



Beech Green News

Thursday 23rd November

School News



What happens next....



Beech Green Primary School

Parent Survey – Autumn Term 2023

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neutral/ Don't know
1. My child is happy at this school	68	31	0	0	1
2. My child feels safe at this school	62	36	1	0	1
3. My child does well at this school	37	51	4	0	8
4. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	44	52	0	0	4
5. The school has high expectations for my child	37	51	4	0	8
6. This school makes sure pupils are well behaved	42	44	3	0	11
7. There is a good range of subjects available	47	52	0	0	1
8. The school lets me know how my child is doing	59	37	1	0	3

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neutral/ Don't know	I have not raised a concern
When I have raised a concern, it has been dealt with properly	36	16	4	0	8	27

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neutral/ Don't know	My child has not been bullied
My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with it	4	18	4	0	26	48

Attached to this newsletter is a two sided document which outlines a summary of survey comments and the next steps or actions for us. Interestingly, communication was identified as a strength and a weakness; I can see how this might have happened.

One of the positives is the fact all parents and carers can email a member of staff. If you didn't know about emailing staff directly or where to find their email address use this link to the school website <https://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/staff>. Hopefully you know and understand that staff are not allowed to email outside of working hours. There is a high emotional cost to teaching; time to relax with family and friends is important for everyone.

We have recently changed the way dates are published. Everything is put on the website a term in advance <https://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/calendar-dates> whenever possible lists of dates are sent on one document and will be displayed around school. However, as humans we make mistakes, the occasional clash of events or wrong document format e.g. PDF causes some difficulties, but your comments on the survey suggest two main issues:

1. not enough notice of events in the school day and no reminders nearer the time

2. not always being told about something that has happened at school

We have a plan to rectify both, but it would be useful to share these ideas and others with you. If you're interested and would like to have more of a say you could attend the Family Voice group on Monday 11 December at 2pm or 6pm.

Julie Poulson

Headteacher

Wow!



Thank you for your generous donations of hamper items; FABG will pack everything tomorrow evening. The scrumptious selection of super Christmas goodies will be turned into fabulous hampers that are well worth winning. To get your hands on the prize you'll need to buy a raffle ticket; these are being sold at some of the events throughout December and at the FABG Christmas Fayre on December 20.

Good luck everyone!



Atlas Camps Christmas Camps (www.atlascamps.co.uk)

Christmas is just around the corner! Full of festive cheer, our award-winning camps will be back with a bang over the Christmas period, with a selection of spaces still available to book.

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises in multi-activity clubs for children aged 4-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

- Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available
- Camps running both pre and post-Christmas period

For further information, please watch [this video](#) or check out the attached poster. Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.

The Big Hedgehog Litter Pick

Well done to all who have been out in our local area picking up rubbish. It's lovely to see the difference your efforts are making in the community. Thank you also, to everyone who has been sending in photographs, we will try and add a few to the newsletter over the next few weeks.





The Big Ambition

Below is a link to a survey commissioned by Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England. The Big Ambition campaign, run by Dame De Souza, provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the

General Election. Dame De Souza will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/the_big_ambition/

A note from Beech Green Nursery

The Nursery Team are walking 500 miles over 3 weeks (13.11.23-03.12.23). This works out at 62.2 miles each! We are doing this to fundraise for a very special little girl who was in our care last year. Daisy has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia and was only a couple of months away from being 'cancer free'. Unfortunately Daisy is in the 2% of the population where the Cancer returns. Any money we raise will go straight to Daisy and her family to help support them during this challenging time. If anybody wishes to sponsor us, please hand any cash to Staff at Nursery. We are in Nursery from 8.15-3.45pm. On Sunday 3rd December we will be doing our final mile together on the school Daily Mile Track. We would love for as many of you to join us for this as possible. Please come to the Nursery gate in time to start at 10.30am. Daisy loves rainbows and animals so we are encouraging people to embrace this for our final walk! Thank you in advance for your support.

Beech Green Nursery x

Children in Need



It was wonderful to see the children dressed as their inspirational person or in their Pudsey attire for Children in Need on Friday. Thank you for your support, Beech Green raised an impressive £255.34 towards the appeal.

Parent Governor vacancy

We have an exciting opportunity for our parents to join our governing board. We are looking for a parent who can bring a rich variety of skills and experience to our school, if you have a passion for education and believe in Beech Green's vision and ethos this could be the role for you. Please call into the office for an application form and return it by 9.30am on Friday 24th November 2023.

If more than 2 parents apply we will run our own election.

<https://www.nga.org.uk/about/become-a-governor-trustee/>

Brigade Clothing

Due to high demand Brigade have decided to offer their **BLACK FRIDAY PROMOTION** again this year.

