

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 1st October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today a pupil asked me about how they could take greater responsibility, would they be able to help young children with their learning? It is a helpful reminder that our children's experience at school is important to them, we are ambitious for them, we value their opinion and want to ensure they have a voice and we are all so sorry that many excellent whole school collaborations are no longer allowed.

Over the next few weeks we are going to find out what they think about all aspects of our school in the 'new normal' environment. Through discussions and pupil surveys we'll be asking them to think about everything from assembly to word of the day. More importantly once we've gathered the information we'll be able to make changes that mean something to our children, so much has been taken away it would be lovely to give something back.

Thank you all so much for your willingness to tell us about test dates and results, it might seem obvious but we can only stay safe and open in all year groups with your co-operation. Working in close partnership with you seems more vital than ever, I hope you have all found and been able to access teacher emails. If you haven't done so already, please complete the on-line survey about internet access and devices, paper copies available at the gate.

All being well we have planned parents' evenings to take place virtually or as a phone call from Monday 19th October to Thursday 22nd. Attached separate letter for you to read and respond as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your continued support, combined effort and understanding of our whole school approach.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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Harvest – Gloucester Food Bank

For many years Gloucester Foodbank has involved local schools at Harvest Festival time in their work in Gloucester and surrounding areas. Your support has enabled them to help individuals and families in crisis by providing emergency food and toiletries. They work with many agencies such as Citizen's Advice and

Family Support Workers who come into contact with local people in crisis.

This year they have continued to work through Lockdown and are preparing for a busy period when the furlough scheme comes to an end and the colder months kick in. Since Lockdown in March 2020 they have distributed over 44 metric tonnes of food and toiletries to individuals and families who lacked the funds to buy these basic items with 33% going to children under the age of 16.

Because they anticipate the need will increase for the reasons mentioned above, it is more important than ever that this year we at Beech Green help to create a food mountain to donate as

our Harvest food collection to give to the Foodbank.

We are unable to have an assembly but we know the generosity of our school community and this year is going to be our best harvest ever. Next week we will publish a list of items the Gloucester Food Bank is in short supply of, but for now donate tins and packets (must be in date please).

We will start our mountain in school and will send you photos as it starts to grow. We've 'planted' a single tin of beans to see what grows from it! We

will have a trolley out on the playground from Monday so you can drop in a donation on your way past!



Uniform Orders

If you have recently ordered fleeces or uniform, then please note our suppliers have sent a message to say they are aiming to despatch orders as soon as is possible, although they ask we bear with them as they have experienced some disruption to deliveries themselves and reduced staff as a result of social distancing measures. We will let you have the garments as soon as we get them.

NHS Letter Re Test and Trace

The government has requested schools circulate to parents, the attached letter regarding Test and Trace.

School Photographer – Individual Portraits are now taken

- We have now taken the children's individual portrait photos
- ParentMailed to advise you how to order and to advise that it is likely to be Friday or Monday before Kittle can check the images and upload ready for you to start placing orders
- You will be able to order either by the QR code with your smartphone or by going to www.kittleorder.com , accessing your child's photo by using the Photo ID and Password (which you will find on the ticket your child brought home).

Family Groups

- These will be taken after school on **Monday 5th October by appointment only**. This will ensure we do not burst our year group bubbles. By now, everyone who emailed requesting a place, should have received a reply from Mrs Simmonds.



Relief Play Team (Mid-day Supervisors)

We currently have vacancies for relief Play Team – if you are interested then please phone Mrs Carole Phillips for more details, in the school office 01452 722363.

Primary Times

During these challenging times we are not sending home a paper copy of the Primary Times, but you can still access the publication online www.primarytimes.co.uk/gloucestershire from next weekend.

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