

# Beech Green Primary School

*"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"*

## Newsletter for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

### School to Home – Week 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am limiting myself to a few words this week; I am conscious of the avalanche of ParentMails. It is, of course, because we care deeply about your children and want to offer you the best support possible. I am determined that we will keep in contact with every family!

As well as sending work and being in email communication with you all, we have:

- Phoned all the families we hadn't heard from – I think we are 99.9% there now
- Supported families who have children who are eligible for Free School Meals
- Successfully run a key worker childcare facility 8.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. - the children are enjoying coming and thanks to the generosity of staff, this will continue over the Easter holidays including the Bank Holidays (if needed).

Email – teachers have sent out email addresses or use [head@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk)

Phone – the office is still manned from 8.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., it might not be Mrs Simmonds or Mrs Phillips but someone will take a message.

I know you are busy so apologies for asking you to do something extra, this short survey will help us understand what you need/don't want. Teachers will see all the results and comments; they have already made improvements. If you see any concerns posted on Facebook, please encourage people to complete the survey or email the teacher directly.

Sycamore - Year 6	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X7KC8HQ">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X7KC8HQ</a>
Acacia - Year 6	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X7JFGNZ">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X7JFGNZ</a>
Whitebeam - Year 5	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XVMKFY7">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XVMKFY7</a>
Frisia - Year 5	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XV7HXYN">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XV7HXYN</a>
Hornbeam - Year 4	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XLBGHP6">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XLBGHP6</a>
Dogwood - Year 4	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XLJZP5H">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XLJZP5H</a>
Hawthorn - Year 3	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V7B8V6Y">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V7B8V6Y</a>
Rowan - Year 3	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XLKLGSV">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XLKLGSV</a>
Birch - Year 2	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X82VFZK">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X82VFZK</a>
Willow - Year 2	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X8XPRH5">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X8XPRH5</a>
Maple - Year 1	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XK32ZCV">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XK32ZCV</a>
Elder - Year 1	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XKQJSTV">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XKQJSTV</a>
Cherry - Reception	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MBHSJFF">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MBHSJFF</a>
Apple - Reception	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MH23MN2">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MH23MN2</a>

You won't hear from us much over the holidays; I have asked teachers to email you all once on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April. I have also asked them to check their emails once a day throughout the holidays; you can contact them. Teachers will ask for you to email them again in the second week – just so we know you are there!

I have not yet been given any information about when we might open again. We miss seeing every child and parent at the gate. Go well, stay safe and look after each other.

Happy Easter Beech Green.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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All Key Worker Childcare enquiries to: [covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk)



### Thrive

Good news... From now on you will find this Thrive logo on our headed paper.

We have been a Thrive school since 2017 and have been working hard to embed its principles within school. Children from Reception to Year 6 have already been attending Thrive sessions as part of a group or on a 1:1 basis. The pupils that take part look forward to their session all week. When we all get back to school, we would like all pupils to benefit from Thrive, by using it as a whole school approach, meaning all pupils can access the Thrive activities as a class. Activities will be set up to meet the whole class' needs and develop their understanding of social skills, emotional development and relational skills. If you have any questions about Thrive please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Sarah Williams, our INCO.

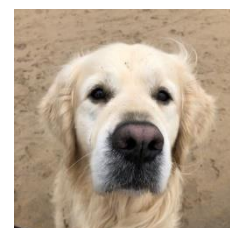
### Tally's Corner

There's one visitor to Beech Green who always makes everyone smile. In case you have missed these, please click below for a treat from Tally...

<https://twitter.com/beechgreentally/status/1242469543378685952?s=21>

<https://twitter.com/beechgreentally/status/1243269292155691010?s=21>

<https://twitter.com/beechgreentally/status/1243548429952876549?s=21>



### Congratulations – to Mr & Mrs Hicks



Mrs Hicks, of Cherry R, has some more happy news to share with us... she says,

“Happy news that Reid John Hicks, surprised us on Valentine's Day with an early arrival and has been keeping us all busy whilst we stay inside. I hope you are all keeping safe and well at home and we can't wait until we're able to come and visit you all. Thinking of you all - Mrs Hicks.”

