

# BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. As usual it contains a lot of important and helpful information.

## Lunchtime Arrangements

You may be aware that we have experienced a few problems with the food service at lunchtime, which has meant that some children have been late into the hall to eat their meal. This has been due to a number of different factors, such as our new reception children getting used to having school dinners for the first time and a change in meals provider. We apologise for these initial teething problems and we are confident that they will be quickly resolved.

## Kenyan Visitors

You will see from the attached photograph that we had some African visitors to school last Friday. Kinaro, Rosemary, Gerrard and James are participating in a partnership arrangement with a number of Gloucestershire schools and we were only too pleased to welcome them to Beech Green for lunch, followed by a tour of the school with our House Captains. Our guests then spent some time in Y5 and Y6 talking to our pupils about their lives in Kenya and how different their schools are, as well as answering some very interesting questions, posed by our very enthusiastic children. Kinaro has been staying at my home for some of his visit and he told me how impressed he was with our school but particularly our pupils because they were so well behaved and proud of their school. Well done and thank you to everyone who made our visitors feel welcome.



## Information Event for Parents and Carers

I recently wrote to you about the possibility of holding an information event after school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, so we could keep you up to date with the changes we've made to our school curriculum and our assessment procedures. About 35 slips have been returned, so we have decided to go ahead with the event. If you haven't returned your slip but still want to come, please don't worry - everyone is welcome! Because there haven't been any changes to the Early Years curriculum, the event is more suited to parents of children in Years 1 to 6 but again, everyone is welcome - you may well want to find out about what your child will be learning in future years. Please meet in the hall and we'll aim to get started at 3:30pm and finish by about 4:30pm. As promised to help with any child care issues, children of all ages will be supervised in Class 1 and 2 for the duration of the meeting. Please take your child there immediately after school before heading to the hall - thank you. I appreciate that the timing of this event will not suit everyone but we had to choose a time to suit the majority, including members of staff who have their own family commitments. If you're unable to attend, information will be sent home and of course you're welcome to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. We do feel that this is a really important opportunity for you to find out about what's going to be happening in school this year and so we hope to welcome as many parents and carers as possible.

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

## KS1 please have a school dinner tomorrow on PLASC day special dinner menu Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October (Cowboy Special Day)



The meals are universally free to everyone in KS1 and cost £2.20 for children in KS2. Tomorrow's special menu will be:- Yeeha!  
Hot Dogs served with optional onions

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Homemade Spicy Vegetable Burger served with optional onions

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Jacket Wedges, Baked Beans and Sweetcorn

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Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble served with custard

## School Security

We have closed gates and doors around the outside of the school to keep your children safe. Our site manager (Mr Morris) is concerned that some parents are propping the playground gate open by putting the gate pole down. Not only does this mean that the gate is open, but it is also damaging the gate. PLEASE DO NOT PROP ANY OF THE SCHOOL GATES OPEN as this undermines the security of our children.

## Car Park

Once again we are very concerned about the issue of children being dropped off in, or walking across the car park (often with an adult). Please do not use the car park to drop off your children (TESCO are happy for you to park there but please do not park in the surgery car park) and please do not walk across the car park - it is dangerous and there is a pedestrian gate and walk way to the side.

## European Day of Languages

Last Thursday, the whole school had a great time celebrating the European Day of languages. In **Reception**, children made Tricolour flags, ate croissants and learnt how to say "Hello" and "Goodbye" in French. In **Year 1**, children heard the story "3 little pigs" in Italian. They ate pizza and learnt how to count as well as the names for animals in Italian.



**Year 2** tasted Black Forest Gateaux, learnt the numbers 1-10 and were really fortunate to have a native German speaking mum in to read a story and play Simon says in German.

In KS2, **Year 3** played bingo with Welsh numbers, made Welsh flags and daffodils and cooked delicious Welsh cakes. In **Year 4**, children sang number songs and found famous land marks in Italy. They also made tasty pizzas and Italian Flags. **Year 5** also had Simon's German speaking mum to visit. They learnt numbers, colours and greetings and ate bratwurst and stollen. Read about **Year 6** below-

"In Year 6 everyone had the chance to make fact posters about Switzerland and we sang head, shoulders, knees and toes in French, Italian and German. We learnt the languages of Switzerland which were: French, Italian, German, and Romansch. In the afternoon, we tried cheese fondue, Swiss Christmas cookies and finally some yummy Swiss chocolate (Toblerone). And just to round it all off we did some yodelling, that everyone seemed to enjoy!"

By Aaron Ashmore and Zainab Sambo Year 6

## Maths Passports

We have only recently been given access to the amended information regarding maths passports. As such we are currently processing this new information into year group targets, which will be available to parents/carers at the forthcoming parents evening. Once again thank you for your patience.

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## Gloucestershire Bundles - Nearly New Sale

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October at Severn Vale School - 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. All welcome £1 entry.

## Current year 6 pupils: events to look out for

### **Stroud High School**

- Open Evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6- 8.00 p.m. - no need to register for this open event, just go along

### **Beaufort Co-operative Academy**

- Open Evening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30p.m. as well as holding two Open Mornings on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October both starting at 9.15a.m.

### **Newent Community School**

- Open Days: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 10 a.m. - 12 noon
- Open Evenings: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 6 - 8.30 p.m.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
<b>KS1</b>	<b>KS2</b>
	Y5-Y6 E-Safety information evening
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	Y6 Make do and Mend Day Blitz Sleepover

## Portraits and Family Groups - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** a **photographer** will be in school to take **individual photos** of all the children. The children will be given a proof on the day together with ordering information.

If there is time we will also endeavour to take family group photos of siblings attending Beech Green only. Sorry but we do not have the time to include other children from Nursery or siblings at home!

If you would like a group photo, as well as an individual, please complete the slip below and return it to Mrs Simmonds by this Friday. Thank you.

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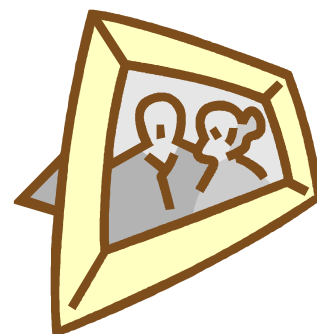
**To: Mrs Simmonds - by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**FAMILY PHOTO IF TIME** - I would like you to take a photo if there is time. I understand it is not possible (time-wise) to include pre-school or nursery brothers or sisters!

Child's name ..... class

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**PRIVACY NOTICE**  
for  
**Pupils of Beech Green Primary School**  
(Reviewed September 2015)

**Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act 1998**

We, **Beech Green Primary School**, are a data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. We collect personal information from you and may receive information about you from your previous school and the Learning Records Service. We hold this personal data and use it to:

- Support your teaching and learning;
- Monitor and report on your progress;
- Provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- Assess how well we are doing.

Information about you that we hold includes your contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information and personal characteristics such as your ethnic group, any special educational needs you may have and relevant medical information

***We will not give information about you to anyone without your consent unless the law and our policies allow us to.***

We are required by law to pass some information about you to the Local Authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DfE).

If you want to see a copy of the information about you that we hold and/or share, please contact the school office.

If you require more information about how the Local Authority (LA) and/or DfE store and use your information, then please go to the following websites:

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If you are unable to access these websites we can send you a copy of this information. Please contact the LA or DfE as follows:

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Gloucestershire County Council  
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Website: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk)

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