



Beech Green News

Issue 4

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It Never Rains But It Pours



I have some staff changes to tell you about this week; Mrs Hannah Suwart joined Beech Green as an newly qualified teacher seventeen years ago. A much loved teacher, she has provided excellent support and wonderful care for the children. Hannah has made a hugely positive impact, helping to improve reading and develop our library. Her next job takes her nearer home and will present exciting, new challenges. Hannah will leave at Christmas, we thank her for all her work and wish her the very best as she moves onto the next step in her career.

Mr Kevin Morris will also be moving on at Christmas. Kevin is undoubtedly the best site manager I have worked with, he is relentless in his drive to improve the buildings and fixtures. A meticulous

record keeper, he maintains all the health and safety records as well as picking up a huge range of other tasks through the week. Similarly, Kevin is moving to a school nearer his house and a more challenging role. Although we are pleased for Kevin and know that he'll do a great job we are a bit worried about how we will ever replace him!

Both jobs are advertised on our school website, please pass on this information to anyone you think might be interested and qualified. Please talk to someone if you would like to know more.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

School News



Children in Need

It was lovely to see so many of our children coming to school in their pyjamas last Friday to raise money for BBC's Children in Need. Thank you for all your donations towards this worthwhile cause. We raised a grand total of £342.50! Well done Beech Green!

Family Cafe

Hayley Haddock from Early Help is coming to the Family Cafe on Tuesday for an informal chat with any parents who would like some information or advice. Early Help is an umbrella term that describes the work of many agencies engaged with children and families and focuses on how they can help people to do things for themselves and build on strengths within families. It is also about providing support at any and every stage of a child's life: pre-birth, during pregnancy, childhood and/or early adulthood.

School Absences

We all know how important it is for our children to attend school regularly, however, we do understand that children get sick and when they are, the best place for them to be is at home. When your child isn't going to be in school, please let the office know as early as possible on every day of absence. This can be done in one of four ways, via Parent mail, the careline, by email (admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk) or by telephone. As a school, we have a duty of care to know where all our pupils are by mid morning, if we don't, we will phone you to find out.

Also, if your child is late to school and hasn't been collected at the top door by a member of staff, please remind them to pop in the office to register.

Term Dates 2022/2023

We are now in a position to let you know the term dates for the next academic year. These are aligned to Severn Vale and other local schools in the area. Feel free to speak to us about holiday club places; it may be possible to provide financial support for families on an individual basis.

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Mon	Mon	Mon
Tues	Tues	Tues
Wed	Wed	Wed
Thur	Thur	Thur
Fri	Fri	Fri
Sat	Sat	Sat
Sun	Sun	Sun
DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Mon	Mon	Mon
Tues	Tues	Tues
Wed	Wed	Wed
Thur	Thur	Thur
Fri	Fri	Fri
Sat	Sat	Sat
Sun	Sun	Sun
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Mon	Mon	Mon
Tues	Tues	Tues
Wed	Wed	Wed
Thur	Thur	Thur
Fri	Fri	Fri
Sat	Sat	Sat
Sun	Sun	Sun
JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Mon	Mon	Mon
Tues	Tues	Tues
Wed	Wed	Wed
Thur	Thur	Thur
Fri	Fri	Fri
Sat	Sat	Sat
Sun	Sun	Sun

Term 1: Mon 4th Sept – Fri 27th Oct 2023
35 days

40 days Term 2: Mon 6th Nov – Fri 22nd Dec 2023

Term 3: Mon 8th Jan - Fri 9th Feb 2024 25 days

Term 4: Mon 19th Feb – Fri 22nd Mar 2024 25 days

Term 5: Mon 8th April – Fri 24th May 2024 34 days

Carol Service

We're looking forward to getting into the Christmas spirit this year as we gather together for our carol concerts. This year they will be taking place at St James Church, Quedgeley on Monday 12th December. Parents and carers of children in KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will be asked to accompany their children to church at 9am, for a simple service and carols, parents and carers are welcome to stay to join in! KS1 children who attend breakfast club will be brought over by members of staff. Year 3 and 4 will be sending out an invitation for their Carol Concert at 2pm and a repeat performance at 6pm.

Space for both events will be limited, please talk to us if you need specific access. Year 5 and 6 will also be learning some carols and festive songs, these will be performed in Tesco and other community spaces (times and dates to be confirmed).

Reception classes will be asking parents and carers to join them for a Christmas Workshop on Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th December.

Parent Governor Elections

We have an exciting opportunity for two of our parents to join our governing board. We are looking for parents who can bring a rich variety of skills and experience to our school, if you have a passion for education and believe in Beech Greens vision and ethos this could be the role for you. Fill out the attached form and return it to the school office by Friday 9th December. Alternately collect a paper copy from the school office if required. If more than 2 parents apply we will run our own election.

[Parent Governor Election Form 2022 \(1\).doc](#)

Flu Vaccinations

The school aged immunisation team are visiting on the 28th & 29th November to administer doses of the flu vaccine. They have requested that **all** paper consent forms are returned to school either consenting or declining the offer. If you have not yet filled in the form or have lost your copy, please call into the school office to pick up another. If your child doesn't have a form handed in, the team will be calling you on the day to confirm your wishes.

Opal Stay and Play Sessions

The children really enjoy welcoming their grown ups to the opal stay and play sessions and having the opportunity to demonstrate how we incorporate problem solving, team work and fun into our playtimes. These sessions usually take place on the penultimate Friday of each half term 2.30 to 3pm. However, we have decided to cancel the session on December 9th as there is already a lot happening in school at this time and we are mindful that parents might struggle to fit in extra commitments. The next opal Stay and Play dates will be:

10th February

24th March

19th May

14th July

Survey from Caterlink

We pride ourselves on the feedback we receive from our clients and acting upon this to improve our service and commitment to you and your school, to provide a quality food offer to the pupils we feed. We would appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to complete our short survey. (which takes on average 3 minutes to complete) We will be reviewing feedback after the 12th December 2022 when the survey closes, thank you in advance for completing our survey, please follow the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RS5CBRM>



Gloucester Food Bank

A big thank you from Gloucester food bank for all our donations at Harvest time this year. It's great to hear that our donations will help so many families. Next week our school councillors will be going over to Tesco, helping the food bank collect donations from Tesco customers.

Open Classrooms

Next Thursday and Friday we would like to offer parents and carers of children in years 1 to 6 the opportunity to come in to school to Celebrate your child's work. School will be open from 3:15pm on Thursday 1st December and at 8am on Friday 2nd December. Teachers and children will identify individual children's 'best' piece of work, this could be for effort or progress, independence, creativity etc. The books will be open for you and your child to look at together.

Reception will do this in a different way to the rest of the school, due to the practical nature of the work that they do in Reception, the children do not have books of work to show. Instead, they are inviting parents and carers to a 'Stay & Play' session. The timings for this are Thursday 1st December 3:15-3:45 pm & Friday 2nd December 8:20 - 8:45 am. These times will hopefully help those parents with other children in school to attend all of their children's 'Open Classrooms' event. We do not expect you to stay for the whole session, instead to 'drop in' within these times.

Cleaner Vacancy

Vacancy for a Cleaner Monday to Friday - 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Term time plus three weeks in the holidays. If you are interested and would like more details, then please contact Miss Amy Bancroft on bursar@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk or phone 01452 722363.



Savoury Crispers

Christmas Pudding

Christmas Cakes

Mince Pies

Stuffed

Chocolate

NON SCHOOL UNIFORM

Tuesday 29th November

SEND YOUR CHILD WITH AN ITEM OF
FESTIVE FOOD OR £1
TOWARDS OUR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Potted onions

Christmas Crackers

Dates

WIN A HAMPER

Raffle tickets will be on sale
Early December
£1 per ticket

Nuts

Crunchy

Biscuits

Please make sure all donations have a sell by date well into January 2023

Disco



Thursday 24th November

KS1 ★ KS2

5.30- 6.45 7.00-8.15

£4.00

Includes entry, Drink, packet of Crisps and a glowstick

EXTRA 30p each KS2 ONLY

Sweets & Glow sticks available to buy on the night

Pre book tickets
Monday 14th PM
Tuesday 15th PM
Wednesday 16th PM
Tuesday 22nd PM
Wednesday 23rd PM



Pre book tickets
After school club
Monday 14th PM

In the playground
Cash and card payments accepted



Sports News



Football

Beech Green's B team were in action last Thursday afternoon at Oxstalls Sports Centre. They played five games in total against Highnam, St Paul's, Castle Hill, Hempsted and Churchdown primary schools. They drew 2 matches, lost 2 and won 1. Special mention to KS and ED in goal and LC who demonstrated impressive skills as striker! A big thank you to all parents who helped to transport the team to and from the venue.

Netball

Beech Green played Waterwells at home on Thursday and won by a hugely impressive 13 - 0! Our team were true ambassadors for our school by showing how supportive they could be of the other side, who were all quite new to netball. Special mention to Maddison Skipp for being awarded Player of the Match for her encouragement and kindness to her opponents! Well done netballers!



Free Football tickets!

In case you didn't see in last week's newsletter, in collaboration with our partner club Forest Green Rovers, we are able to offer **EVERY CHILD** in school a **FREE TICKET** to watch a live game at the New Lawn! As a partner school, every Beech Green child is entitled to 1 FREE CHILD ticket plus 1 FREE ACCOMPANYING ADULT ticket to a designated match this season. The match we have been invited to attend is against MK Dons, scheduled for Saturday 21st January 2023, 3:00pm kick-off. I have been told that tickets should be distributed in time for Christmas, therefore, as well as being an AMAZING OPPORTUNITY to watch a live football match, this could be an excellent way of obtaining a FANTASTIC FREE CHRISTMAS PRESENT!!!

If you would like to request tickets, please remember that each child is entitled to ONE free child ticket and ONE free accompanying adult ticket - additional tickets can be purchased directly with the club online or with the FGR ticket office (Tel: 0333 123 1889). Also, please note that tickets will be situated in the Community Stand which is standing only.

To request tickets... please email the office ASAP on admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk stating your **child's name**, **year group**, **number of child tickets** required and number of free accompanying **adult tickets** required. Also, if you would like to order any pre-paid £5 food vouchers for half-time, then please stipulate this. If you would be more comfortable speaking directly to Mr Dawson rather than emailing, you can catch him outside Year 3 on a Thursday or Friday.

Community News





Mrs Hamblin's
Little Artists

**CHRISTMAS
HALF TERM CLUB**
19TH - 23RD DECEMBER

Longlevens Infant School
Paygrove Lane, Longlevens
Gloucester, GL2 0BG

For ages 4 - 11 years old

Join us at Mrs Hamblin's Little Artists!

We have a week full of festive fun for every Little Artist!

Monday 19th - Christmas baubles and treat pots
Tuesday 20th - Christmas plates, wreaths and decorations
Wednesday 21st - Large Christmas canvas bags, clay gingerbread house
Thursday 22nd - Christmas baubles, plates and clay decorations
Friday 23rd - Christmas mugs, angels and reindeer treat pots

Book online using the booking link in Mrs Hamblin's Little Artists Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you!



**Saint James' Church
Second Hand Toys**

**TOY
FAIR**

Saturday 26th November
10.00am
Saint James' Church
Quedgeley
GL2 4PN

For £2.00 you
can enjoy
some of our
delicious
cake and a
cuppa too!



Dates for this Term



2023 Reception Intake We are offering the following tours for families to visit our school.

Friday 2nd December - 10.40 - 11.40

Monday 5th December - 1.40 - 2.40

Tuesday 3rd January - 1.40 - 2.40

Closing date for school applications is 15 January 2023

24th November - School Disco- tickets can be purchased on the door

28th November - Recto Y2 NHS nasal flu immunisation programme

29th November - Y3 to Y6 NHS nasal flu immunisation programme

(Please return the NHS form even if you wish to decline the immunisation.)

29th November - Hayley Haddock from Early Help in the Parent Cafe, 9.30 to 11.30

29th November - 2pm or 6pm - Family voice group please email head@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk if you can attend

29th November - non school uniform day - please bring a hamper prize (one per family is fine)

1st December- 3:15pm open classrooms 2pm or 6pm - Family voice group (as above)

2nd December - 8:00am open classrooms

7th December - Christmas dinner (See above for ordering information)

8th December - FABG Christmas Fayre after school; all year groups will be running a stall or Christmas activity see separate Parent Mail

12th December - Carols at St James' Church. Years 1 and 2 - 9am, KS2 - 2pm and 6pm

16th December - End of term 2 at 1:30pm

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