

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 17th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been one of those weeks when you recognise how human you are. Today, for the first time since March 2020, we had to close a bubble. I am hugely grateful to all the families and children who read and responded to the Parent Mail I sent first thing this morning. The Year 2 team have set up home learning, handed out laptops and contacted all parents and carers. Please tell us if you need help, advice or just someone to talk to about how awful this situation is; we are here for you. If you or your child develops symptoms you will need to phone the office, or email covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk and get a PCR test.

In other news.... Yesterday we congratulated all the children for their excellent contribution to the inter-house times table challenge. All 408 pupils were part of the fun, but purposeful, competition. House captains in Year 6 came up with the idea and suggested that the winning house earned badges. Every pupil and every multiplication fact was collected and turned into points. Of course there had to be a winning team, well done Ash house. Don't worry if your house didn't win, this was just a trial, look out for information about a wider range of challenges next academic year.

Finally, I'd like to remind you about the Family Voice Group on Tuesday 22nd June. The overall theme is curriculum. There are two opportunities to attend at 2pm and 6pm. I will send a TEAMS link tomorrow, if you would like to be included please email me head@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk You might like to look at these pages on the website www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/curriculum.

Only One You Project



These colourful pebbles have been painted by individual pupils; collectively they will create a beautifully unique sculptural walk way in our school, to remind us all of how distinctively different we all are.

Our resident art teacher Mel Weinzwieg has varnished them at home and will bring them back ready to be unveiled in September.

Mrs Julie Poulson Headteacher

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COVID-19 PCR or LFD test?

Below is a link to NHS site which explains the difference. Basically, if your child or you have any symptoms, then you need to book a PCR test and self-isolate until you have proof of a negative result. LFD tests are for those who have no symptoms, but wish to check in case they are A-symptomatic (have no symptoms).

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

The link above also has guidance on how to book your test.

Non-Uniform Day Last Week



It was great fun in school last week, seeing everyone around school dressed as a hero. We had a variety of outfits and costumes, from caped crusaders to NHS theatre staff in their scrubs.

The buckets on the day raised £279.63, which is to be equally divided between our very own heroes FABG and the Pied Piper appeal, who both do so much good work for others.

Thanks Beech Green.

Y2 and Y6 Important Information regarding Dinner Money

- If you have a child in **Y2** who is currently enjoying a Universal Free School Meal, please note that from **Y3** you will need to start paying for school dinners and ensure you have adequate funds available on your child's ParentPay account. Any money paid in from now will carry forward to next year, so you can get ready at any time. Of course, dinners remain free for all those who are entitled to the different Free School Meals, which is income based (please see below – you need to apply for that!)
- **Y6** parents – please note that any dinner money or excess funds you have in ParentPay does not carry forward to secondary school, so please only have the correct amount of dinner money in your account that you will need.
- **Y6** parents – please also ensure all dinner debts, swimming and trip money is paid before the end of this term – thank you for your support.

Applying For Free School Meals – Would EVERYONE please check to see if you are eligible

Many families' circumstances have changed over this past year and we would urge everyone in school to please spend a moment or two to go online and see if you are entitled to Free School Meals.

You can see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on the local authority website www.gloucetershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

If you are eligible then you could save up to £437 per annum on school meals and Beech Green School would receive extra funding, which we very much need.

Even if your application is not successful now, you would be set up, should your circumstances change in the future. Please help your family purse and ours, by applying today. You never know, we might all get some extra money! Thank you.

Y6 Not Residential Week 2021

Year 6 have now been informed about the exciting content of their Not Residential Week during week commencing 28th June 2021. This is now a payment item on ParentPay.

Library Book Donations

We know that as we come to the end of the school year lots of you like to thank the school and your children's teachers. We are still working on improving our library resources and will always be grateful to receive new books for the children to read and love. Here is the link to our Beech Green Library Wishlist, should you wish to purchase a book for our school.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/1SSXB58TWNFIR>

Open Event – Marling School

Additional Virtual Open Event – Tuesday 22 June 2021 via ZOOM @4pm or 5pm

Aimed at **YEAR 5** and **YEAR 4** students and their parents, if you would like to take part, please register via the Marling School website <https://www.marling.gloucs.sch.uk/joining-us#open-events>

Beech Green SWEAT

Following on from the parent mail earlier last week, BG SWEAT will continue this term with the same journeys as Term 5. Thank you to all those of you who have continued to add your family's miles onto Teams, especially all the ones from over half-term! Please do continue to do this, and post any pictures on Twitter using #beechgreensweat. Now summer has arrived, I'm sure we'll all complete our journeys this term!

Kittle Photographic – Class and Y6 Leavers – today!

The photographer has been in school this morning and taken all class photos (sorry Y2) and the Y6 leavers photos. All the children will receive a proof pack in due course, which will explain how you make an order.

Summer Holiday Club

We are delighted to be able to tell you that we will be **OPEN** for the first 4 weeks of this summer holiday. There is still currently guidance in place that we have to follow but this might change.

We understand that finding childcare has been a challenge for families and we hope you are as pleased as we are that we will be opening again.

If you are interested in Holiday Club places with us this summer, there is a letter explaining the procedures to follow, as they stand now and an application form for places on the following website. www.beechgreennursery.co.uk/beeched-out-of-school-clubs.php

If you would like places, please can we ask that you get the form back to us as soon as you can as places are now very limited. This can be via school (marked for the attention of Holiday Club), posted to the school address or emailed to info@beechgreennursery.co.uk. Places are now very limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Beech Green Nursery Tel: 07725 842 309

Beech Green Out of School Clubs: Tel: 07845 995 458

Email: info@beechgreennursery.co.uk

Website: www.beechgreennursery.co.uk

admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

covid19@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

Beech Green Careline – 24-hour answerphone – 01452 722697

Website – www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk