

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 14th January 2021

School to Home – Week 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so proud of what you, staff and our amazing children have achieved in just seven days. Your feedback has been noted, thank you for any constructive criticism. Many of you have set up support groups to help each other, a great example of a community working together.

*"What is the bravest thing
you've ever said?" asked
the boy.*



"Help," said the horse.

I assure you everyone will do everything they can to help you and ensure the pupils in your house can access work. Keep talking to us, but please be patient; we are trying our very best, learning as we go and it will get better!

Things have quickly become more settled with our Key Worker Support, both during and out of school hours. We really appreciate all the Key Worker parents who are not sending their children in when they have days off work or work from home. It is important to keep the numbers as low as we can in order to keep our school community as safe as possible. Please don't worry about not using all the sessions you have booked, as long as you let us know.

The shocking daily data report is a stark reminder of why our school is closed to the majority of families. We are aware of people in our local community who have sadly been affected, we are thinking of you all. It certainly puts the technological challenges we've all faced this week into perspective.

Please stay home and look after yourselves; remember we are here for anyone who is struggling, we can offer:

Technical - email hayleyearl@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk or aimeemcevoy@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

School work – please email your child's class teacher

Food – even if your family is not entitled to Free School Meals dawnogden@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Emotional support or access to other charities that can give advice about domestic abuse – contact the school on 01452 722363 or email dawnogden@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

@beech_green



Beech Green Careline – 01452 722697

School does have a 24-hour answerphone number, so if you are reporting the absence of a Critical/Key Worker facility child, or simply cannot get hold of us on the main school phone number (01452 722363), then please phone 01452 722697 and leave your number and a short message. We will return your call at the earliest opportunity.

Cheerful Photo of the Week Corner!

We all need something to make us smile right now, so we hope you will like our new feature; 'Cheerful Photo of the Week Corner.'

Well done to this Year 2 pupil, from Birch class, who managed to find enough snow last week to make this sweet little mini snowman.

As we promised, we now share the cute photo with you and will continue to add the best cheerful photo of the week, emailed to

admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Who will make us smile next week?



Parent Governor Elections

A reminder that If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, then you will need to send your nomination form please to Mrs Simmonds by 9.30 a.m. this Friday 15th January 2021.

If we have more than one nomination, then an election would need to take place.

From the Governing Body



"I qualified as a teacher in 1995; my first teaching post was an inner city school in Bristol. In 2001 I moved with my family of three children to Oxfordshire where I worked in schools that Ofsted judged as failing. It was in 2002 that I first became headteacher of Stanton Harcourt, followed by Chalgrove in 2011. After 20 years together, Martin and I finally got married just before I joined Beech Green. We now have three gorgeous grandchildren who are a constant source of joy!

I love my job and feel privileged work with wonderful humans, big ones and little ones. It is a joy to be part of a school community, to watch as all types of achievements are celebrated. I believe my role is to create a place where everyone feels safe enough to be their best selves." Julie Poulson, Headteacher



"In 1986 Beech Green Primary School opened its doors for the first time; I can remember well, walking around Quedgeley watching the building going up. It was very exciting to see the new school being built, as it was to be the one where both of my own children would attend and do very well at. 29 years ago I was very fortunate to be given a job here in the school office and have worked alongside many talented and committed colleagues, throughout the years.

It was 1992 when I also became Clerk to the Governors, a position which is to support the governors in their roles of governance. Governors normally each serve for a four-year term of office, so you will appreciate over the years I have known many of them. Being a school governor is an important role and is also

very interesting as it gives an insight into the running of a school, whilst giving the opportunity to contribute, challenge and support. During my years at Beech Green, we have faced different challenges, but probably none more difficult than this unprecedented current time we live through. It is very warming and much appreciated when parents can see and acknowledge the effort that all the staff put in to trying to deliver the best education and school experience for your children.

I am not a teacher, but I am very well placed to see what goes on in school and I would just like to let you know from the inside, that everyone is totally dedicated and working so very hard to support each and every child and family. Take care and best wishes." Jenny Simmonds, Clerk to the Governors

BG SWEAT: Home-Learning Physical Activity

As our SWEAT initiative is on hold at the moment, I thought I'd share some ideas for physical activity at home for those of you who might be interested. Do please be aware, however, there is NO OBLIGATION for you to do any of these. Mr Ben Dawson

Children's physical activity could be made up of both aerobic and strengthening moderate exercises.

'Aerobic' activities could include:

walking; playground activities; riding a scooter; skateboarding; rollerblading; jogging; walking the dog; cycling.

And activities for 'strengthening' might be:

walking; running; games such as tug of war; skipping with a rope; swinging on playground equipment bars; gymnastics; climbing; sit-ups, press-ups and other similar exercises; basketball; dance; football; rugby; tennis.

I realise some of these will be difficult to do at the moment, but they give an idea of what's beneficial.

Here are some ideas and links you could access:

- Glos School Sports' daily challenges (can be adapted to suit your own lessons): <https://www.gssn.co.uk/stay-home-stay-active>
- Super Movers: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>
- Joe Wicks (Daily Mon, Wed, Fri)
- BBC Celebrity Supply Teachers (PE – Marcus Rashford & Gareth Thomas): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000jy8k/episodes/player>
- Various links and ideas here: <https://strideactive.org/education/socially-distanced-pe/ks1-activities>

Beech Green Nursery

We are currently open and have spaces!

We understand that this is a very uncertain time for everyone but if you are interested in places with us (2 years old to pre-schoolers) please do get in touch.

We will be very happy to chat through our Covid Secure procedures with you and explain how we comply with the Government Systems of Control.

We have a super virtual tour that you might be interested in having a look at. It will hopefully give you a flavour of our setting. scan the QR code and have a watch.

Our website also has lots of information about us and you might be interested to have a look there. www.beechgreennursery.co.uk Please do get in touch. There is absolutely no commitment, just take the opportunity to find out more. Tel: 07725 842 309 - Email: info@beechgreennursery.co.uk



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*"What's your best
discovery? asked
the mole*



*"That I'm enough as I am"
said the boy*