



Beech Green News

Issue 6

Thursday 8th December

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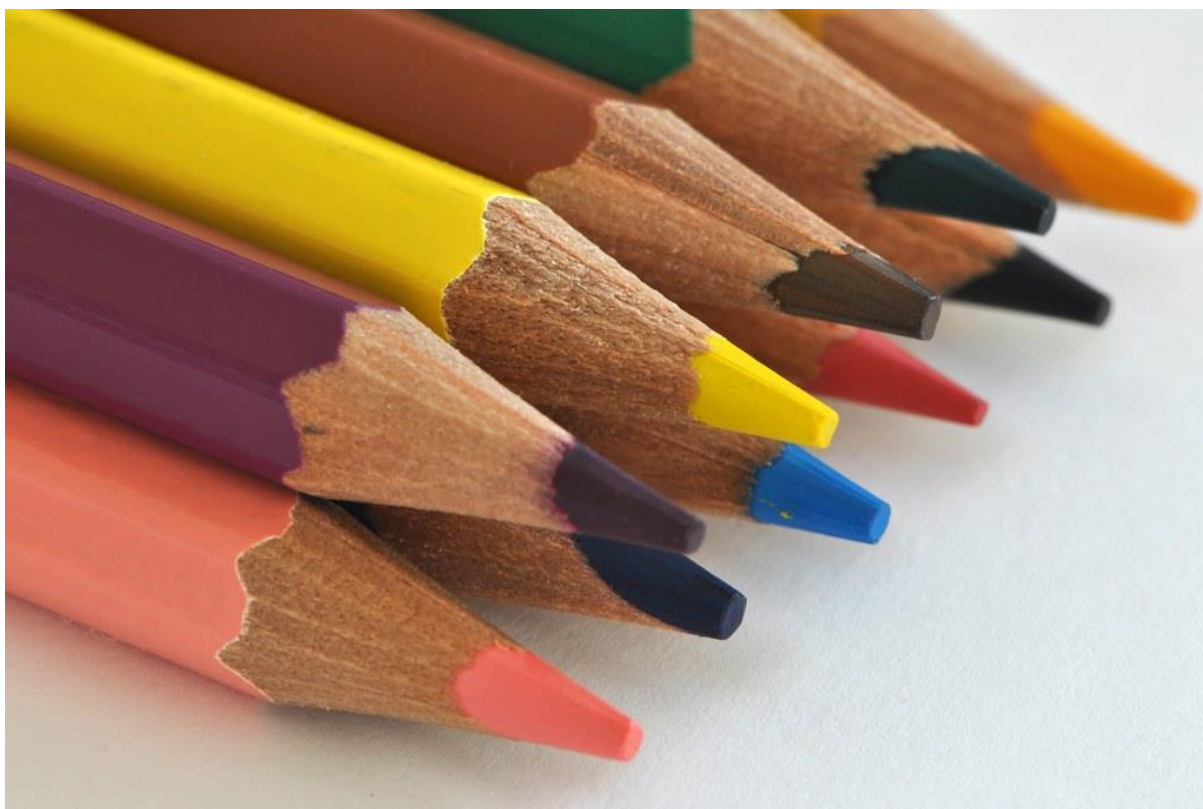
Snow!

Looking ahead to next week the weather is looking quite wintery. In the highly unlikely event that we close information will be published on the GCC website <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> Parent Mailed and put on Facebook.

There might be a hint of the white stuff this evening; the FABG Christmas Fayre starts straight after school. Please collect your child and walk round to enter the fayre through the front or hall door. There are a variety of stalls inside and out. Our special visitor can be found near the library; to help reduce the queue you can collect a time allocation for your visit and photo opportunity. Please bring cash, we do not have card facility for all of the stalls.

Information below about about KS1, Year 3/Year 4 concert and Year 5/Year 6 community singing. The aim is to spread a little Christmas peace, love and much needed joy to everyone in our school and locality.

School News







Every Little Helps!

Last week our school counsellors joined volunteers from the Gloucester Food Bank at Tesco to encourage shoppers to either buy an extra couple of food items to donate or to spare some pennies towards the work the charity does to help people in need. They gave out shopping lists of items that

the food bank can collect and shook the bucket for donations. It was a lovely way to get out into the community and work to make a difference to the people who need it. We were very proud of our representatives.

Rock Steady Concert

The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary. Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band. With that in mind, we'd like to invite parents and carers to the end of term Rock Steady Concert on Friday 9th December at 2.40.

Christmas Celebrations

Reception are holding two Christmas workshop sessions for parents/carers to attend.

Monday 12th December 2.00 -3.10 and Tuesday 13th 9.00 - 10.10, please see reception staff for signing up details.

Year 1/2 carol concert is on Monday 12th December at St James Church at 9am. Please bring your children directly to the church in the morning and stay to join in if you can. There will be staff on hand to escort the children back to school after the service, which should be around 10am.

The **Year 3/4** carol concert will also be on Monday 12th December, again at St James Church. There will be two concerts, one at 2pm and a repeat performance at 6pm. Children need to be at the church for 5.45 for the 6pm service. Tickets can be requested by emailing admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk . Families can request up to two tickets per family, per performance.

Year 5/6 will be singing at Tesco on Tuesday 13th December. Parents are welcome to go to watch, but timings are approximate:

Frisia: 10am

Acacia: 1.30

Whitebeam: 11.15

Sycamore: 2.15

Yr 5/6 are also singing to our friends at Chestnut Court on Wednesday 14th December but parents will not be able to attend.

