

# Beech Green Primary School

## *“Believe Grow Persevere Succeed”*

### Newsletter for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am cautiously able to inform you about the plans for the summer term. Although we cannot officially invite parents and carers to attend, we believe this may change *if* restrictions are further eased on June 21st. Therefore, we have tried to plan events at times that we hope will cause the least amount of disruption to you, and to the end of the school day collection times.

#### **Competitive Sports**

Inter school matches: we will email or phone you separately if your child is asked to take part and we'll explain about spectators before the event.

#### **Sports' Days**

Each year group bubble will run a short sports event: dates and times below. Currently, we are not allowed to invite parents and carers, but we have set times near the end of the school day in case these rules change. We will let you know as soon as possible via text message and Parent Mail if this is the case.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
Time	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm	2:15pm

#### **Year 6 Performance and Leavers' Assembly**

There are three performance dates: Friday 9th July at 1:30pm, Monday 12th July at 6pm and Wednesday 14th July at 6pm. The performance will take place inside and will be filmed. If an audience is permitted, we will offer two tickets per child: the seats will be spaced, and doors and windows will be kept open. Please look out for more information from the Year 6 team in the coming weeks. We also hope to include you in an outdoor leavers' assembly in the morning on Friday 16th July.

#### **Transition**

The guidance states that secondary schools can accommodate pupils on Thursday 8th July, therefore we have planned for all our children to move up to their next class for a day. Teachers will visit their new class the week before and will send home more information about the day nearer the time.

#### **End of Year Reports**

Once again, we have slightly reduced the information on the end of term reports. These will be sent home in the last week of the summer term. This week, I have held Family Voice Group meetings to talk about the changes we will make from September 2021. Please do talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Mrs Julie Poulson Headteacher

@beech\_green



#### **The Disabled Bay – Considerate Parking Please**

We have noticed an increase in families using the disabled spaces when they drop their child off in the mornings, we understand that this is because you are in a rush, worried about being late. However even if you are only in the space for a few minutes, it means that a disabled member of our community has to drive past and find an alternate space. Gate staff will continue to monitor the situation and speak individually to you if you forget.

## **The Best Bit of News – Tally is allowed back to school**



Guess who has a birthday on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, the very day that guidance is eased a little bit more?

It's going to be Tally's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday and even better, he is now allowed back to school, with the rest of us. Tally has been keeping well and active since we have all seen him, taking regular walks and cheering those who live nearby. We are informed he's really looking forward to coming back to school and to seeing us all again. We have missed you too Tally.

For those who do not know Tally, he is our school dog. He lives with Mrs Weeks and her family. We have attached a letter about him for our Reception and new families to Beech Green.

**If you would like to follow Tally on Facebook or Twitter, then here are his personal links...**

[www.facebook.com/sharon.weeks.3551](http://www.facebook.com/sharon.weeks.3551)

<https://twitter.com/BeechgreenTally?s=09>

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Government Guidance**

Monday is another milestone in our roadmap out of lockdown. A time when once again we can be reunited with more of our family and friends and even get to hug our loved ones. We all have those special people who we cannot wait to see; life will feel brighter.

The government has sent us updates on school operational guidance. Here at Beech Green, we shall continue with our one-way system and the wearing of masks around school. We will also continue with our regime of hand hygiene and increased cleaning to reduce the chances of infections. Children will remain sat in rows and in year group bubbles. However, you can now talk to the teachers before or after school: they may ask you to step aside to reduce the interruption in the flow of people.

Thank you for continuing to help us respect each other's space and complying to the wearing of masks.

## **Welcome to a new face in the School Office**

From next Monday, Miss Amy Bancroft, will be starting with us and we know you will want to join us in giving her a warm welcome. Amy will be working alongside Mrs Carole Phillips for a 2-week handover, in the role of School Business Manager.

As you already know, Carole is taking early retirement and will leave Beech Green at the end of this term after 30 years.

## **Covid-19 Local Support Grant Extension**

The Department for Work & Pensions has extended the COVID grant support for vulnerable families until 20 June 2021.

