

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 26th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Inspiration has been a reoccurring theme this week. Mr Dawson has motivated us to get up and get out collecting miles for a virtual journey; more information of how far each class has travelled is below.

Year 6 was enthralled by our GCHQ code breaker visitor on Wednesday and so many of you responded to the request for chocolate selection boxes from Molly May, that we had a trolley load for her to collect. In such difficult times your response to our requests for help is quite astounding, thank you!

Along with a nip in the air there is a little sparkle of festivities, although there is work to do before we finish for Christmas, we are determined to keep a positive balance of focus and fun. We sent out a Christmas at Beech Green list last week, I have attached it again because we now have a Panto to watch, 'oh yes we have', all the classes will be able to see Tweedy and friends perform on a virtual reduced pantomime, filmed for schools by The Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham. Many thanks to FABG who are making the £100 donation to The Everyman, which will help support the theatre and their Education and Community Department during this uncertain time.



Following some feedback from a parent focus group we won't be sending out end of term reports in December, instead we will write to you in January 2021 to explain how we are planning to work with your child to help them continue to make progress over the spring and summer. Please remember you are always welcome to contact the teachers to find out more about what your child is learning.

Thank you Beech Green families, your ongoing support and understanding is appreciated, now more than ever.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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NEW Parent Governor

We are pleased to inform you that last Friday, Mrs Beth Staite, was elected unopposed as your new Parent Governor. To read an introduction by Beth, please see attached PDF. The previous holder of this role, Mrs Rakiya Sambo, will stand for one of our Co-Opted Governor vacancies, elected by the governors.

Christmas Card Front Cover Competition

Calling all children. Every year school makes a newsletter Christmas card on the last Thursday of term 2.

Children, we wonder if you would like to help us by designing this year's front cover?

This year, the 'card' newsletter will be sent home electronically (ParentMail).

The front cover will be a collage of winning photos, one from each year group.

How to Enter

Draw or paint a cheerful Christmas image and then take a photo of it.

Please then email the photo of your artwork to Mrs Simmonds at admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk by Monday 7th December. Please give your name and year group – subject 'Christmas Card'

What Happens next

We hope to be able to use the 7 winning images on the front cover of our Christmas newsletter – we will print a card copy for the seven winning entries and send those home with a chocolate selection box.

From the Governing Body



My name is **Linda Salomon**; I am the Chair of the Education and Development Committee.

The committee review policies, monitors the progress across the ability range of the pupils and looks at teachers' assessment of the children, within their year group. We also monitor and contribute to the School Development Plan (Recovery Plan).

I was a member of staff at Beech Green for over 29 years, during which time I was a Parent Governor, an LEA Governor, a Staff Governor and took up the role of Co-Opted Governor last year, after retiring in December 2018.

Both my children attended the school before going on to secondary education at The Crypt School. I enjoyed my time as a member of staff at Beech Green and continue to enjoy being part of the school community.



My name is **Katie Tucker** and I have been a governor at Beech Green for a year. I am the Chair of the Resources Committee and I also sit on the Education and Development Committee. I have particular responsibility for Mental Health and Wellbeing, Attendance and have been supporting with Information Governance.

I have been involved in school governance for over 10 years, having previously been Chair of Governors at Kingsway Primary School and Denmark Road High School. I love seeing how effective governance can support the strategic development of the school through asking questions, giving support and challenge - being a 'critical friend'.

In my day job I run a non-profit organisation, Treasure Seekers, which supports adults and young people with mental health issues and learning disabilities. I am also the Vice-Chair of trustees of another local charity. I have two boys at the school who are in KS1 and KS2.

Health and Wellbeing Team Checks – Dates for 2021

24th February 2021 – Height and Weight checks on Y6

25th February 2021 - Height, Weight and Vision checks on Reception

Today, we have ParentMailed an NHS letter about this to Rec and Y6.

Collecting Chocolate Treats and Selection Boxes for Gloucester Foodbank



Dear Beech Green Friends and Families,



Gloucester food bank

Molly wanted to do something special this Christmas for those looking for that extra support. Molly decided to get selection boxes for those that use the Gloucester food bank. Well done Molly for getting involved and showing your support in our local community.

