

Beech Green Primary School

“Believe Grow Persevere Succeed”

Newsletter for Thursday 10th September 2020

A special welcome this week to all the new families who have joined us this term and Reception 2020 children who started school yesterday – we hope you will be very happy at our school

Dear Parents and Carers,

What are they doing in there?

If you have ever wondered what your child does all day, because I promise you it is not ‘nothing’ I have made a summary list below:

Year 1 – maths puzzles, spotting wrong numbers and learning about history

Year 2 – lots of great phonics work this week, they are motoring through the Read, Write Inc, learning new sounds. In maths the children have learned about partitioning and tens and ones

Year 3 – revisited times tables, found out what numerals are and they have learned so much about the Stone Age e.g. how they used a whole animal, bones and all!

Year 4 – have learned about VIPERS and know what the letters mean; they are enjoying James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. In maths they have found out more about place value and 4 digit numbers as well as an impressive knowledge of the Romans, e.g. in 220 BC the Celts had more land than the Romans.

Year 5 – the children were keen to tell me everything they have learned about Ancient Egypt, Howard Carter, ‘who is an Egyptologist’, what B.C and A.D means, the Rosetta Stone, River Nile and Tutankhamun. In maths they have learned about 5 digit numbers and they are really enjoying their new class books.

Year 6 – have revisited Purple Learners, identifying blockers and movers. They have just started reading Roald Dahl’s, Boy. The children have learned about continents and countries and some could name the continents. Year 6 have also found out some surprising facts about Mount Everest; how dirty it is and how many people don’t make it to the top. One child has done their own research on the Yeti.

With increasing headlines about the numbers of coronavirus infections and schools we remain true to what we believe is a balanced approach. The children have been stunningly good, almost everyone has been able to follow expectations.

Impressively our children have shown an ability to adapt, although there are a few gaps in their knowledge; overall they have been enthusiastic and able to complete the work set. We are doing some extra things to help:

- When they come into school and before they leave they have a chance to practice what they have learned
- an extra maths session called MOT – to build fluency skills
- three guided reading lessons every week
- one to one reading for every child, every week
- read, write Inc in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – with supportive catch up sessions for any child that needs it
- pre-teaching and re-teaching, sometimes the learning hasn’t stuck, we have built in times to revisit knowledge

You can all be so proud of your children at school; they are working hard, trying their best and showing great perseverance.

I know it is difficult when your child is the last one to arrive or leave, but please do use the full gate open times to drop or pick up, aim to arrive after the gate has opened (times below) we are relying on you to drift in, maintain a social distance, avoid a queue and maintain the one-way system around school. However, if you need to collect early for a reason just let us know.

Thank you for also respecting that during this time of working in Bubbles, parents may not come into school without previously phoning to make an appointment or catching one of us at the gate.

Gate times

Front gate (KS2 Year 3,4,5,6) and siblings in KS1	Side gate Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 only
Arrive after 8:40am before 9:10am	Arrive after 8:50am before 9:10am
Arrive after 3:20pm before 3:40pm	Arrive after 3:10pm before 3:30pm

Hot meals start on Monday; please see the information below about how this will work.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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NEW Dinner Menu for Autumn 2020



We are aiming to launch Caterlink's new hot meals menu for the Autumn on Monday, when there will be a choice of two options. You can see the choices on our school website www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/dinner

We have made a rota, so that the children can safely eat in their bubbles, some in the hall, some in the classrooms.

Please remember that dinners cost £2.32 per day (£11.60 per week), for each child unless you are entitled to Free School Meals, www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or your child is in Key Stage 1, and therefore eligible to have a Universal Free School Meals. Alternatively, you can send your child with a packed lunch from home, as the school packed lunch will stop this Friday.

Children who have just moved up from Year 2 in to Year 3 - please remember you will no longer be entitled to the universal free school meal given to all KS1 children. All of KS2 pupils need to have dinner funds available on their ParentPay account. Please check your child's balance before requesting a dinner. Thank you.

Advising Us When Your Child Is Absent

We do need to know reasons for all absences, especially at this current time, and the preferred 3 methods to let us know are...

1. Leaving an Absence message on ParentMail
2. Leaving a Message on the School Careline 01452 722697
3. Emailing the reason to admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

What To Do If Your Child Displays Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, **continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste and smell** (anosmia), they will be sent home (together with siblings) and be advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. This guidance sets out the following:

- Arrange to have a test (phone 119 or go online www.NHS.uk/coronavirus)
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days (if they are person with the symptoms – or until they get a confirmed negative test result)
- Self-isolate for 14 days (if someone in their household has the symptoms and is awaiting a test result)
- If a positive test is given, then self-isolation would need to continue for the whole family as the guidance
- If a negative test is given, then the child and siblings could return to school, if they are well.

NHS Childhood Nasal Flu Programme Reception to Year 6

This week every child should have brought home...

NHS Gloucestershire Health and Care letter regarding your child's annual flu vaccination

NHS leaflet – Protecting your child against flu

NHS Flu Immunisation Consent Form – It is important to consent or decline the flu vaccination either online or by returning the consent form to your child's class. Failure to do this will result in further contact from the Immunisation Team.

School has yet to be advised what date the NHS Immunisation Team will be in school but it is due this Autumn.

Year 6 Transfer To Secondary School – September 2021

We have now received and distributed these letters to all the current Y6. It's time to start your child's process to secondary school, so please do register (preferably online) and make a note of all the key dates.

Y6 change to Grammar School Entrance Test Date

As a consequence of the guidance issued by the Department for Education on Friday 24th of July, The Gloucestershire Grammar Schools have collectively decided to hold the Gloucestershire Entrance Test on Saturday 17th of October, rather than on Saturday 12th of September as had been previously advertised.

Severn Vale School Virtual Zoom Open Day

Severn Vale School will be holding a Virtual Open Evening on Thursday 17th September 2020. This will be run using Zoom, with joining codes issued nearer the date. Please look out for the codes, on the Severn Vale website, so you are able to join them for the evening to see their extensive facilities and the opportunities your child could enjoy when they join.

Pupil Privacy Notice

This will soon be updated on the website.

Data Checking

If any of your child's data has changed then please do inform us in the school office. This might include a change of address, new mobile or work number and/or any changes to medical information.

Calendar Dates for Beech Green

Our usual fixture of annual calendar dates, is understandably somewhat different this year, but we will let you know of activities we can take part in at the appropriate time.

School Uniform – Cosy Fleece

We will soon be ordering some cosy fleeces ready for the colder weather. If you would like to order one, then please email your order request by next Monday. Thank you.

admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk Once your order is ready we will invite you to call outside the Y6 entrance, outside of the start and end of day times, and swap the uniform for the correct payment. Thank you.

Beech Green FLEECE with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24" (3-4 yrs)	12.75		
26" (5-6 yrs)	12.75		
28" (7-8 yrs)	12.75		
30"/32" (9-11 yrs)	12.75		
34" (12-13 yrs)	12.75		
Extra Small adult	12.75		
Small adult	14.00		

Communication School to Parents

New families, when you receive your invite to sign up to ParentMail, please activate your account as ParentMail is the method by which we send home communication home from class and the school office. You will also receive your weekly newsletter by this method.

BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Uniform Order Form

Child's Name: (PRINT)

Class:

Beech Green SWEATSHIRT with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	9.50		
26"	9.50		
28"	9.50		
30"/32"	9.50		
34"	9.50		
Small adult	9.50		

Beech Green COSY CARDI with logo: (sweatshirt fabric)

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	10.50		
26"	10.50		
28"	10.50		
30"/32"	10.50		
34"	10.50		
Small adult 34/36"	10.50		

Beech Green KNITWEAR CARDIGAN with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	14.50		
26"	14.50		
28"	14.50		
30"	14.50		
32"	14.50		
34"	16.50		
36"	16.50		

Beech Green POLO SHIRT with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	7.50		
26"	7.50		
28"	7.50		
30"/32"	7.50		
34"	7.50		
Small adult	7.50		

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34" (12-13 yrs)	12.75		
Extra Small adult	12.75		
Small adult	14.00		

Beech Green P.E. BAGS with logo:

Colour	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
Royal blue	4.00		
Red	4.00		
Yellow	4.00		
Emerald Green	4.00		
Purple	4.00		

Beech Green P.E. KIT:

Garment	Unit price £	Quantity and size	Total price £
PE Black Shorts – Waist 14/16" (3-4 yrs) or 18/20" (5-6 yrs) or 22/24" or 26/28" or 30/32"	5.50		
PE White T-Shirt with logo 24"/26"/28"/30"/32"/XS/S	5.50		

Cheques to be made payable to 'Beech Green Primary School'

TOTAL VALUE £