Community Christmas Sing-along

You are invited, along with colleagues, family, friends and clients to our carol sing-along on Saturday 17th December at 4pm. Supported by the Gloucester Ukelele Experience, there will be a chance to enjoy some non-traditional seasonal classics around the large outdoor Christmas tree in front of Gloucester Cathedral. Free mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate will be provided.

See poster for further details.



HAF and HAP Winter 2022

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is a Department for Education funded initiative to provide free activities and food for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

The HAF programme's purpose is to make sure children and young people are entertained, active, educated, safe and fed between 19th and 22nd December.

Using grant funding Gloucestershire County Council have extended the offer to all children and young people across Gloucestershire through the Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

How does it work?

Each day from 19th to 22nd December, activities and events across the county will be available either in person, or online. Each district area will have its own page so you can find activities closest to you and what is being offered.

Some in-person activities will also need you to sign up in advance, so the providers know which children and young people are coming to join that day's fun and games. A meal or food kit will also be provided, dependant on each district's offer.

When will bookings go live?

HAF bookings will go live from 1 December.

What do I need to do in the meantime?

To make sure you're ready to book your activities this December, you need to need to do the following things:

1. Make sure you're registered on our Children's Activity Booking Site (CABS). This is important as this is the booking system you will use to book your HAF activities. You can register by clicking here

[<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/register-for-our-childrens-activities-booking-system/>](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/register-for-our-childrens-activities-booking-system/)

2. If you're already registered to CABS, make sure all details are up to date on your account. This is important as it helps us to make sure we are providing appropriate activities for children attending HAF, and that any additional needs are catered for. We want to ensure children and young people have the best experience possible.

How can I find out more information?

For more information, you can visit our website at

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf[<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf>](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf)

Families who receive free school meals can also subscribe to our seasonal, bi-weekly newsletter by clicking

here.[<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE_287>](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE_287)

If you do not sign up for the HAF programme, your child(ren) will not be able to take part. If you need help signing up or for general enquiries please email

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk .

Clubs

This is the last week for our extra-curricular clubs, there will be no clubs in the last week of term. A big thank you to all staff that have run a club this term, giving their time to enhance the learning of our children. We hope your children have enjoyed participating.

Christmas Post

The Christmas post boxes are back! If your child would like to send a card or two to their friends at Beech Green they can post their cards in the box in the entrance hall. Please make sure the envelopes are clearly marked with the recipients forename, surname, (or at least surname initial,) and class.

End of Term

We will finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday December 16th at 1.30pm. There will be no Wildwoods After School Club that day.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity for 2 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](#)

Sports News



Netball News

Our netballers gained a fantastic 9 -0 victory last week when they played away against Fieldcourt. The whole team demonstrated excellent skills and sportsmanship, but special mention goes to Ezri who was awarded player of the match. Currently we are top of our group table and 2nd in the league (29 schools in total) - only 2 points behind first place!

Community News



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Contact: MATT BOURKE 07946 499065
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GKR Karate Festive Promotion (ends 08/01/2023)



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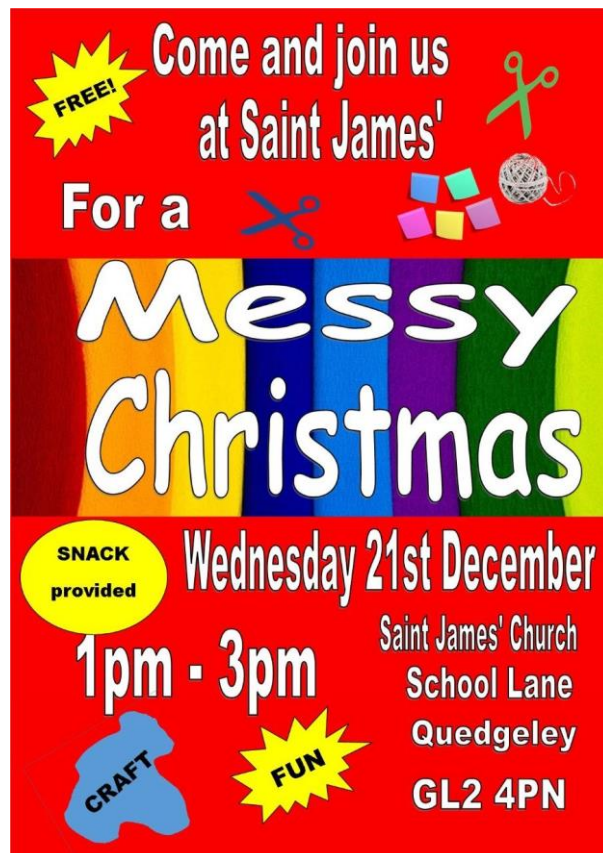
Christmas

At One Church

Sunday 4th	Sunday 11th	Sunday 18th
Comedy & Carols	Carol Services & Christmas Markets	The Big Give
with Mark Ritchie 9:15 & 11:15 am		Community Focus 9:15 & 11:15 am

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Carols by Candlelight	Christmas Day Service
10 pm	10 am


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Dates for this Term

2023 Reception Intake - our tours have been very successful this year, we now have one date left:

Tuesday 3rd January - 1.40 - 2.40

Closing date for school applications is 15 January 2023

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

Reception Christmas workshop 2- 3.10

13th December - Year 5 and 6 singing carols at Tesco.

Reception Christmas workshop 9 - 10.10

14th December - Year 5 and 6 singing carols at Chestnut Court

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

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