

Beech Green Primary School

“Believe Grow Persevere Succeed”

Newsletter for Thursday 24th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems hard to imagine that we were at the beginning of such a drastic change to our lives six months ago. It is difficult to put into words how proud we are to be part of this school and community, what we have achieved together.

We care so much about your children, not just their academic education but their emotional well-being, their ability to bounce back and solve problems for themselves. We try to teach them not just how to read and write but how to ‘be’. They never stop impressing and surprising, but they are also human, they make mistakes, tell fibs, hurt others with words or actions either intentionally or by accident. Our job is to work with you and your child to help them recognise their human frailties, understand their emotions and how that links to their behaviour and then find ways to develop this for all our futures.

This year we were planning on introducing restorative practice. The aim was to start to put this into every day school life; to develop children’s’ empathy and their understanding of themselves. It is a long term project; if you’d like to know more this website explains it much better than I can. <https://restorativejustice.org.uk/restorative-practice-schools>

Of course this approach doesn’t take away the need for consequences; we will continue to put in place appropriate sanctions for behaviour which is considered unacceptable as well as rewards for excellent behaviour.

Thank you for listening and arriving a bit later at school, the mornings are great! There is a steady flow of children and adults at the gates and through the school, we are doing all we can to keep everyone safe PLEASE keep helping us by not queuing along the fence, there is no need to arrive before 3.10 pm. KS1 side gate and 3.20 p.m. KS2 front gate.

It was good to welcome a cricket coach into school this week; one of our fundamental principles is that we offer as full a curriculum as we can. From Friday Rocksteady will be back in the afternoons, Boogie Beat will start again after half term for the children in Reception and Year 1. Watch this space for more enrichment opportunities.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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School Photographer – A Visit By Kittle Photography

Portrait Photos – Will be taken

Rec and Key Stage 1 – Tuesday 29th September – no PE

Key Stage 2 – Wednesday 30th September – no PE or Y3 Forest School

Family Groups – We will not be taking any family groups on the 29th or 30th, however, we have now booked the photographer to come back again to take **family groups separately after school on Monday 5th October**. This will ensure we do not burst our year group bubbles.

Everyone has been invited to email admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk to request a family group photo, and we are working our way through those requests; replying by email to inform you what you will need to do to book a space and when you need to come along after school on the 5th.

Tomorrow, Friday 25th September, is the last day to request a family group, as we have to confirm with Kittle how many photographers to send (and they need to plan their week.)

The family groups will be by appointment only and next Monday we will set up the booking system (that can only be done one week in advance). **Having made an initial request, you will then need to book your actual time slot.** We are asking everyone to bear with us, as we have not attempted this before; fingers crossed it all works smoothly!



What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

Please see the link below to the government site, which is available in many languages...

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=21%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Please Report To The School Office – your child’s absence or self-isolating

You will appreciate we have lots of guidance to follow with regard to children being off school, either sick or presenting COVID-19 symptoms. Will you please ensure you keep the school office informed of any absences and test results by either:-

Phoning our Careline 01452 722697

Leaving an absence message via ParentMail

or email updates to admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Arriving Late To School

Should you arrive after 9.10 a.m. when school staff have left the gates, would you please phone the school office and make your way round to the Y6 door, where someone will come out to welcome your children into school. Please do not come into school, even if you see open doors.

Trailblazer Programme - Update

As you might already know, last year Beech Green joined the Trailblazer Programme linking us with Mental Health Support Teams (MHST). The MHSTs' main role is to provide earlier care for children and young people who may be experiencing mild to moderate or early symptoms of mental health problems, which tend to be outside the scope of traditional NHS services. They work with teachers and school staff to identify children and young people with emerging mental health needs, as part of a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing. These difficulties might include:

- Low mood
- Mild anxiety
- Low Self Esteem

Although some children were previously referred to, and accepted by, the MHST, their work was put on hold as a result of COVID 19 restrictions. Unfortunately, we have now been informed that we will have to re-refer any children we have concerns about. As a result of this, we will have to reassess the children and this might change information which has gone out to some families. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Mrs Weeks sharonweeks@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Mrs Williams sarahwilliams@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Keeping Warm In School – it’s time to find your winter vest!

To adhere to regulations around COVID-19, we are required to keep the indoors well ventilated, which means we need to keep the windows open until further notice. This means it’s going to get chilly in school, so it’s really important that all children please come to school with warm clothing. Layers are good. We might all need a winter vest this year; children and staff alike! If you would like to order a Beech Green fleece, to keep your child cosy, then please email in your order by Monday, when we will order from our supplier. admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

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		

Beech Green Nursery

It is really wonderful to see children back in Nursery playing and learning together. All our new families have settled in so well and we are very grateful to them all for their support in making our "new normal" work so well. If you are interested in places with us, we take children from the age of 2 (funded and self-paying). As visiting us to have a look around is tricky at the moment, we have a virtual tour that you might like to watch. Hopefully it will give you a flavour of what our setting can offer. If you have any questions or would like to enquire about places with us, please do get in touch.

Tel: 07725 842 309

Contact form on our website: www.beechgreennursery.co.uk

Email: info@beechgreennursery.co.uk

Facebook: @BeechGreenNursery

We hope you enjoy watching our virtual tour. <https://roundme.com/tour/619114/view/1963645/>



[Beech Green Nursery from Quedgeley, Gloucester, UK](https://roundme.com/tour/619114/view/1963645/)

St James, Quedgeley, GL2 4WD
roundme.com

Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017

Any child born between the above dates can start school next academic year, September 2021. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary school, therefore, during November you should receive a pack, explaining how to do this; you will need to apply to them to receive a school place for your child by the closing date of 15th January 2021.

Key dates – for Reception classes 2021

From November 2020	Letters sent out explaining how to apply for a school place. If you are a Gloucestershire resident and you still have not received a letter by December 2020 please contact Co-ordinated Admissions
From 4 November 2020 to 15 January 2021	Online application facility open
Friday 15 January 2021	Closing date for all applications
Wednesday 31 March 2021	Closing date for Summer-born deferment
Friday 16 April 2021	Allocation Day
Friday 23 April 2021	Closing date to return reply form accepting the School/Academy place or requesting to be put on waiting list/s
After Friday 14 May 2021	Letters sent out advising outcome of waiting list requests
Friday 21 May 2021	Closing date for return of reply forms
June 2021 to July 2021	Appeals

Reception 2021 – Virtual Tour

We understand that parents looking to choose a school for their child, like to look around the local schools. As this is not possible this year, we are preparing a virtual tour to show new parents around Beech Green. We will let you know when it is available to view!

Secondary Transfer – Moving On September 2021?

Key dates – Useful for the current Year 6

<i>From noon 18 May 2020 to noon on 30 June 2020</i>	<i>Online registration period for Grammar Entrance Test</i>
September 2020	Letters sent out explaining how to apply for school places
From 7 September 2020 to 31 October 2020	Online Secondary/High School transfer application facility open
Saturday 17 October 2020	Grammar Entrance Test Day
Saturday 31 October 2020	Closing date for school applications
This date is to be confirmed	Grammar Test results sent to parents
Monday 1 March 2021	Allocation Day
By Midnight Monday 8 March 2021	Closing date to return reply form accepting the School/Academy place or requesting to be put on waiting list/s
After Monday 29 March 2021	Outcome of waiting list requests
Wednesday 7 April 2021	Closing date for the return of reply forms
May 2021 to July 2021	Appeals

Contact school - admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk - Website – www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk