

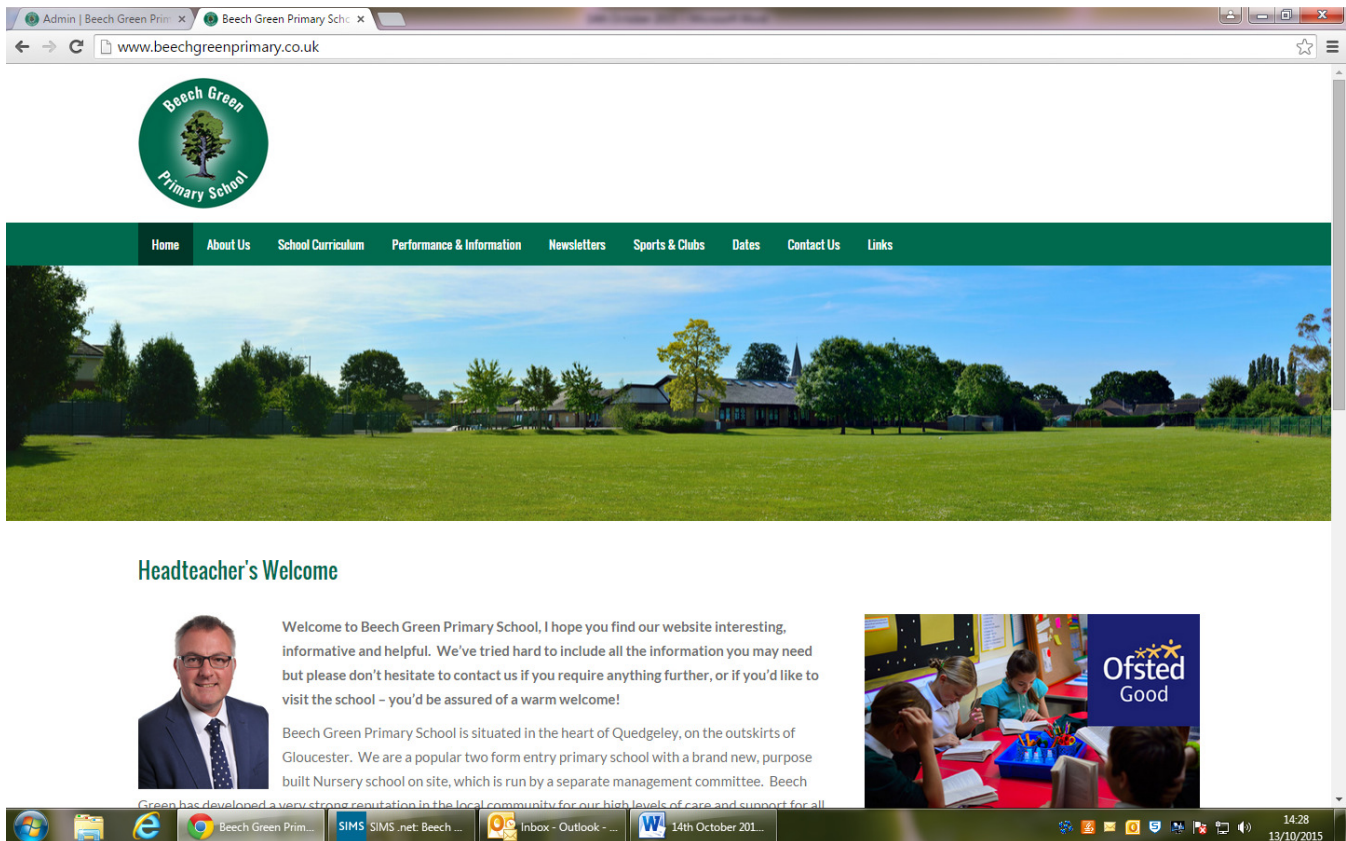
BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter for Wednesday 14th October 2015

www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk **LAUNCHED TODAY - NEW WEBSITE**

You might have already seen this in the flyers that were being given out this morning... After much thought and work we are pleased to bring to you our new school website that is going live at lunchtime today. The old site will be taken down. Our new website is also mobile phone friendly so you should be able to keep up to date on the move.

Please remember to save to your favourites www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk



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

Missing Uniform

Just to let you know that following my plea in last week's newsletter, Theo Ditchfield's school uniform and shoes has been found! As we suspected it was taken home by accident, by another child. All's well that ends well!

Information Event for Parents and Carers

Thank you very much to the 53 parents who attended the event after school last Wednesday, regarding changes to our school curriculum and the way we assess and monitor the children's progress. The meeting went very well and we're grateful for the positive feedback many parents provided, regarding how helpful and informative the event proved to be. The slides that we used for the presentation will soon be available on our new website but please ask me or your child's teacher if you would like a paper copy.

Healthy Snacks

The school's policy is that "healthy" snacks such as fruit and vegetables should be brought in by the children on Monday to Thursday and Friday is treat day, when they can bring in a bag of crisps or something similar. However, this policy has not been strictly enforced and now most children tend to bring in their preferred snack every day. Whilst I can see the advantages of having a healthy snack policy this would be impossible to fully enforce and so we've decided that the best course of action is to give you a reminder that children should bring a healthy snack for the first four days of the week and then a snack of their choice on Fridays. We'll be reminding the children about this in class and we'll be giving out stickers to children we notice eating a healthy snack.

Ethos and Values

At the recent curriculum information event, I talked about our new Beech Green "values". The pupils will be given more information about our values in our whole school assemblies after half term but please feel free to have a chat with your children about their meaning. The following information is taken from our new website and provides some detailed information about what these values are, why they have been chosen and the positive impact we hope they will have on our children and the school in general.

Introduction

Whilst the school has always held strong values and a positive ethos centred on every child's welfare and learning, this academic year will see the launch of our Beech Green Values. We want to provide very clear guidance to everyone involved with the school, as to what specific values are at the core of our provision and how they impact on the overall ethos of the school. To give our values greater clarity, relevance and purpose, they have been linked to the first letter of the four words of our school's name.

Beech = B = Believe!

We have confidence in all our pupils and we are optimistic about their future prospects. We **believe** that because of the excellent care, guidance and support our pupils receive throughout their primary school years, they will achieve their potential in all areas of school life and be well prepared for the next stage of their education.

Green = G = Grow!

We have high expectations of our pupils and we are determined to do everything we can, in partnership with their parents and carers, to ensure that they all **grow** and develop into happy and well- rounded individuals; capable of making a positive contribution to their communities, as well as coping with the challenges and opportunities of life in modern Britain.

Primary = P = Persevere!

Because of the many challenges we often face, life is not always an easy journey and we know that when the going gets tough, as it surely will at times, **perseverance** and resilience will prove to be vital personal qualities. Through our "Successful Learners" programme we teach the children that challenging themselves to try their best and never give up, is really

important. We also believe that children should be encouraged to take certain risks and understand that making mistakes is all part of successful learning.

School = S = Succeed!

Our primary aim is for all our pupils to *succeed* and leave Beech Green with a wealth of happy memories. There is a tremendous team spirit at Beech Green and we celebrate and value all levels of success in sport, music, drama and art; not just the more academic areas of reading, writing and maths.

Because we *believe* in our pupils and teach them well, under our care and guidance they *grow* into confident and ambitious young people, willing to *persevere* in order to *succeed*.

Best wishes to all our parents and carers as we approach the end of a very busy and productive half term. **Mr R Woolston - Headteacher**

Harvest Assembly Monday 19th October

Many thanks to everyone who has already donated for this year's harvest assembly. Provisions collected will be given to The Gloucester Foodbank.

The assembly is on Monday so just a couple of days left to add to our food circle in reception. 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".

Dirty Nappies

Please take any dirty nappies home with you if you change your child on site. You should not dispose of nappies in any of our school bins as this is a health and safety issue. Thank you for your co-operation.

More Missing Uniform

Last week a girl in J5 changed in to her PE kit and then her school skirt was missing when she later went to change back. We have asked in class and checked lost property but it would seem that someone may have put on the wrong skirt after PE. Would parents please check to see if they have a Marks and Spencer girls pleated grey skirt with the name Isabelle Coles written in. Thank you

Cinderella 2015 ParentPay Online Booking Office CLOSES THIS FRIDAY

To reserve a place for your child please login to ParentPay and pay your £14 by selecting 'Panto Cinderella 2015'. **We hope everyone will come with us, so please login to www.parentpay.com or pop to the school office if you are unsure of how to proceed.**

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Please note deposits are now due. Many thanks to those who have already paid.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB - A message from Mr Higgs

Due to other commitments I am unable to run the cross country club on the final Wednesday of term (Oct 21st). My apologies for this but there are plenty of weeks left between now and next Spring.

Tempest The Photographer Orders

Many thanks to everyone who has already sent in their school photograph orders. This is a reminder that orders need to be back in to the school office by this Friday **16th October**. As we upload the portraits to our computer data base (SIMS), we can see that the majority of the photos are gorgeous... however... not everyone was happy so please see below...

Tempest Re-takes

As we mentioned last week we had received a few comments from parents who were not happy with their child's school portrait. We have spoken to the manager at Tempest who has looked through all our photos and can see that some of them should not have been sent home as proofs, for which he apologises. It is usual for the photographers to take a few shots until they are happy with at least one of them, and this time it seems some parents have received all the less than good shots too. Together with the proof printers not working properly and producing strange pigments we can understand that a few of you would like the opportunity of a re-take. As we also want you to enjoy your child's school photo we have arranged with Tempest that the more experienced photographer will come back in to school.

We now have a list of those parents who have requested a re-take which will take place on Wednesday 21st October. Those few parents will obviously have a later date to return any orders! We hope for better luck next time!

Pyjama Drama - drama and play for every day

Half term fun for children up to 7 years. www.pyjamadrama.com/holidayfun

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
KS1	KS2

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