

# Beech Green Primary School

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## Newsletter for Thursday 9th July 2020

### School to Home – Week 16



Dear Parents and Carers,

All the reports have been written and checked; the comments from the children are brilliant. Thank you for helping with this. Reports will be printed on Monday and handed out on Wednesday; each teacher will contact you to arrange collection if your child has not returned to school.

Now that we have received more detailed information from government about September opening, we can write a new risk assessment and make a new(ish) plan.

Children will return to school full-time and the key worker childcare facility will stop. Mrs Parkinson and the Childcare Committee will contact families about breakfast and after school club arrangements.

The guidance states our one-way system for drop off and collection will continue; we think we need to open the gates at slightly different times to allow for the increase in number. Each year group will be a bubble; this means that adults can work across the classes, assemblies and any special events will be kept separate. We're hoping to be able to return to hot meals: all break-times will be staggered. Surfaces, door handles and resources will still be frequently cleaned, children and adults will wash their hands throughout the day. There will be restrictions about what children are allowed to bring to school and we'll stick to providing individual stationery, desks and trays. There is of course a lot more detail to the plan. More information will be sent next week and then we'll send an update in August.

Teachers will send a PowerPoint presentation for you all: this will include a section about September. The governors are meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July and again on 26<sup>th</sup> August. A ParentMail confirming all the arrangements will be sent on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

There has been some discussion about narrowing the curriculum in the press; I can assure you that this will not happen at Beech Green. Teachers are planning a broad and balanced approach. We have made some changes though to help improve the quality of our provision and there are some potentially exciting plans to ensure our children still have access to physical education and the arts.

Next week is our last week: I cannot thank you enough for your support and encouragement throughout. It has been an emotional time. We are grateful to you all for your empathy, appreciation, understanding and patience. We really could not have done this without you.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July is the last day for children; staff will have a socially distanced INSET day to reflect on the last four months and plan for the next academic year. The school will be closed for the summer, but if your family is in receipt of Free School Meals, we will continue to provide food for you. The [COVID19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:COVID19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk) email will be checked every week, please contact us if you need help.

Thank you for your continued support

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)

## **Housekeeping – ParentPay at the end of this academic year**

Sorry to have to mention it, but we do now need everyone to please login to their child's ParentPay account and settle any outstanding balances.

### **Refunds Paid from School**

If you see any odd amounts popping back up in your 'My ParentPay' or your bank account, this could be because we have now refunded parents for:

- Y6 dinner money which was sitting in your child's account, has not been used and does not transfer to secondary school. (*Balances for other year groups moves up with your child for next year!*)
- Reception parents who had already paid for the YR Redwood Centre Trip, which due to lockdown could not unfortunately take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **Payments Overdue from Parents**

We would really appreciate your support by paying outstanding amounts for the following:

- Y5 Redwood Centre Trip – March 2020
- Y3 Redwood Centre Trip – March 2020
- Y3 National Waterways Museum Trip – February 2020
- Y4 The Living Rainforest Trip – February 2020
- Y6 Residential to Conover Hall – February 2020
- Y5 & Y6 Swimming Courses
- Pantomime – December 2019
- Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 – there are still some unpaid dinner debts, which might each be small but collectively they add up to £437.72, which is another amount which will be charged to school funds if not cleared!

Thank you to everyone who has already paid towards these trips. We do understand paying for trips is a financial outgoing when money might be tight, but you will appreciate that when you multiply up the unpaid voluntary contributions, it gives school a huge amount to pay, which we simply do not have.

All your contributions are truly appreciated and without them, the running of trips is simply not viable.

### **Parents of the Current Y2 – School Dinners**

Next year you will need to pay for your child's school dinners, when they will be in Y3. Please ensure you have funds on your child's ParentPay dinner account ready for September. If you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) then please ensure you apply before September, as claims will not be backdated and you could accrue a dinner debt unnecessarily.

### **Free School Meals (FSM) – do you think you might be entitled to this?**

Apply online at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### **Returning Library Books**

Thank you to everyone who has now returned the library books we lent out. We need them all back now, so if you still have some at home, please return them by the end of this week. Thank you.

### **Beech Green's Got Talent (BGGT)**

The auditions panel is looking forward to receiving your entries for this year's virtual talent competition. All video entries of performances need to be emailed to either Miss Wescott or Mrs McGill by this Friday at the latest please. Do send in your entry as each class will get to see the show next week, socially distancing in their bubbles. We want to make it as fun and varied as is possible.

(entries - please use BGGT in the subject box) to:

**fonawescott@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk**

**harrietmcgill@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk**

*(After the first round of auditions, Mrs McGill and Miss Wescott will select a limited number of acts to put forward for whole school viewing. Films that get through to the final round will be combined to make a final show which will be shared with the children in classes and sent to those of you at home.*

*The films will not be posted on social media and will only be accessible via a link.)*

## **Beech Green Library Wish List**

[www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1SSXB58TWNFIR?&sort=default](http://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1SSXB58TWNFIR?&sort=default)

We've had a number of parents asking us about a wish list, as they would like to buy something to say 'thank you' as the end of year approaches. As we have been giving the library a make-over, this would be the perfect opportunity to share our book wish list with parents.

## **School Uniform**

If you ordered school uniform, would you now please come to collect it. Please avoid the bubble drop off and collection times and phone when you arrive to collect it.

## **Daily Mile Shoes**

We have lots of Daily Miles shoes left in school which we will box up and move on to the next class.

## **Midday Supervisor vacancies**

We have vacancies on our Play Team (Midday Supervisory Assistants) from 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The job involves supervising and interacting with the children over the lunch period for one hour twenty minutes per day, Monday to Friday. Please contact Mrs. Phillips in the office if you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining our team or you would like further details – Tel: 01452 722363.

## **School Summer Holidays**

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

Take care, stay safe, best wishes.

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