- **10% Discount** for parents via our online services
- From **Friday 24th to Midnight Monday 27th November**
- To receive the discount please enter promo code **BLACK10** during checkout (if you do not enter the code your order will not be discounted)

Please use this link to access the promotion: <https://mailchi.mp/brigade/blackfriday23>

If you are not able to take advantage of this offer but would like to know about future offers, please register your details here: <http://eepurl.com/WIbln>

Teaching Partner Vacancies

Beech Green Governors seek to appoint two Teaching Partners.

Position one:

KS1 SEN/Class Based Teaching Partner – 17 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

Position two:

KS2 SEN/ Class Based Teaching Partner – 22 hours per week, Monday to Thursday.

We are looking to appoint enthusiastic Teaching Partners to join our hardworking and dedicated team at Beech Green. The successful applicants need to have high expectations, be adaptable and be good team players.

We can offer:

- Excellent Continuing Professional Learning (CPL)
- Support for all staff to sustain a good work/life balance
- A dedicated team

These post is offered as a salary of grade 3 or grade 5 dependant on qualifications. If you would like an informal conversation about the role, please contact Amy Bancroft on 01452 722363 or email sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Closing Date: 4th December 2023

Interview Date: 8th December 2023

Starting Date: 8th January 2024 or ASAP

Gloucester Activities and Food Programme

Below are the details of this winters HAF activities. If you feel you might be eligible for the scheme, please contact the team directly using the contact details in the poster.

A Quick Guide to HAF



The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the DfE and is aimed at school aged children - from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits related Free School Meals (FSM). The aim of HAF is for **children and young people** to



Working with lots of different organisations, the HAF programme provides a range of free activities for children & their families in communities right across the City from activity camps, open access play sessions, music workshops, fun fitness sessions, boxing, swimming and more!

You can take part in HAF if **both** of the following apply to you:

- ☒ you receive benefits related Free School Meals**
- ☒ you are of school age - Reception to Year 11

** If you receive Universal Infant Free School Meals you must also be eligible for benefit related FSM to be able to take part in HAF

Free Winter Activities for Children, Young People & Families

An update on HAF bookings this winter...

Families told us they would like time to read through and browse our range of HAF activities before making the decision to book.

That is why this winter we are trialling something new. We are allowing families time to browse all of the activities that are on offer one week before they are available to book online.

From 27th November at 12pm, you will be able to view all of the activities on offer in December/January. This means you'll be ready when activity **booking goes live at 12pm on the 4th December**.

We hope this gives you enough time to choose and book your family's HAF activities this winter.

Activities for families living in Gloucester City can be found here: www.gloscityhaf.co.uk

Setting up a CABS account is easy:
Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

T: 07340 709 871
E: glos hafconnector@gmail.com

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Sports News



Netball News

On the 10th November, we played our second netball match. It was against Waterwells. Both teams played well. Luckily it didn't rain this time. The final score was 3-0 to Waterwells.

By Evie

Swimming

One of our Year 6 boys, Charlie had a 2 day swimming competition at Weston-Super-Mare.

Having just turned 11 and going up an age category, Charlie was not expected to do so well considering there will be boys about to turn 12.

However Charlie smashed it!!

Coming away with-

4 x gold medals 2 x silver medals 3 x bronze medals

And overall TOP 11 year old boy!

He also now has 13 county championship level qualifying times.

Well done Charlie!

Community News



Christmas Carols for all the family

Quedgeley Methodist Church

Saturday 16th December - 5pm to 6pm

With music from the Gloucester Brass Band

There is no entrance charge - however donations will be gratefully received and equally split between the work of the church, Gloucester Brass Band and the Spring Centre children's charity.



ALL WELCOME!





A CHALLENGERS FIRST FOR YRS 1 & 2!

THURSDAYS 6.00-6.45PM
RIVERSIDE GYM & LEISURE CLUB

Challengers Netball Club 



www.challengersnetball.co.uk



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Please contact us for more information or to register for a free trial session.



BRAND NEW YEAR 6 TRAINING

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**UNDER 10'S,
YEARS 3-5 - JOIN US!**

MONDAYS 3.45-5.15PM
TEWKESBURY SPORTS CENTRE

THURSDAYS 5-6.15PM
OXSTALLS CAMPUS



www.challengersnetball.co.uk



Challengers Netball Club



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St James' Church

**Christmas
Fair**

Saturday 25th November

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Quedgeley Community Centre
School Lane
Quedgeley GL2 4PN

See you there!



Dates for this Term

Please see school website

<https://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/calendar-dates>

Contact Us

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Quedgeley

Gloucester

GL2 4WD

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