

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 12th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Training and professional development for our staff is important as we become a self-improving school. Hopefully you will soon be able to identify how the quality of learning is being improved in all subjects e.g. science, history, PE. Today pupils from Year 3 found me to show their geography work; beaming they explained what a biome was and gave examples. It is joy to do this job, to listen as children enthusiastically talk about what they know, they have learned and hear in their voice that they're proud of the quality of that learning. They knew it was impressive.

The Family Voice Group

One of the ways we tell you about the achievements of all pupils is through the end of term and year reports to parents/carers. The Family Voice Group this week is a chance for a discussion about how this does and doesn't work for you. The first meeting was at 9.00 a.m. this morning, but it's not too late as there is another meeting this evening at 5.30 p.m. Please join me if you can. Next week we will publish the discussion and invite people to complete a short survey.

Coronavirus

Thank you all for your support and understanding in these unusual times. In seventeen years of headship I have never had to manage a situation like Coronavirus. We are all learning as we go, following guidance from the Local Authority (LA) and the Department for Education (DFE). I am grateful and really appreciate how well our community is working together to do what we can.

We can share with you some useful websites...

www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

<https://111.nhs.uk/>

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Hand Washing – children and adults

- We continue the good habit of hand washing in school. Thank you to the parents who are coming in for 8.40 a.m. to help with this. More volunteers would be welcome – please email admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk if you can also help (subject 'Handwashing')
- If you are visiting school; please wash your hands when you come to sign in
- We are inviting all visitors to school to wash their hands upon arrival
- We are reminded to wash our hands more frequently, especially when we get home from work, eat or handle food and blow your nose, sneeze or cough (into a tissue)
- Please see this updated video on handwashing. www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQCP7waTRWU

ParentMail

This is the method by which we are increasingly sending home messages and letters, so it's vital you are in touch with what's going on in school. Please spread the word and make sure your friends are getting their email and text messages too. Anyone who is struggling to access ParentMail, then please call in to the office to check your details.

ALDI Sports Bags

2 bags of free sports play items arrived today. Thank you again for collecting the stickers at the end of last year. The children should enjoy playing with the new items.

Boys Football Win!

Beech Green Boys' football team beat Kingsholm 2-1 this week to progress to the final of the Gloucester Schools Cup! This will be played on Saturday 28th March at Longlevens Junior School - all welcome to come along and support your school team! Well done to the team players who have reached the final... Theo Bennett / Kian Brooks / Sam Rod / Will Hine / Rhys Hewer / Reece Culley / Simon Sachs / Max Withers / Charlie Harmer – good luck boys!

FABG Gin Night - Cheers - Well done and thank you

The FABG team worked so hard to transform the school hall into a distillery tasting room – it looked brilliant. Well done FABG – your efforts to fundraise is much appreciated. Thank you to all the parents and friends of school who supported the event – we hope you enjoyed it.

Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year 2020 Competition



Every pupil is invited to enter one image of any subject. The photos can be colour or black and white, sized from 6"x4" to A4 and need not be printed on photographic paper. The whole picture must have been photographed by the child and needs to be marked on the back with the title of the photograph, name of the child and Beech Green School. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed photographs and other photographs may be commended and be accepted to be shown in an exhibition held in Cheltenham during May.

Whether your child has taken a gem of a photo, or wants to get snapping this weekend, Mrs Simmonds in the school office is looking forward to receiving your entries. You can email a digital copy of your photo to admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk Entries need to be in by Friday 27th March please.

Notice of Naas Lane Bridge Closure

Highways Gloucestershire County Council has asked we give you notice of planned maintenance works of the Nass Lane Bridge, due to happen between 16th March and 3rd April. The bridge will be subject to 24/7 closure. They are resurfacing the bridge and replacing joints; however, since the waterproofing contains asbestos, the bridge will also be closed for pedestrians. There will be an official diversion route in place and as an alternative option they will also open a bus gate on Valley Gardens, Kingsway; the enforcement fines will be suspended for the duration of the works. A copy of the diversion route is on the parents' noticeboard.

Easter Holiday Club

If you would like a place for your child in the Easter holiday club and have not received a form from us, please download an application form online at www.beechgreennursery.co.uk or pick up a copy from Mrs Redfern in our Out of School Club.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Prices and more information are on our website.

Lost a push chair rain cover?

One was found in the playground – please come and talk to us in the office if you have mislaid yours.

Need an office desk?

If you have a business and need an office desk, then there's one going – which used to be in the school library. It's in excellent condition; take a look – it's out in the Family Tree Café area but is currently rather in the way and needs taking.

Sport Relief Day - Friday 13th March

Please come to school wearing your sports clothes with a donation of £1, if you are able to.

The School Council is also running an extra fundraising challenge to support this great charity.

You can order a quiz sheet or a word search sheet by filling in the slip below. Each entry costs 50p and will be sent home via your child's classroom.

As a guide, the quiz is probably more suitable for KS2 children, but you could always complete the challenges as a family.

There will be prizes! All requests need to be in school by this Friday - Sport Relief Day (13/03/20)

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TO: THE SCHOOL COUNCIL (Mrs Parkinson)

Child's name.....

Class.....

I would like: a quiz sheet a word search sheet

I enclose 50p per entry.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
ParentMail: Sports Relief	ParentMail: Sports Relief
	ParentMail: Y6 SATs meeting

Contact school - admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Website – www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk



The Family Tree Café

Opening times are Tuesday mornings 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

