

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week there has been a real buzz about learning inside and out, throughout the school children are impressing us with their knowledge in all subjects. Each year has a knowledge organiser; these can be found on the school website in the year group pages, (see under Curriculum tab.)

Teachers have been learning how to use TEAMS to record lessons so that your child can still access work at home. Thank you if you have already helped your child(ren) log on; please keep talking to us if you need more help.



We are so grateful to you all for your understanding and willingness to follow the guidance, please phone and check with us if you're not sure what to do if someone in your household has symptoms. It is more important than ever that we work together.

Attached to this newsletter is information about Christmas, we want to make this as special as possible, the children really deserve a chance to enjoy and celebrate together. It is really important that you tell us if you don't want your child filmed, we do have a list of children we know cannot be photographed for the website, but please check with us if you think we might not know, or if you would prefer your child to not be in a Christmas film.

Well done Team Beech Green, your support and co-operation is making a difference!

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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Term Dates Survey for 2021-2022

The results from our survey monkey so far show that most people would prefer we take the two week at October 2021 half term, without impacting on the summer holiday. This is in line with Severn Vale and other schools, which should make life easier for parents trying to arrange childcare. The survey will close today at midnight; it takes about 15 seconds to complete the one question link here

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FNDMHFN>

Once agreed by governors, our dates will be posted on the school website.

Children in Need – last Friday



It was a pleasure to be on gate duty last Friday, when the children arrived to school happy in their home clothes and eager to run to donate their pennies or pounds to the Pudsey red buckets in the playground.

Thank you Beech Green; even during these challenging times we managed to collect **£396.44**, which will be sent to the BBC Children In Need appeal.

Parent Governor Election

Last Friday, a ParentMail was sent to all to inform of the parent governor election currently taking place in our school. All nomination forms must be in the school office by tomorrow morning at 9.30 a.m. In the event we have more than one nominee, then an election will take place.

QR Code for Beech Green Virtual Tour



If you are new to QR Codes, then all you need to do is...

Aim your phone camera at this image, tap screen when asked and hey presto you will be taken to the new tour around school.

It's just like magic!

From the Governing Body



My name is Stephen Ball; I am the Vice-Chair of Governors.

I have been a governor at the school for a little over 7 years now, as a parent governor. I work alongside the rest of the governing body in supporting and challenging the Headteacher, ensuring policies are reviewed and standards maintained. I support the Chair of Governors, and fill in to chair meetings where necessary. Over the last couple of years, I have undertaken visits to the school to review the performance management processes in place, reporting back to the governing body and making suggestions for improvement. I have also taken part in the headteacher's appraisal for the last few years. With a background in

accounting, I sit on the Resources Committee, and was chair of that committee for a few years (standing down as chair this year, to allow other members of the governing body to develop.)

I've had two children attend the school. The first is now at secondary school, whilst my youngest still has a couple of years left at Beech Green.

Collecting Chocolate Treats and Selection Boxes for Gloucester Foodbank

This is the final week the trolley will be out, at the start and end of the day. Please put your Christmas selection boxes or chocolate treats in it; they will all be donated to the Gloucester Foodbank. You will remember, an ex-pupil, who is trying to achieve her Duke of Edinburgh award in these difficult times, will be co-ordinating getting our donations to Gloucester Foodbank. 🌲🌲🌲🌲🎅❤️ - Thank you!

Beech Green School Uniform Fleece

We still have stock of most school uniform, including sweatshirts.

However, we have spoken to our uniform suppliers, who advise us there is a national shortage of fleece material. As delivery lead times could be towards the end of December or even the new year, with no definite date when we might receive outstanding orders, we are not ordering any more fleeces this winter. Sorry to disappoint those who wanted to order a fleece or were still waiting. Most came a few weeks ago, but those orders that have not been completed have now been refunded. Apologies for this inconvenience.

School Christmas Dinner

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned their Christmas dinner pre-order forms by the deadline, which was Tuesday of this week. We sent a ParentMail reminder to everyone who had not returned their form, and yesterday was the final date. We have now given our final Christmas Dinner numbers to Caterlink.

Please remember, that if you did not pre-order a Christmas dinner then you will need to bring a packed lunch from home on Wednesday 16th December and Thursday 17th December.

Beech Green SWEAT

Hopefully, you will have read about our new initiative for the whole school community in the Parent Mail earlier this week, or indeed heard about it from your children. Thank you so much to those of you who have already completed the survey for us, and thank you for the positive comments. There are already some extra ideas for getting/keeping active: yes, horse or pony-riding counts; the common in Stroud apparently 'caters for all the family'; walking, cycling or scooting to and from school could be an easy way of racking up the miles; and even online exercise (and cheerleading!) classes are a great way to share in keeping fit at home (although wouldn't necessarily contribute to miles - maybe if you use a step/fitness tracker...). If you haven't completed the survey and would like to, you can find it here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/T2XHxD/>

Do remember also, those of you who have been getting active already but especially if you're planning to get 'SWEATY' this weekend, please engage with it on Twitter if you can by using **#beechgreensweat** - you can post your own pictures or routes, or see the exploits of the staff!

Here are the virtual journeys each year group are attempting this term:

	Virtual Journey	Distance	Topic
Reception	Land's End to John O'Groats	837 miles	Keeping Healthy
Yr 1 (combined)	Quedgeley to Crimea	2,030 miles	Mary Seacole
Yr 2 (combined)	Trans-Atlantic flight	2,208 miles	Amelia Earhart
Yr 3	Quedgeley to Mt Vesuvius	1,400 miles	Rocks and Soils
Yr 4	Quedgeley to Rome	1,276 miles	The Romans
Yr 5	Alexandria to Abu Simbel	792 miles	Ancient Egypt
Yr 6	Quedgeley to Berlin	728 miles	World War II

I'll include an update for each class in next week's newsletter. Please remember to add up the miles for your family totals for this week, and send them in with your children's homework next week. Mr Dawson

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