

Beech Green Primary School
“Believe Grow Persevere Succeed”
Newsletter for Thursday 7th January 2021
School to Home – Week 1 (again!)
Happy New Year – Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are again, thank you so much for your kind words and patience over the last three days. Like you, we have done our best to turn our professional lives around to support our school and wider community. It hasn't been easy has it?

The issues we've had with Teams will improve; some were due to a general overload of the system and working out ways around this. So far today seems more successful; although we have made some, 'amazing mistakes' as we try to do things we're not yet familiar with. It is interesting how we expect so much of ourselves and how harshly we judge our mistakes as adults, yet encourage children to recognise them as a vital part of learning.

Please keep talking to us, we understand and share your frustrations, together we will work it all out, do not struggle on alone.

We are here for you, contact us if you:

- are a key worker, have no other childcare option and no member of your household working at home;
- need food, financial support for your basic needs e.g. heating
- are in need of advice about domestic abuse
- or anyone in your family has symptoms of Coronavirus or has tested positive
- cannot access home learning because you do not have a device or sufficient Wi-Fi.

Most importantly, like last spring, your best efforts are enough! Keeping safe and well can be your top priority, anything else you achieve is a bonus. From next week someone will phone you just to check how you are and offer help if you have not yet managed to contact us.

Look after yourselves and your family, we are thinking of you all!

Very best wishes

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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In The Event of Snow

Just to add to the planning, we now have to consider the weather forecast! Snow in our region is a possibility, so we would urge Key Worker families, who are permitted and currently attending school, to have a plan ready in case we need to close for weather purposes. Clearly, we are already closed for most children, but you know what we mean! We would send out a ParentMail, if there was any need for us to close.

If it does snow sometime soon, then we look forward to seeing some photos of Snowmen. If we get the chance, please send your photos to admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk and we will share the best with you.

Morning Snacks and Clothing – Children of Key Workers

The free fruit scheme has been temporarily suspended, so all children who are currently coming in to school need to bring their own snacks and drinks. If your child is staying later after school too, then they need to bring another snack for then.

It's Cold In School – we have the heating on, but the windows are required to stay open, so it's very chilly around school. Would everyone currently coming in please wear several layers. Vests, layers and warm hats are a good idea right now. Please send your child dressed to be warm.

From the Governing Body



"Hello, I'd like to introduce myself. I am Rakiya Sambo, a parent governor at Beech Green Primary School. I have been a governor since 2016, when I decided to become a governor to give back to Beech Green, who have been very wonderful in welcoming myself and my family from Leicestershire, when we moved in 2015. I have had three children go through Beech Green, the first of whom is now in year 11 of high school. She attended her last year of primary school at Beech Green, was very welcomed and fitted in quite easily to the school community; she was recognised for her contributions and achievements in her short time at the school. Currently I still have one child at Beech Green. In my day Job, I am a project manager by profession, working within local government."



"Hello, my name is Luke Thompson, I am one of the co-opted governors in the school and also have a son in the school. I am a Quality Engineer by trade and have enjoyed getting involved in various activities and jobs around the school over the last few years, as well as spending some time helping out with one to one reading. The areas I have been assigned to are Forest School, and Outside Play, and have thoroughly enjoyed watching both areas blossom over the years (pun intended). I have really been inspired by how much the wonderful staff at Beech Green give their all for their school, that they all clearly love as well. On a more personal note, I have loved seeing my son, and other fellow pupils growing in skill and character at my old rugby club, Old Cryptians RFC, and hope to recruit some more pupils over the next few years from the school!"

Parent Governor Elections

Governors at Beech Green normally stand for a four-year term of office and our current Vice-Chair, Mr Stephen Ball, has his term ending on 10th January 2021. Whilst Stephen is happy to re-stand and continue in his post, every parent has the right to stand for election so nomination forms will be sent out tomorrow.

FABG News

- Due to COVID, during 2020 FABG has been unable to organise most of their usual events, but they have still been actively supporting school – thank you team.
- Usually at the beginning of September they would hold an AGM and appoint the committee roles for the coming year. However, due to all the restrictions this has not been possible and it was decided that **Craig Baldwin be acting Chair**, since Claire Woodger left when her family moved away from the area. As a member of the team for the last four years and secretary the last two, Craig knows very well how FABG ticks.
- **Debbie Wyatt** has agreed to take on her previous role of secretary with **Caroline Kinder** continuing her fantastic role as treasurer. The position of deputy chair is still available if anyone would like to join our team. Please get in touch by email to fabg@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk.
- It has been a strange year for us all; FABG very much hope that 2021 will bring better times and more opportunities to do fundraising for our school.

- Despite everything they have still been able to fund activities for the school, including year 6 leavers silent disco and leavers gifts, the virtual xmas panto from The Everyman Theatre and Santa's Xmas gifts.
- The hamper raffle has been another great success, so thank you for all your donations and raffle ticket purchases which enabled FABG to make fantastic £650.00.
- One thing that is bringing us in much needed funds is our School Lottery which is only £1.00 a week, easy to join and has a guaranteed winner from our school each week. Also you could win £25,000.
- To join search www.yourschoollottery.co.uk then search for Beech Green school and follow the instructions to join. The supporters have so far raised a staggering £2,657.60 for our school so thank-you.

FABG is always looking for help with events and ideas so please do message via their FABG Facebook page or email if you would like to be added to their list. If you have an event idea, please get in touch. Hopefully we will be allowed to meet up when it becomes safe and we will let everyone know once that is possible.

Craig Baldwin - FABG Chair

Reception 2021 - Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?

A reminder that next week, 15th January, is the closing date for applying for a primary school place for September 2021. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary school and it is important you apply to them for a school place by this date.

If you already have a sibling at Beech Green, you will still need to apply for your younger child, due to start this September. Thank you.

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