Photo - Reid with big sister

### Beech Green Photography Competition

Children, would you like to take a photograph and enter a school competition? If so, Mrs Simmonds would welcome entries and we will judge after Easter. Please send your entries to [admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk), stating child's name and class – also giving the photograph a name. We will give a prize to the best in each Year group and will publish the best of class in this newsletter and our website. Have a look around your garden or outdoor space, maybe photo pets, something you've made or whatever catches your eye and sums up these unusual days.

We would love to see your photos. Happy snapping.

(Tulips Are Out)



## **Gloucestershire Grammar Schools' statement on the entrance test for September 2021 entry (current Year 5 pupils)**

In light of current events, parents and carers of children in Year 5 will want to know about arrangements for the Gloucestershire Grammar School Entrance Test, which is scheduled to be taken by children on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Parents/carers will still need to register their child as normal, now between 18<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please see two letters which explains all of this – coming out with this newsletter via ParentMail. We are here to help you.

1. 'Grammar School Entry support from Beech Green'
2. 'Information from Gloucestershire Grammar Schools'

### **Home Learning Twitter Links**

If you would like to catch up with some ideas or post what you are doing then please see the links below... [#BeechGreenHomeSchool](#) tweeting us with your pictures. Follow us on Twitter [@beech\\_green](#).

### **League Table of TT Rockstars**

These are the scores on the doors as at 4pm yesterday. Points are calculated on how much the children have played and how many correct answers they've got.

Wow! Most year groups have played significantly more than last week - well done everyone!

A particular shout out goes to Acacia 6 & Frisia 5, who have both have improved their scores by more than a whopping 10,000 points each! We wonder which class will take the lead next!

Position	Class	Points
1	Acacia 6	26,282
2	Dogwood 4	21,269
3	Hornbeam 4	14,479
4	Frisia 5	14,433
5	Whitebeam 5	9,968
6	Sycamore 6	7,532
7	Rowan 3	4,812
8	Hawthorn 3	4,534
9	Birch 2	2,631
10	Willow 2	2,407
11	Maple 1	1,802
12	Elder 1	1,056

### **Early Help – the following might be useful contacts for you**

Our NHS colleagues are working tirelessly on helping to reduce the risk to our most vulnerable people and advise on anything relating to the illness will be found on <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Fair Shares Community Time Banks:

Do you need any help? Are you at home and can't get out and need someone to pick something up for you? Do you have elderly family or neighbours who you are worried about? Please get in touch with us: 01452 415900 or email [Gloucester@fairshares.org.uk](mailto:Gloucester@fairshares.org.uk)

Community Help Hub : <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/helphub-> to offer help or ask for help

The family Information Service Directory - advise and sign posting for support families and children 0-19 years (25 for young people with additional needs) Freephone: 0800 542 02 02 Direct Line: 01452 427362 or [www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)

HMRC- helpline for the self-employed and businesses who will be struggling now: 0300 456 3565 advise on tax and any benefits you can claim

GL Communities for advice and support: Financial Advice Line: 01452 306581

If you can't top up for electricity and gas please let your supplier know if you need extra support

## **Chance to Shine Cricket from home**

Please find the cricket challenge for week 2- Brilliant Bowler



### **[Chance to Shine Cricket Sessions - Week 2 Brilliant Bowler](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceg-9Y_0dfk&feature=youtu.be)**

Try the second of our weekly skills sessions to support children to stay active.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceg-9Y\\_0dfk&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceg-9Y_0dfk&feature=youtu.be)

### **Finally,**

Please remember these are strange times for everyone...

We are asked to **STAY HOME → PROTECT THE NHS → SAVE LIVES**

Continued thanks to everyone for doing your bit, whatever that might be.

Take care, good health and Happy Easter.

Contact school - [admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk)

Website – [www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk](http://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk)