

BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter for Wednesday 16th September 2015

A message from Mr Woolston: - Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back into school really well and all the Beech Green staff have been impressed with their attitude and behaviour - it's been a great start to the year!

Clubs - I just wanted to say how grateful I am to all the staff who give up their own time to run our extra-curricular clubs, which all get started this week. We've been able to offer a fantastic number and range of clubs this term and I hope all the children enjoy themselves. The school football team has already been in action and they just missed out on getting into the next round of the Gloucester Schools' 7-a-side tournament. Mr Higgs told me that there were some good performances and so it bodes well for the new season.

House Captains and House Sports Captains - Congratulations to the Year 6 children who have been voted in as our House and House Sports Captains this year. I had the pleasure of presenting their badges in Monday's assembly. Well done to:-

House Captains:

Ash Jacob Adams and Emily Herron

Elm Leo Page and Sian Blakelock

Pine Rose Greatrix and Andrew Potter

Oak Morgan Hickman and Kacey Bayliss

Sports Captains:

Ash Zainab Sambo and Connor Good

Elm Ryan Hunt and Bronwyn Wheeler

Pine Rio Price and Sophie Newport

Oak Aaron Ashmore and Chloe Day

Eating School Dinners - I've been eating a school dinner every day since the start of term and I have to report that I've been really impressed by the quality of food being prepared and served. A number of teachers, as well as me, regularly sit and eat with the children and we, along with the lunch time supervisors, are trying hard to help them to master using a knife and fork so the children can cut up and eat their food properly. We're also trying to help them remember their table manners such as not talking with their mouths full or throwing food on the floor. Many of our children have learnt these basic skills but we're concerned that more and more children don't know how to use a knife and fork properly and so we would really appreciate your support with this at home - thank you in anticipation of your help with this important issue.

Cycling or Scootering - Many of our children enjoy cycling or scootering to school, which is great to see as it's a very healthy thing to do and I'm always pleased to see helmets being worn! Following a couple of minor accidents and several nears misses, I would like to remind you that children, or adults for that matter, should not cycle or scooter on school grounds. They should walk their bikes and scooters to the shed please - this applies to both before and after school. We will be keeping a close eye as I'm sure nobody wants to see anyone get hurt.

Best wishes to all our parents and carers. **Mr R Woolston - Headteacher**



TOMORROW... Reminder

We hope to see you for morning coffee in the ICT suite!

Thursday 17th September 2015 from 8.40 a.m!

We would really appreciate your help in getting lots of the encouraging school report parent responses on to Ofsted Parent View so invite you to use our computers in the ICT suite while enjoying a cup of coffee and biscuit. It does not take long to complete Ofsted's online survey and your support with this would be really appreciated.

We hope to see lots of you tomorrow morning between 8.40 and 9.30 a.m. Someone will be at the top doors near Y6 to meet and greet.

If you prefer you could of course just log on to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk and do the survey at home.

European Day of Languages

Next Thursday 24th September, Beech Green School will be celebrating the European Day of Languages. On this day, your child's class will enjoy activities related to their chosen country, whilst learning some basic vocabulary in that country's language. To make the day even more fun, we are making this day a non-uniform day and ask that your child dresses in the colours of their country's flag.

Reception-France (red, white and blue)

Year 1 - Italy (red, white and green)

Year 2 - Germany (red, yellow and black)

Year 3 - Wales (red, white and green)

Year 4 - Italy (red, white and green)

Year 5 - Germany (red, yellow and black)

Year 6 - Switzerland (red and white)



Maths Passports

Due to some of the changes in the new maths curriculum we intend to amend some of the objectives in the Maths Passports. This will need a comprehensive review for each year group and we hope that the NEW PASSPORTS will be available to start in the week beginning Monday 28th September. Thank you for your patience and for the continued support you provide for this important and useful initiative.

Beech Green Nursery - Weather permitting it arrives tomorrow!

Our new building is being delivered tomorrow. There will be a partial road closure so please take care when walking your children past the site. The building will be lifted onto the site in sections by a huge crane so it should be quite exciting to watch. Fingers crossed for good weather! If you are interested in a place for your child as a funded 2 year old, Rising 3 or pre-schooler please email us on info@beechgreennursery.co.uk or give us a call on 07725842309.

School Trips... how to pay... it's a new way!

Important changes – please read below

Back in June we notified parents via the school newsletter that we intend to change the way we take payments for school trips, as we are working towards becoming a cashless school office.

This academic year we will not be taking cheque or cash payments for school trips via the school office. Payments will instead be made online via ParentPay.

To pay for trips parents/carers will need to logon to their child's ParentPay account (if you cannot remember your username or password then please come and ask us in the school office). You will then need to select the correct item to pay against, e.g. Y3 Stone Age Trip. It is essential that parents/carers select the correct item to pay for at this stage, making make sure you don't accidentally pick up and put the money into school dinners by mistake! You can of course select to top up your school dinner fund as well at the same time and add that to your basket as well.

Having selected the correct item, e.g. Y3 Stone Age Trip, you will be asked to pay online, like any other online shop or payment facility. It's really easy.

If you need to pay by cash at PayPoint, then you will need to come to collect a separate bar coded letter. The one you already have is for dinners only and each item will have a bar code specific to it. Again, if you use the bar code you might already have then that money would go to your child's dinner money account and not the trip, by mistake!

Any problems during this transition period, then please pop in to the office and we will gladly help you.

Y3 parents are the first to use this new facility with their school trip coming up, so good luck to them and thank you all for your support.

Do you own car registration number P5 HUM?

The police were nearly involved this morning when this car was parked up on the pavement beyond the disabled parking spaces in the lay-by outside school. Your registration number has been taken... please park with consideration.

Severn Vale Open Events – Info for the current Y6

Y6 please note that Severn Vale School has the forthcoming Open Evening and Tours as follows:-

The date of their Open Evening is Thursday 24th September 2015 6.30pm-8.30pm.

Open tours of the school (starting at 9.30am-11.00am)

- Thursday 1st October 2015
- Thursday 8th October 2015
- Thursday 15th October 2015

Cycling to school? Please remember your cycle helmet!



If parents wish their children to cycle to school then please note that each child is responsible for securing their bike in the bike shed with their own padlock. Please wear a cycle helmet for safety.

The Beech Green School weekly Wednesday Newsletter

Last week we sent home a paper copy of the newsletter to everyone but now ParentMail2 has been updated we shall continue to send it home electronically via ParentMail2. If you prefer a paper copy please let us know in the school office. If you have not yet registered then please do as it is a really useful tool for us to email and text quick messages to you. Thank you.

Paying for school dinners



As last year; all KS2 children need to have credit on

ParentPay before requesting a school dinner. Parents need

to please remember to check their child's dinner

money balance at least weekly. The cost is £2.20 (£11 per week). There is zero tolerance towards dinner debt, so please send a packed lunch if you don't have funds available. If you are not sure how it works then please come and ask us in the school office.



School Terms, Holiday and Calendar Dates are on the last page.

We publish dates early in the year to enable our working parents to organise any time off work they will need to support their child's events in school.

Medicines in School

Just a reminder that we are happy to administer **prescribed** medicine to your child if:

- ◆ You include clear instructions, in writing, indicating your permission for a member of staff to do so. Instructions must include the type of medicine, dosage and timing. We cannot accept any responsibility for the administering of medicine where the timing of the dose is crucial or where some medical/technical knowledge is required.
- ◆ You understand it will ultimately remain the child's responsibility to come to a member of staff to receive the medication, and to collect it at the end of the day. If you are not happy with this arrangement you should come in to school to administer the medicine.
- ◆ Please note that we can only administer **prescribed** medicines.

While we want to encourage good attendance, please do not send your child into school if they are clearly ill, e.g. taking antibiotics.

Data Checking Sheets - IMPORTANT NOTICE!

These were sent home on Monday. **Please still sign and return the form even if all the details remain unchanged.**

Key Dates for Primary Admissions - Reception Class of 2016

November 2015 - County send a letter explaining how to apply for a school place

1st November 15 to 15th January 2016 - online Primary school application facility open

15th January 2016 - Deadline for returning applications

18th April 2016 - National Offer Day (find out which school you have been offered)

29th April 2016 - Closing date for return of reply forms accepting the school place or requesting reconsideration

After 13th May 2016 - Outcome of reconsideration

27th May 2016 - Closing date for return of reconsideration reply forms

June-July 2016 - Appeals

Key Dates for Secondary Admissions - Y7 of 2016

September 2015 - Letters sent out explaining how to apply for school/academy places

SATURDAY 12th September 2015 - Grammar entrance test day

By 12th October 2015 - Grammar test results sent to parents

31st October 2015 - Closing date for applications

1st March 2016 - Allocation Day

15th March 2016 - Closing date to return reply form accepting the school/academy place or requesting reconsideration

After 29th March 2016 - Outcome of reconsideration

12th April 2016 - Closing date for return of reconsideration reply forms

May-July 2016 - Appeals

Nits!

We have already had reports of nits in class. Please check your childrens' hair and treat if necessary. You can now obtain the medication free, by taking your child to a chemist that takes part in the NHS Minor Ailment Service (Boots in Quedgeley do). They will ask for the child's date of birth and the name of their Doctor's surgery and can then issue medication for free as a prescription as long as your surgery is registered to take part. Google the NHS Minor Ailments Service for more details.

Library News

A warm welcome to all our new children and parents this term. We have lots of lovely book related activities coming up this school year in the library so keep your eyes posted on the newsletter. All pupils should now have brought home their first school library book, so do encourage your child to read - especially our new Reception intake; "children whose parents frequently read with them in their first year of school are still showing the benefit when they are fifteen", says a recent international study.

Our library was refurbished in the Spring thanks to a donation from the PTFA and together with commission from our Scholastic Book Sales we have some fabulous new books ready to be borrowed. One plea though - please keep drinks away from books in

school bags as paper doesn't like water and we do ask that damaged books are paid for or replaced. Let's get the new school term off to a bumper literary start!

Happy reading everyone - the School Librarians

Scholastic Book Club Your child will soon be bringing home their first Scholastic Book Club leaflet so do have a good look and buy. Ordering is very simple, either return the middle page order form of the leaflet (it opens from both directions - Ages 0-6 and turn over for 7-11) to school with a cheque made payable to Scholastic Ltd (NO CASH PLEASE) or with debit/credit card details or complete your order online at www.shop.scholastic.co.uk and select Beech Green as your chosen school. Your books will be delivered to school free of charge and the library will receive 20% of orders in commission for new books. Please have all paper orders in by Wednesday 30th September or online orders by midnight Thursday 1st October. Thank you.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR SALE YOU CAN ADVERTISE IT HERE FOR £1 – ads to the office

Did you get your post this week?

KS1

KS2

Cross Country consent form

Y6 National Child Measuring Programme

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Annual Calendar Dates 2015-2016

TERM	DATE	EVENT	
1	September 1	School Closed – INSET - Start of Term 1	
	September 2	School Closed – INSET	
	September 7 – October 31	Online Secondary 2016 application facility open	
	September 12	The grammar school entrance test day (Saturday)	
	September 15	Y4 Swimming starts for 6 weeks	
	September 23 - 9.10 a.m.	Reception parents - Jolly Phonics meeting	
	September 24	European Day	
	October 5	School photographer in for portraits and families	
	TBA	PTFA Bingo Night	
	October 6 – 6.00 p.m.	Early Years/Foundation Stage Parent Meeting in the hall	
	By October 12	Grammar school test results sent to parents	
	October 12	Operation Christmas Child Cake Sale	
	October 13 and 14 at 3.30 – 6.20 p.m.	Parents Evening Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6	
	October 15 -9.00 or 10.30 a.m.	Prospective Reception 2016 Open Morning	
	October 16 th overnight	Y6 WWII Day and Evacuee Sleepover – children to be picked up 8.30 a.m. on Saturday 17 th October.	
	October 19	Harvest Assembly	
	October 19 p.m.	Inter-House Cross Country	
	October 21	End of Term 1	
October 31	Secondary transfer closing date for all applications		
2	November 1 – January 15	Online Primary 2016 application facility open	
	November 2	Start of Term 2	
	November 4 – 1.30 p.m.	Prospective Reception 2016 Open Afternoon	
	November 11	British Values and WW1 Day	
	November 12 – 9.00 or 10.30 a.m.	Prospective Reception 2016 Open Morning	
	Beginning of November	Reception 2016 letters should have been received by this date explaining how to apply for a school place	
	November 16 and 17 at 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.	Parents Evening Rec (FS)	
	November 27	Last day to pre-order Christmas Dinner	
	TBA	PTFA School Disco	
	December 1 - a.m.	KS2 Theatre trip – Cinderella - at The Everyman	
	December 2 - a.m.	KS1 Theatre trip – Cinderella - at The Everyman	
	December 2 – 6.30 p.m.	Y3/4 Carols – dress rehearsal at 9.15 a.m.	
	December 8 - 9.30	KS1 (Y1/Y2) Play dress rehearsal	
	December 8 – 1-3 p.m.	Nursery Christmas Party in new building	
	December 9 – 9.30	KS1 (Y1/2) Play	
	December 9	School Christmas Dinner (to be pre-ordered by 27 th November)	
	December 14 – 9.30 a.m.	Foundation Stage Dress Rehearsal	
	December 15 – 9.30 a.m.	Foundation Stage Performance	
	December 16 p.m.	Y1 Christmas Party in the studio	
	December 17 p.m.	Y3 Christmas Party in the studio	
	December 18 a.m.	Y4 Christmas Party in the studio	
	December 18 a.m.	Y5/Y6 Christmas Party in the hall	
	December 18 p.m.	Y2 Christmas Party in the hall	
	December 18 p.m.	Reception Christmas Party in the studio	
	December 18	End of Term 2	
	3	January 4	School Closed – INSET
		January 5	Children return for start of Term 3
		January 5	Y3 Swimming starts for 6 weeks
		January 15	Reception 2016 – deadline for returning applications
		January 25 for week	Arts week
TBA		PTFA Quiz Night	
February 9 and 10 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.		Parents Evening Y1 -Y6	
February 12		End of Term 3	

4	February 22	Children return for Term 4
	February 23	Meeting for all children, plus at least 1 of their parents. – Condover Hall 2016
	March 1	Y6 national secondary school place allocation day
	March 3	World Book Day
	TBA	Life Education Bus
	February 29 w/c	Y6 Cycling Proficiency
	March 15	Y6 closing date to return reply form accepting the secondary school place allocated or requesting reconsideration
	TBA	PTFA School Disco
	March 15 and 16 at 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.	Parents Evening Rec (FS)
	March 21 – 24 (4 days)	Y6 Residential Visit to Condover Hall – Shropshire
	March 22 a.m.	Y5 Easter Play – dress rehearsal
	March 23 6 p.m.	Y5 Easter Play
	March 24	End of Term 4
	After March 29	Letters sent out advising outcome of reconsideration
5	April 11	Start of Term 5
	April 12	Closing date for return of reconsideration secondary reply forms
	April 18	Reception 2016 – National Offer Day
	April 29	Reception 2016 – Closing date for return of reply forms accepting the school place or requesting reconsideration
	May 2	School closed – Bank Holiday
	W/c May 9	KS2 SATs week
	After May 13	Reception 2016 – outcome of reconsideration
	May 17	Y6 leavers, class and group photos will be taken today
	May 18	Inter-house athletics – Y3/Y4 a.m. – Y5/Y6 p.m.
	May – July	Secondary Transfer 2016 - Appeals
	May 23 - 6.00 p.m.	Reception 2016 – meeting for parents (sorry no children)
	May 27	End of Term 5
	May 27	Reception 2016 – Closing date for return of reconsideration forms
	6	June-July 2016
June 6		School Closed – INSET
June 7		Children return for start of Term 6
June 9 – 1.30 p.m.		Beech Green Race for Life event
w/c June 13		Y1 Phonics
June 21		Sports Day (<i>reserve date June 28</i>)
June 27		Nursery visits to Reception – please avoid booking holidays during this time
June 28		Reserve sports day date if required
TBA		PTFA School Disco
July 6 – 9.30 a.m.		Y6 Performance Dress Rehearsal
July 6 – 6.00 p.m.		Y6 Performance to parents
July 8		School Reports due out
July 12 – 9.30 a.m.		Foundation Stage Sports Day
July 21– 9.30 a.m.		Leavers' assembly
July 21 -2.45 for 3.00 p.m.		Balloon launch take-off
July 21		Children finish for the Summer holiday – End of Term 6
July 22		School Closed – INSET