

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 25th June 2020

School to Home – Week 14



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome some more children back to school. Thank you for complying with all the social distancing guidelines; don't worry if your child hasn't returned and you're not sure what to do as we'll send a reminder to all the classes before their first day.

Everything we would usually be doing this term has to change, but we are determined to not let COVID completely dominate the summer. First of all, classes and staff for September have been allocated; please see additional letter.

Pupil report comments

We're asking all families to do this at home so that you can work one to one with your child. Please talk about what they have learned this academic year. You could:

- List everything that they have enjoyed (including home learning); what was enjoyable about it?
- Identify achievement; what made this success possible?
- Identify failures and struggles; what do they find difficult?
- Consider what their learning targets could be for next year – what are they interested in or want to improve and why?

These conversations are so interesting; we started pupil conferencing last autumn, and children surprised us with their articulate ideas about their own learning. Please email the teacher if you would like more support with this. Please email the comments by Friday 3rd July.

The learning projects for the next two weeks are all focused on moving up and moving on. I have listed links to week 12: these will be sent home, used to plan learning in class and key worker bubbles.

Reception Cherry & Apple	www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/userfiles/file/Home%20Classroom%20documents/Reception%20week%2012.pdf
Year 1 and Year 2 Elder, Maple, Willow & Birch	www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/userfiles/file/Home%20Classroom%20documents/Year%201%20and%202%20week%2012.pdf
Year 3 and Year 4 Rowan, Hawthorn, Dogwood & Hornbeam	www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/userfiles/file/Home%20Classroom%20documents/Year%203%20and%204%20week%2012.pdf
Year 5 and Year 6 Frisia, Whitebeam, Sycamore and Acacia	www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/userfiles/file/Home%20Classroom%20documents/Year%205%20and%206%20week%2012.pdf

Week 13 will include opportunities for classes to meet their new teacher; we hope to find a way to invite you into school, as long as government guidelines allow. Lots of children will be thrilled to know that Beech Green's Got Talent will happen virtually in week 14 – more information to come, but get practising.

Many of you will appreciate our efforts to interpret legislation and serve our community, children and families. I am very proud of our principled approach and the commitment from all staff. Having missed an important INSET Day in April, we have not had time to think about next year or work together as a whole team. Therefore, I have sought permission from the governors to take Friday 17th July as a day for all staff to reconnect and reflect on the last seventeen weeks. The children finish on Thursday 16th July.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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All Key Worker Childcare enquiries to: covid19@beechedgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

School Summer Holidays

The last day of term for pupils will be Thursday 16th July. This means that **school, home learning** and the **key worker facility will finish on 16th July.** We are not able to offer any childcare during the summer holidays.

Summer Holiday Club

Unfortunately, it will not be possible to run our holiday club this year. Government guidance will not allow us to allocate places to children from schools other than Beech Green. As we have a large number of children on our books from other local schools, this would cause a significant reduction in our bookings. We would also have to work within the guidance of bubbles of 15 children. We would struggle to find suitable places to base these bubbles and also staffing would be a problem. These restrictions unfortunately mean that Holiday Club this summer would not be financially viable.

This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made with a very heavy heart. We know that our childcare provision is greatly valued by the local community and provides essential support to working families. We hope to be open again at Easter 2021 and would love to see you all there.

Take care and stay safe, Beech Green Holiday Club

School Uniform

This Friday (tomorrow) is the last day to please order uniform for September, which can be ordered by email to admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk . We will then bundle your orders and let you know when they are ready for collection and payment. Thank you.

Pastoral Support – Mental Health

During Lockdown our staff and families will have been affected by Covid 19 and some more than others. It is important that we continue to look after each other and support each other where we can as we all need help and support at some time in our lives. Our Pastoral Support Worker (Mrs Ogden) can sign post you to outside agencies and charities that may be able to help and support you with Mental Health. If you are worried about yourself or your child/children you can telephone Mrs Ogden through the school office (Mon- Wed 8.45 a.m. - 3.15 p.m.) or e mail: dawnogden@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk for a chat or information on any links she may have to help and support you.

ParentPay Outstanding Balances

When we went to lockdown in March, quite a large number of families had outstanding balances on ParentPay for school dinners and trips. Sorry to have to mention this, but we are trying to sort ParentPay for the end of this academic year and would appreciate everyone checking if you owe any amounts for dinner, etc.

We are also in the process of refunding Year 6 families with any credit balance you have for dinners on ParentPay, as this amount would not transfer with you to secondary school. Thank you.

Maidenhill School Transition 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49MKdcx4n4U>

Classes for Next Academic Year

Please read the attached letter about moving up; please contact admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk if you have any concerns, no matter how small. We will do everything we can to help; please bear in mind most classes are full and it will not be possible to move pupils across classes without a gap or mutual agreement to swap.

Take care, stay safe, best wishes.

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

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