I would just like to take this moment to thank you all for your kind and generous donations towards my Christmas Gloucester Food Bank Appeal. Thank you all for helping me with my Duke of Edinburgh volunteering hours; with the year we have all had it means the world to me. Thank you for helping me put a smile on families faces across Gloucester. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, love Molly-may 🌲🌲🌲🌲🎅



HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH DIXIE DOT! (AND HELP YOUR SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME!)

Enter the code at the checkout page on the website and 10% of your order will be donated to your school fundraising!

BEECH GREEN FUNDRAISER CODE: BEECH2020

FABG Fundraiser for school

Dear Parents, as you are aware Covid has affected our ability to fundraise this year, which is why we are pleased to be working in conjunction with a local business Dixie Dot Crafts.

Dixie Dot is based in Quedgeley and offers a wide range of gifts and lovely things, from personalised pottery painted items to bath bombs to craft kits.

For every order that is placed through the website (www.dixiedotcrafts.com) between now and 31st December 2020, 10% will be donated back to our school to kick-start the fundraising into 2021. **Our Unique code is BEECH2020** – to use at checkout.

Please do share this with all your family and friends so they can purchase Christmas gifts and craft projects through Dixie Dot while helping our school. Thank you in advance for your support – **FABG**.

Beech Green SWEAT

A massive 'well done' and 'thank you' to everyone who has so far got on board with this: loads of pictures and distances Tweeted at #beechgreensweat, and lots of positive emails and comments at the school gates. Here are the totals so far for Week 1:

	Virtual Journey	Distance (miles)	Week 1 (miles)	% completed
Rec (combined)	Land's End to John O'Groats	837 m	164 m	20 %
Yr 1 (combined)	Quedgeley to Crimea	2,030 m	200 m	10 %
Yr 2 (combined)	Trans-Atlantic flight	2,208 m	922 m	42 %
Yr 3 (combined)	Quedgeley to Mt Vesuvius	1,400 m	457 m	33 %
Dogwood 4	Quedgeley to Rome	1,276 m	290 m	22 %
Hornbeam 4			376 m	29 %
Frisia 5	Alexandria to Abu Simbel	792 m	263 m	33 %
Whitebeam 5			343 m	43 %
Sycamore 6	Quedgeley to Berlin	728 m	135 m	19 %
Acacia 6			106 m	15 %

A few differences between classes for percentages completed, but a great start by everyone, and remember that this term is a 'trial run'. Keep it up this week and this weekend - Week 2 finishes Sunday evening. It may be a bit colder this week, but wrap up warm and keep SWEATING!!!

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Christmas at Beech Green 2020 – A Reminder

FABG Hampers

Friday 27th November – TOMORROW! wear your own clothes and put an item for the Christmas hamper in the trolley outside your classroom

Raffle tickets £1, please send money in an envelope with your child's name, class and the number of raffle tickets you would like to buy clearly written on the front.

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 11th December – wear your Christmas jumper, please bring £1

Whole School Performance Film

You may not be able to come into school for a carol concert, but we can bring the concert to you! Once complete the film will be available for all; we have a list of pupils who cannot be photographed for the website, we will contact you to tell you how your child can still be involved. **Phone or email if you want to check your child is on this list to not appear on the screen.**

Tweedy's Reduced Pantomime



The children will be able to watch Tweedy's reduced panto in school, one day the last week of term.

Special Visitor

Tuesday 15th December – keep everything crossed for a dry day! Our special visitor will spend the afternoon outside on the playground so the children can safely wave at him from a distance in their class or year group bubbles.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December for KS1 and Thursday 17th December for KS2 – children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper again!

Last Day of Term 2

The last day of term is **Friday 18th December**. Children will finish at these times:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children (those families **without** siblings in KS2) the gate will be open from **1.15 until 1.30 p.m.**

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and **with siblings** in KS1 the gate will be open from **1.25 until 1.40 p.m.**