

BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter for Wednesday 7th October 2015

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

Attendance

I'm pleased to inform you that overall attendance is currently running at 97.06% which is great - well done everyone! We are well above our target of 96% and the 94.86% figure that we achieved last year. I totally understand that there are times when children are unable to come to school but if we could stay above 96% all year that would be a fantastic achievement.

School Council

I was delighted to be able to present our new School Council representatives with their badges during Monday's assembly. I wish them the best of luck in their new roles and I hope they enjoy the experience. I really value the involvement of the School Council in helping Beech Green to be the best school we can. Congratulations to the following people: Annaliese Murray-Tuffin, Max Withers, Kaidance Williams, Sam Rod, Woody Vinton, Grace Harmer, Evie Windridge, Jack Davies, Sienna Morse, Kobi Jones, Chloe Garwood, Jayden Butt, Erin Vincent, Elliott Donnelly, Phoebe Ford, William Edwards, Aaron Ashmore, Bronnie Screen, Faye Chisholm & William Cruikshank!

Website

Mrs Simmonds has been even busier than usual recently because she's been playing a leading role in helping to get our new website up and running. The new site will go live from next Wednesday, that's the 14th October and the new address will be;

www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk

We hope you like the updated design and that you will be able to find all the information you're looking for. The site will be regularly updated with photographs and news of events in school. Please note that after the 14th October, you will not be able to access the old website and so please change the address in your "favourites" list.

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings

A letter with all the information you needed went out earlier this week but just to remind you that these important events have been organised for next week on Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October. If you haven't done so already, please sign up for an appointment - thank you!

Missing Uniform

Theo Ditchfield in J1 has lost a complete set of nearly new school uniform, including a pair of black shoes. The red plastic, drawstring bag went missing last Tuesday and we've searched high and low to find it but with no success. Perhaps someone's taken it by accident? Please check at home, it would be great if we could find it - thank you!

New Nursery Building and the Purple Room!

The new nursery is nearly ready for action and will be opening on Monday 2nd November. This means that the existing nursery room will become a teaching area for our teaching staff to use, especially our Inclusion Manager, Mrs Williams and her team. We are going to call this area the "Purple Room" because it links to our Successful Learner Programme, whereby we encourage all our children to be purple learners. Confused? Don't be - just ask your child! If you're still confused then your child's class teacher will give you more information at Parents' Evening.

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

Harvest Assembly Monday 19th October

Items donated for this year's harvest assembly will be given to The Gloucester Foodbank. We have been taking these donations from Monday 5th October. The Gloucester Foodbank provides short term emergency food to people in crisis in Gloucester and surrounding areas. The food items they need the most are:

Pasta, Beans, Soup, Tinned Fruit, Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk, Tinned Cold Meat (Corned Beef/Ham), Tinned Fish, Cereal (Weetabix, Cornflakes etc.), Tinned Sponge Pudding (family sized), Small jar of Coffee, Packet Mash, Packet Noodles, Sweets & Snacks (Crisps, Chocolate etc).

All of the above need to be "in date". If you are able to help, please place your contribution for this year's harvest in the reception area by the pole. Thank you.

Cinderella 2015

KS2 Tuesday 1st December 2015 - 10.00 a.m.

Rec & KS1 Wednesday 2nd December 2015 - 10 a.m.

all seated in the stalls - great for panto!

Online Booking Office OPEN in ParentPay

To reserve a place for your child please login to ParentPay and pay your £14 by selecting 'Panto Cinderella

2015'. **All tickets need to be purchased please by Friday 16th October.**



Paying for Trips Online

Just a quick thank you to all the parents / carers who have successfully made the change to paying for trips online. We understand it's working well for you, which is good to hear.

Staff Vacancies

We have vacancies for midday supervisors to help the children eat their lunch and supervise them in the playground over the lunchtime period. The position is for 1 hour and 20 minutes a day, Monday to Friday. Beech Green School is committed to paying the minimum living wage of £7.85 per hour. See Mrs Phillips in the school office for more details.

Thank you from Race for Life

We have received a thank you letter and certificate confirming our grand total raised was £5,753.59. A Brilliant effort Beech Green - thank you.

Tempest The Photographer

- **Orders** for school photographs need to be back in the school by Friday **16th October**.
- We hope we managed to fulfil all of the requests for sibling photographs, the proofs of which are on their way home to you.
- We have received two complaints from parents who were not happy with the photo of their child. We are aware that some of the colours on the proofs that went home looked a little pink or peach, down to the photographer's proof printer not working properly. Sorry they went home like that but we assume the actual photographs will not look that way.
- We have checked with teachers who tell us the two lady photographers all worked very hard and often took several shots of some children to achieve a good pose, so sorry if you did not like the end result.
- If your child missed the photographer altogether or if you did not like your photo we are going to arrange a retake. So that we know how many parents were not happy we would like you to email us please to request who to retake. Please email admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk with subject name 'please retake school portrait'. Within that email please give the names and classes of the children you would like us to re-take. Thank you.

Year 5 and 6 Archery

Over the last couple of weeks, the children in Years 5 and 6 have all had the opportunity to try their hands at archery. The sessions were run by Xperience Archery and allowed the children to combine instructional and competitive elements to find who were the top Maid Marians and Robin Hoods!

If you or your child is interested in following up this experience or would like further information, the website of GB Archery (www.archerygb.org) is a good starting place and has a useful tool to find local clubs, of which there are 3 or 4 in our area.



Clubs

Just a reminder that there will be **NO Clubs running on Tuesday 13th October** due to parents' evening.

Operation Christmas Child Cake Sale

Monday 12th October - Year 6 are going to hold a cake sale to raise money for their shoeboxes to send to Operation Christmas Child. They would like donations of small cakes to please take to Y6 practical the morning of the sale. The whole school are invited to bring 20p to buy a cake and if any cakes are left, there will be a sale after school outside the Y6 practical are.

Current Year 5 pupils: events to look out for

High School for Girls - Denmark Road

parents/carers of Year 5 students - **Open Day on Tuesday, 20th October**

8.45 - 10.45 am and 5.15 - 8.30 pm

In the evening there will be talks by Mrs Sawicka, Headteacher.

Refreshments will be available in the morning and evening. There is no need to book an appointment.

Current Year 5 and Year 6 pupils: events to look out for

The Crypt School

For year 5 and 6 parents and their sons - **Wednesday 14th October 2015**

Tours 10.00 a.m. or 2.00 p.m. - contact The Crypt for appointment or

Open Evening 5.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
KS1	KS2
Cake Sale Monday 12 th October	Y 6 Condoval Hall Residential trip
Parents Evening	Cake Sale Monday 12 th October
Panto - Cinderella	Parents' Evening
Spanish Club - Food Tasting (Y2)	Panto Cinderella
	Spanish Club - Food Tasting (Y3 & 4)