

# Beech Green Primary School

*"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"*

## Newsletter for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### School to Home – Week 10



This week is half term and so we hope you are taking a rest from your home school and are just trying to relax and have some nice times in this glorious sunshine. If you are facing sadness or difficulties then know we are still around for you – please contact us if you need us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Across the country schools have been preparing for a potential part return on Monday, putting up arrows and one-way signs to direct families.



At Beech Green we have a new path in the playground, which we ordered 5 months ago. One day the new path and footsteps will help visitors find the door to get in; it is rather elusive. Slightly ironically, the footsteps will be facing the wrong way for our 'exit only' plan next week; if you are dropping off or collecting on Monday, feel free to walk backwards towards the exit gate, whilst maintaining strict social distancing of course!



There was an excellent response to our request for information; by 2pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> we had heard from almost all families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Understandably, the numbers of children returning are low in Reception and Year 1 and a bit higher in Year 6.

Whatever decision you made is right for you. Staff have organised the groups into bubbles and these will need to stay fixed for a minimum of three weeks: watch this space for more information.

We continue to run our key worker childcare; please email us [covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk) if you think you are in this group.

Thinking of you all,

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)

### **NEW - NHS Test and Trace**

From 9 a.m. this morning the Government's new Test and Trace scheme is launched. Now every single person, who has symptoms of Covid-19, no matter of age, is now eligible and can get a test. Details of how this works can be found...

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

## **J.K. Rowling – The Ickabog Illustration Competition**

We have some fantastic illustrators at Beech Green and here is your chance to enter a very exciting competition, with the chance of having your drawings in J.K. Rowling's new book, which will be published later this year. Of course, everyone knows that J.K. Rowling is the lady who wrote the Harry Potter books, none the less!

You can find out more about the new book, the draft of which has been sitting in the attic of J.K. Rowling for nearly a decade...

<https://www.jkrowling.com/j-k-rowling-introduces-the-ickabog/>

You can find details of how to enter the competition here...

<https://theickabogcompetition.com/>

The chance to enter starts from tomorrow, so come on Beech Green, we would so love one of you to get your illustrations in this new exciting book. Even if you don't achieve that, it will be such fun trying! Good luck!

## **Beech Green Photography Competition**



Get ready for a cutie! This is a photo of Isla's new cuddly puppy.

"My new puppy, Ivy" by Isla Woodger

This is the last week to send your photo entries. All entries, child or adult, need to be sent to Mrs Simmonds at [admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk) by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June please.

We have enjoyed seeing all the snaps you have taken – thank you.

Please say if the photo is a child entry or adult section, remembering to give your photo a title and the name of the photographer. Happy snapping!

## **BBC Children In Need Short Videos To Help**

If you haven't already seen them, you might find the following link useful. It's a BBC Children In Need link to a series of short clips by Dr Radha, who shares her top tips on looking after your wellbeing during the current challenging times. They cover...

- Coping Strategies
- Starting the day well
- Sleep routines
- Maintaining wellbeing
- Understanding feelings
- Kindness and compassion
- Certainty and control

[https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/changing-lives/dr-radhas-wellbeing-tips/?f24\\_pid=0dd25b89-1759-491c-8922-0d4c87dc7c9e](https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/changing-lives/dr-radhas-wellbeing-tips/?f24_pid=0dd25b89-1759-491c-8922-0d4c87dc7c9e)

## **Finally,**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 is the day we look forward to welcoming back those Rec, Y1 and Y6 children who have already informed us they will be returning to school.

The staff here at Beech Green promise to give you a big social distance welcome. We are all so looking forward to having some more children back in our school.

It's a start; working towards when everyone is allowed to return at some later date.

Those of you who are not coming back yet; that's fine too... home school learning will continue, at what will be the start of Term 6. See some of you on Monday! 😊

Take care, stay safe, good health.

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