

# BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"*

## Newsletter for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**A message from Mrs Earl and Mrs Weeks:** Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school. It was lovely to see so many parents at Parents' Evening earlier this week. We tried to say hello and ask as many of you as possible to complete a short survey. Thank you for taking the time to share your views, we will let you know our findings as soon as we have added up all the replies. If we didn't manage to give you a sheet on the night, we would still love to hear your views, please ask your child's teacher for a sheet. For those of you who have children in Reception, please don't feel left out. We will give you your survey at your parents' evening in November.

You might have noticed us wearing our house rosettes on the gates on Monday morning, ahead of our Merit Assembly. We're pleased to announce Ash as the winners for Term 1. All children in years 1 to 6 who are in Ash House can wear their own clothes to school tomorrow, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Although the classroom doors are opened at 8.50am each morning, the bell to indicate the start of school day rings at 9 o'clock. To try to ensure that all doors are opened at the same time, we have introduced another bell at 8.50am. If you hear this as you approach the building, please do not think you have arrived late!

Well done and thank you again to the teams that have represented Beech Green during the last week. The girls' football team played against Hempsted, narrowly losing 3-2. The boys' football team played Kingsway, beating them 5-1. Although this is not a sporting achievement, we would also like to thank and congratulate Y3 on their fantastic behaviour on their trip to Cheddar Gorge last week. We have also heard how much they enjoyed themselves, as did Y5 earlier this week when they had their brilliant Egyptian Day.

**Best wishes, Mrs Earl and Mrs Weeks - Acting Co-Headteachers**

### **End of Term 1**

We all finish this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October for the start of Term 2.

**Year 5 please note** that you have a school trip on the first day back and so everyone will need to come to school ready with your packed lunch and wearing school uniform. The trip is within normal school times.

### **Attendance Counts**

Well done Y3 for having the highest attendance in school last week with 98.96%.

### **Interhouse Cross Country - NEW Date**

Due to the weather forecast today's cross country has been postponed until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Sorry for the inconvenience if you were planning to come along to watch the event.

## Saving for trips on ParentPay

You will understand that it takes time for us to book and organise the many trips, the pantomime, the Y6 residential visit, swimming lessons and everything else that goes on via school. Where there will be a payment we do give parents/carers as much notice as is possible and we can let you know that all children will be invited to take part in one trip or another during the school year.

Please don't wait on us to start saving for these events. Some people have a separate savings account to pay for school events or you might prefer to put extra money into your **Parent Account within ParentPay** on a regular basis so that you have **funds building up and available to allocate to trips when they are posted** by us. If you are not sure about this facility then please do come and ask us.

## Y4 Swimming Jan/Feb 2018

Swimming lessons start for Y4 for 5 weeks from 9th January 2018 - This item has been open on ParentPay for a while to enable Y4 parents/carers to spread the cost. Please do start to pay all, or part of, the £26.46 total. Thank you.

## School Portrait Photographs

We are sorry that several people were not happy with the portrait photos taken recently of your children. The proof cards for portraits and family groups alike have now been delivered and sent home. We can see that the majority of the photos were absolutely gorgeous but we do agree some were not so good. We have tried to rectify this by arranging for Ward-Hendry to take a re-sit for those parents/carers who were dissatisfied. This has taken place today by Ward-Hendry's Photographer Manager and we hope you will like the results. We only re-took photos of those who requested a re-sit.

We changed to Ward-Hendry in recent times as other parents were not happy with our previous photography company. It would seem that it's down to which photographers are actually allocated to us by any company on the day and the skill they have to capture that gem of your child. We have logged your concerns with Ward-Hendry and they know we expect better success next time.

## Placing your Order for School Photos

Every child was sent home with a personal user-name and password after their photo was taken which has enabled parents to take an Early-Bird view of their photos online at [www.ward-hendry.com](http://www.ward-hendry.com).

Now that proof cards have been sent home you can start to order. Photos make fabulous gift ideas for family and friends. Online ordering is now available. Please order by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

- Quick and easy to make your order!
- View all of the packs before you purchase.
- Order online and get free access to Share It! Ward-Hendry's photo sharing. You can even add cool effects to your portrait and email them to friends and family!

## **Gloucester Food Bank needs you!**

As you know we are collecting donations for the Gloucester Food Bank. A big thank you to everyone that has brought something in already, the pile is slowly getting bigger but we think Beech Green can do even better. If every child brought just one item in, we would have over 400 to add to our pile. PLEASE HELP if you can. The donations are being collected on Friday morning. We want to have to make many trips to the collection van on Friday so please give what you can. Thank you - Beech Green School Council

## **Nits and Worms**

It can happen to any of us; both need treating before they will go away! We hear that there are cases of nits and worms in school and so we urge everyone to please check their children for either.

**Nits** can be seen in the hair and need thoroughly combing through with treatment and conditioner to ensure no eggs are left behind, else they will hatch and so the cycle continues.

**Worms** may initially be noticed by your child having an itchy bottom and if you then take a peak you should be able to see the worms in their stools. It's obviously essential that all children learn and keep up a healthy hand washing routine after using the toilet, else they could be carrying the bug that could spread to others.

During the holiday is an excellent opportunity for us all to check and treat anything as necessary - thank you.

## **MMR vaccination call following increase in confirmed measles cases in Gloucestershire**

Public Health England (PHE) is asking parents to check that they and their children have received two doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine and to be aware of the signs and symptoms of measles, following notification of 8 confirmed, 12 probable and 5 possible cases of measles in children and young adults in the Gloucestershire area.

Parents are also being asked to remain vigilant for signs and symptoms of measles and keep themselves or children away from nursery, school or work if they display symptoms. You should stay off work or school for four days after the typical measles rash has developed. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can be very unpleasant and sometimes lead to serious complications.

The initial symptoms of measles develop around 10 days after a person is infected. These can include:

- cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing, and a cough
- sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light
- a high temperature (fever), which may reach around 40C (104F)

A few days later, a red-brown blotchy rash will appear. This usually starts on the head or upper neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body.

Symptoms usually resolve in about 7 to 10 days.

For further information about measles, please visit

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Information about the MMR vaccine can be found by visiting

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx>

## PTFA Christmas cards

The Christmas cards were sent home last week. If you would like another one, spares are in the PTFA drawer in the office. The completed cards need to be back in school by 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## ROUND POUNDS!



If you have any of the old style pound coins still hanging around (round pounds) please save them. The School Council are planning something to support Children in Need Day - we will tell you more about it nearer the time. Thank you - Beech Green School Council

## Nuts and Nut Products In School



May we please remind everyone that some children in school are highly sensitive to nut products.

Please do not send your children to school with any nut products, such as the new Nutella bars, peanut butter sandwiches or nuts.

## Christmas Shoe Boxes



Beech Green is supporting the annual Christmas Shoe Box event.

There are several ways you can join in, please either:

- Make up your own shoebox by following the instructions from the T4U leaflet sent home recently. Please don't forget to include a £2.50 donation.
- Filled shoeboxes need to be in school by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November please.
- Send in gifts which will be included in shoeboxes made up in school. The collection point is in reception.
- Support the 'bring and buy' cakes sale that will take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - more details to follow. The money raised will fund the transportation costs for the shoeboxes.

## AUTUMN HALF TERM at The Museum in the Park, Stroud

There is lots going on over the school holiday. For details [www.museuminthepark.org.uk](http://www.museuminthepark.org.uk)

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
Rec - Measuring and height and weight letter	Y5 Bristol Museum Trip
Ward-Hendry photo retake	Ward-Hendry photo retake
Eco Committee - please switch off the lights	Y4 The Living Rainforest Trip
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Contact school - [admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk)

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Finally, enjoy the



Autumn break!