

Beech Green Primary School

"Respect, Achieve, Belong"

Newsletter for Thursday 14th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all become uncertainty experts, constantly adapting to new measures in a changing landscape of guidelines to follow. I don't know about any of you, but I have stopped trying to predict what might happen next. Instead the whole staff team at Beech Green have continued to try to do what we think is right. We have also tried to continue to do everything we usually do at this time of year.



This picture was kindly created for our school staff; it will become a wonderful focal point for visitors to the café when it opens after half term.

Year 1 and Year 5 have now completed their legacy projects. They will brighten up our school.



Our Growing Hope Project had started, trips and visitors are planned, the website has been updated and we are looking forward to some more FABG community events.

As always we are grateful to our whole community for your support and respectful challenge. I hope you have a lovely half term holiday.

Mrs Julie Poulson Headteacher

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Holiday Term Dates Reminder – October Half Term is 2 weeks!

Have a lovely holiday. We all finish normal time Friday and come back to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

Non-School Uniform Day – TOMORROW! - £1 per child for FABG



EXCITING NEWS!



Finally, we are able to open the Family Tree Café once again – it is such a long time since we have been able to welcome you in to school to join us for a coffee!

For those of you who haven't been in before, the café opens **every Tuesday morning**, with tea, AMAZING “bean-to-cup” coffee or hot chocolate – and maybe the odd cake or two! If you like a bit of a speciality coffee, we can offer latte, cappuccino, Americano or mocha, and with lots of different syrups available too! Drinks are usually just £1 – but on **Tuesday 2nd November**, drinks will be **free** to say “welcome back!”

Look out for the flags on the playground – if the flags are out, the café is open! Come to the front entrance once you've dropped your children off, have a coffee and a chat with friends or just pop in to say “hello” – we'd love to see you!

Harvest Collection This Week

This week we have been collecting for the Gloucester Food Bank. Thank you so much for all your kind donations. Please bring any of the items listed below to school tomorrow or Monday 1st November, it will be collected just after half term. The shopping trolley is out in the playground at the start and end of day.

HARVEST APPEAL the trussell trust Help UK Hunger

HELP BY DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST TO ENSURE WE CAN PROVIDE FOOD TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

SMALL JAR COFFEE
JARS PASTA SAUCE
LONG LIFE JUICE (NOT CHILLED)
TINNED RICE
PUDDING
TINNED SPAGHETTI
TINNED VEGETABLES
SHOWER GEL
DEODORANT

Thank you

Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

TINNED CUSTARD
TINNED POTATOES
TINNED FISH
TINNED FRUIT
TINNED TOMATOES
LONG LIFE MILK (NOT CHILLED)
SHAMPOO
TOILET ROLLS

Thank you

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SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

FRAY BENTOS PIES
INSTANT PACKET MASH
PACKET SAVOURY RICE
BOTTLES SQUASH
BABY SHAMPOO
BABY BATH
BABY WIPES
BARS OF SOAP

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Gloucester Foodbank
gloucester.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1113515

Kittle Photography – how to access and order your photos

Last week, Kittle Photographic, were in school and took individual portraits and all the family photos (that were pre-ordered as requested.)

Your child was sent home with a QR Code slip which gives you the details on how to login and order. These are now available. Anyone who had a family photo taken, will see them when you login to your eldest child.

Guidance to Schools for Coughs, Temperatures, Loss of Taste or Smell in the Management of COVID-19

Please understand that, if we phone you to say your child is coughing in school and/or has a temperature and/or change of loss of taste or smell, we are only following the guidance issued to us as an educational setting.

Our guidance states that:-

If any staff or pupils develop COVID-19 symptoms **ALWAYS seek a PCR test**. LFD tests should not be used on people with symptoms. **LFD tests should not be used on children under the age of 11 years old**.

We realise that this is going to get more tricky as winter colds and coughs appear, but you will appreciate we are also doing what is expected of us with an aim to keep us all safe in school. Thank you for bearing with it.

FABG, as a charity, has joined amazon smile

- You can now nominate amazon to give FABG 0.5% of all your purchases
- It won't cost you anything and is easy to set up using the amazon app
- Use your android or apple phone
- Just first update amazon app to the latest software
- Go to your settings page and click on amazon smile
- Search for friends at beech green
- Nominate them as your chosen charity, then enable it to your app
- FABG will then receive 0.5% of what you purchased, with no extra cost to you
- It doesn't work on an iPad - you have to use www.smile.amazon.co.uk instead every time

With Christmas around the corner, it's a great opportunity to help support FABG, who contribute a lot to helping your children's school with lots of great projects. Thank you.

Stranger, Danger

We periodically get notifications from the local authority about incidents of concern around the county regarding stranger, danger situations. We urge you to discuss this topic with your children so they are aware. www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone_stranger-danger

Piano Lessons available at Beech Green

Do you have a child in Y3-6 who is interested in learning to play the piano?

Our peripatetic teacher, Mrs Griffiths, has spaces for lessons to be held during the school day.

Lessons cost £70 for ten 20 minute lessons (£7 per lesson) which is very reasonable for 1:1 piano tuition.

If you are interested, please contact Mrs McGill in Y5 - you can drop her a note or email on harrietmcgill@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Beech Green Nursery needs a defibrillator - can you support us?

We have a child that has started with us that is funny, happy, bright and is loving their time at Nursery. However, they have complex health needs and life is not straight forward for them and their family. Due to health complications, they cannot attend Nursery as much as their friends do. They miss us and we miss them.

We want to make it as safe as possible for them to attend Nursery and enjoy lots of fun and learning, with their friends.

We need a defibrillator at Nursery so that we are trained and prepared should the worst happen.

Any support you can give us and this fabulous family to raise the funds to buy a defibrillator, would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou <https://uk.gofundme.com/f/a-defibrillator-saves-lives-will-you-help-us>

FABG Upcoming Events



Tuesday 2nd November
Second Hand Uniform Sale



£1
Each Item




FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR SCHOOL DAY
BEECHGREEN NEEDS YOU
Bring your own tools, brushes, seedlings/greens and any other tools that may be useful

SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER
9:30 ~ 14:00
Please put your name down on our list if you are able to help

Because many hands make light work




Free
Bacon Butty @11 for all helpers



LIBRARY Book Sale

Tuesday 9th November
3pm front playground



Come pick up a few of your children's favourites or find something new

Book will be arranged in age appropriateness



British Legion Poppy Appeal

After the holidays, the children will have the opportunity to buy a poppy in school for Remembrance Day, 11th November.

Year 6 will be selling these from Monday 1st November.

Half Term Family Events at The Museum in the Park, Stroud

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 October, 10am, 11.30am & 2pm - Experiments with dyes! Workshops with Stroudwater Textile Trust

£2 per participant, booking required: [book online](#) or call 01453 763394

Friday 29 October at 2pm - Stratford Park Tree Walk

Cost £5 / £3.50 booking necessary: [book online](#) or call 01453 763394

Sorry, this event is not suitable for wheelchairs/buggies or dogs.

Sunday 31 October (drop off from 3pm, trail at 5.30pm) - Stroud Valleys Project presents: Pumpkins in the Park A Carved Pumpkin Trail outside The Museum in the Park

FREE event, donations appreciated.

Saturday 23 – Sunday 31 October - 'Hiding Hedgehogs' I Spy Trail (outdoors) FREE

Families with young children are invited to enjoy a quiet walk around the beautiful Walled Garden.

Admire Autumn colours and seed heads, listen to wind, rain or bird song ... and see if you can spot some little stone hedgehogs hiding here and there. Free 'I Spy' trail.

Saturday 23 – Sunday 31 October - Past (Wild) Life Trail (indoors)

Time has gone wild ... again! A gaggle of curious costumed creatures from the past are lost inside the Museum (you may have met them outside during the summer holidays!).

Please tell us where they are hiding and put them in chronological order for extra points.

Free 'I Spy' picture trail designed by local illustrator Hannah Shaw.

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