The Grant, now called the **COVID-19 Local Support Grant**, is available to individuals and families with children who have been financially impacted by Covid-19 and it offers support with food, utilities and other essentials.

An application form and further information on eligibility criteria can be found at the following link: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/covid-19-local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/covid-19-local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply)

If you think you may be eligible, but have a problem filling out the form, please email Mrs Ogden who can help you.

## **Summer and Autumn Uniform**

You can now order uniform for the summer and September; please email in your order asap. For guaranteed supply by the end of the summer term, we need all orders in by the end of this term, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 please. We will be back in touch when your order is ready for collection. Thank you.

## **Bring A Bucket Day – Raised £189**

Thank you for all the donations. Half of the money is going to the charity, Family Holiday Association, and the other half towards OPAL's next exciting project.

## **Annual School Census**

Next Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May is school census day, when the number of KS1 children taking a school dinner is counted towards our funding. We would ask, therefore, that all of the children in Rec/Y1/Y2 try a free dinner next Thursday. They are really good and it will save you putting together a lunch box. Thank you.

## **Beech Green Governing Body**

At a full governing body meeting last week on Zoom, governors agreed to vote the following changes and we are now pleased to welcome...

**Mr Jehanzeb (Jay) Navid** – Co-Opted governor commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (filling a vacancy)

**Mrs Stephanie Fox** – Co-Opted Governor commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 (filling a vacancy coming up at the end of this academic year)

**Miss Danielle Lee** – Associate Member – finances

To remind our new families, other school governors are...

Mrs Julie Poulson – Headteacher

Miss Kathryn Grainger – Staff Governor

Mr Stephen Ball – Parent Governor and Vice-Chair of Governors

Mrs Joanna White – Parent Governor

Mrs Katie Tucker – Parent Governor

Mrs Beth Staite – Parent Governor

Mrs Helen Parkinson – Co-Opted Governor

Mrs Sarah Costello-Byrne – Co-Opted Governor and Chair of Governors

Mrs Rakiya Sambo – Co-Opted Governor

Mr Luke Thompson – Co-Opted Governor

Mrs Linda Salomon – Co-Opted Governor

Mrs Andrea Webb – Co-Opted Governor

Mrs Jenny Simmonds – Clerk to the Governors

Like everything this past year, the challenge of being a school governor has been added to with meetings on line and changing situations to consider. We would really like to thank all of our governors for standing by school and contributing to the governance of our school. We currently have a vacancy for 1 x Local Authority (LA) Governor.

## **Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test**

We understand it's a bit confusing as to which test to use, but if anyone has any of the symptoms of COVID, they should still have a full PCR test and not just rely on the less accurate LFD test.

LFD tests are only to be used on people who seem well and have no symptoms, just to check they are not A-Symptomatic. [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

Basically, if you or a family member have any of these coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, then the person with the symptoms should get a PCR test as soon as possible and everyone in your household should still self isolate until a negative PCR test is confirmed.

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- you've lost your sense of smell or taste or it's changed.

## **Cricket Club**

With the potential return of inter-school competition after half-term, we are going to run a cricket club on Thursdays for Years 5 and 6, just over the remaining 2 weeks of this half-term. As with other clubs, the years will remain in their bubbles throughout, and will need sports kit to change into if it's not one of their PE days. Timings will be from after school until 4:15pm. Please sign-up by letting Mrs Simmonds [admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk) know if your child would like to come along (with a view to possibly representing the school after half-term!), and indicate how they will get home (collected from outside Y6, or walk alone).

## **Beech Green SWEAT**

Totals for this week are:

Journey Miles so far

Rec Own personal bests Apl: 1 lap = 29%; 2 = 42%; 3 = 21%; 4 = 8% Che: 1 lap = 7%; 2 = 54%; 3 = 27%; 4 = 12%

Y1 Quedgeley to Quito – 5649m 754 m

Y2 Quedgeley to Tokyo (T5 & 6) – 5649m 1027 m

Y3 Quedgeley to Seville (and back) 2924m 1025 m

Y4 Quedgeley to Scandinavia – 2720m 1338 m

Y5 How many lengths of River Severn? 220m Fri: 1235 m Wht: 1017 m

Y6 Quedgeley to Baghdad – 3113m Syc: 1048 m Aca: 871 m

Combined efforts from home and in-school Daily Miles above. Well done all year groups - you're all doing really well! Please remember to log your family's miles on Teams, and Tweet any photos using #beechgreensweat.

## **September 2021 - Exciting news from Beech Green Nursery!**

From talking to our families, we know that more parents are now working. We are delighted to let you know that from September 2021 we will be accepting the 30 hours funding entitlement (for those that qualify) as well as the universal 15 hours funding, that we do now. The 30 hours funded offer is for working families in England with 3 and 4-year-old children. Children are eligible from the term following their 3rd birthday until they reach compulsory school age and must have applied successfully for a 30 hours' code via HMRC. Parents must be working and each earning at least £120 a week, but no more than £100,000 a year each.

More information and details of how to apply can be found

here: [https://www.glofamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glofamilies/service.page?id=AY7h\\_uqZkEU](https://www.glofamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glofamilies/service.page?id=AY7h_uqZkEU)

We hope this will mean that it will be easier for our working families to stay with us for longer sessions and enjoy consistent high quality early years provision. If you are interested in a place with us, please do get in touch and we will be happy to help.

We offer places to children 2 years of age, right up to preschool.

We have made a virtual tour that you might find helpful to watch. Just scan the QR code below.

You might also like to follow us on Facebook. @BeechGreenNursery

If you have any questions, please do get in touch on 07725 842 309 or email us

on [info@beechgreennursery.co.uk](mailto:info@beechgreennursery.co.uk). Our website also has lots of information that you might find

helpful. [www.beechgreennursery.co.uk](http://www.beechgreennursery.co.uk)



## **September 2021 - Beech Green Breakfast and After School Clubs**

We are currently taking bookings for September places in Breakfast and After School Clubs. If you would like to find out more, there is all the information you need on our

website. <http://www.beechgreennursery.co.uk/beech-green-out-of-school-clubs.php>

You can also download an application form for places from this page. If you have any questions please do email us and we will get back to you [info@beechgreennursery.co.uk](mailto:info@beechgreennursery.co.uk)

## **Could you foster?**



Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Gloucestershire, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Gloucester and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email [foster@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:foster@nexusfostering.co.uk)

[admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk)

[covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk)

Beech Green Careline – 24-hour answerphone – 01452 722697

## BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Uniform Order Form

Child's Name: (PRINT) .....

Class: .....

### Beech Green SWEATSHIRT with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	9.50		
26"	9.50		
28"	9.50		
30"/32"	9.50		
34"	9.50		
Small adult	9.50		

### Beech Green COSY CARDI with logo: (sweatshirt fabric)

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	10.50		
26"	10.50		
28"	10.50		
30"/32"	10.50		
34"	10.50		
Small adult 34/36"	10.50		

### Beech Green KNITWEAR CARDIGAN with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	14.50		
26"	14.50		
28"	14.50		
30"	14.50		
32"	14.50		
34"	16.50		
36"	16.50		

### Beech Green POLO SHIRT with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	7.50		
26"	7.50		
28"	7.50		
30"/32"	7.50		
34"	7.50		
Small adult	7.50		

### Beech Green P.E. BAGS with logo:

Colour	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
PE bag	4.00		

### Beech Green P.E. KIT:

Garment	Unit price £	Quantity and size	Total price £
PE Black Shorts – Waist 14/16" (3-4 yrs) or 18/20" (5-6 yrs) or 22/24" or 26/28" or 30/32"	5.50		
PE White T-Shirt with logo 24"/26"/28"/30"/32"/XS/S	5.50		

Cheques to be made payable to 'Beech Green Primary School'  
or you can send in cash with your order

**TOTAL VALUE £** .....