our governing body is made up of 14 members, being the headteacher by default, 1 local authority (LA) governor, 1 staff governor (elected by the staff), 4 parent governors (elected by you the parents) and 7 co-opted governors (decided by the governing body as a whole.)

Mrs Jenny Simmonds is Clerk to the Governors and Miss Danielle is an Associate Member.

Our school governors are...

Headteacher - Mrs Julie Poulson

LA Governor - Vacancy

Staff Governor - Mrs Kate Hart

Parent Governors - Mr Stephen Ball (Vice-Chair of Governors); Mrs Joanna White; Mrs Katie Tucker (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Beth Staite

Co-Opted Governors – Mrs Helen Parkinson, Mr Luke Thompson; Mrs Linda Salomon; Mrs Andrea Webb; Mr Jehanzeb (Jay) Navid and two vacancies

Nationally Accredited Courses

Are you looking to return to work? We are running some free courses through the Parent Café. They are for 6 weeks and last approximately 2 hours. You will earn NOCN certificate in Skills for Employment, Training and Personal Development (SETPD.) This is a nationally recognised qualification, recognised by colleges and potential future employers. The courses include Nail Art and Creative Arts. The first course starts on November 2nd 2021. Please contact Mrs Ogden if you are interested to reserve your place: dawnogden@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

School Portrait and Family Groups

Kittle Photographic will be in school on the 7th and 8th October to take individual portraits and family photos already requested. The date has now past to request a family photo, which can only be the children who attend Beech Green. Sorry, but we cannot accommodate to include pre-school siblings.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – now full for terms 1 and 2

Clubs are now well under way; the closing date to put your child's name down has past.

We have tried to accommodate most requests. A new set of clubs will be advertised for the spring term – terms 3 and 4.

October Half term Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers

This is a reminder that for the October half-term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to the Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half-term week.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure they get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can. Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit this website:

the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#)

For any queries please contact: childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Reminder of Quedgeley Event this Saturday

Lots of you are already aware of the event, to be televised, to commemorate the 1940 acts of heroism of Flt Lt Robert Coventry RAF, who by his amazing flying skills saved the lives of many children attending the then Quedgeley School.

A Service of Remembrance at Field Court School, will be followed by a parade along School Lane to the Memorial Garden, where the Memorial to his memory will be unveiled – there will also hopefully be a flyover by the RAF.

Families can take part in the Parade, or just line School Lane; all are welcome to take a part. There will be a Road Closure in place.

The parade will be led by the Mounted Section of Gloucestershire Constabulary and the Pipes and Drums from St. Andrews. Refreshments are available near to the church.

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Beech Green Holiday Club

We plan to be open on the following dates:

Monday 11th April 2022 – Thursday 14th April 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Friday 22nd April 2022

Monday 25th July 2022 – Friday 29th July 2022

Monday 1st August 2022 – Friday 5th August 2022

Monday 8th August 2022 – Friday 12th August 2022

Monday 15th August 2022 – Friday 19th August 2022

Information about places will be available nearer the time.

Beech Green Breakfast and After School Club – JOB VACANCIES

We have a vacancy in Breakfast Club, starting after half term, for a playworker. The hours are 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. A play work qualification is preferred but not essential.

Due to increasing demand for places, we also have a vacancy for a playworker in After School Club, starting as soon as possible. The hours are 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. A play work qualification is preferred but not essential.

If you are interested in both or either of these posts, please email us on info@beechgreennursery.co.uk and we will send you further details.

School early closing and After School Club

Friday 17th December – After School Club closed, date not included in your invoiced hours

Friday 8th April – After School Club closed, date not included in your invoiced hours

Thursday 21st July – After School Club open. Additional afternoon childcare available for children currently booked in with us on the 21st, at a cost of £5 per child.

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