

# Beech Green Primary School

## *"Respect, Achieve, Belong"*

### Newsletter for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thankfully, we have managed to host two Friends of Beech Green (FABG) events in this new academic year. Having an active group, who can give time and add extra value makes a huge difference. Over the years FABG have helped all our children in a variety of ways; we are grateful for your support.

From your child's first day to their last, you are part of our school, being involved makes a difference for your daughter or son as well as the whole community of people.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the school hall on Thursday 30th September at 6.30 p.m.; every carer and parent is welcome. Please come along and support your child's school if you can. We need a lot of help, whatever you think you can offer, it is enough.

At Beech Green we talk about 'amazing mistakes', we all make them! You either get it right first time or you learn. This week we learned that we hadn't explained how to collect your child from an after school club. Clear information and explanation of where to go is below. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are determined to offer a range of opportunities to as many pupils as possible. Any clubs that request payment are either outside providers or have an initial resource request.

Mrs Julie Poulson Headteacher

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#### **After-School Club - Collections**

To ease congestion on busy evenings, please could we ask that...

KS1 children are to be collected on the front playground (outside classrooms or the Hall) entering and leaving through the FRONT GATE.

KS2 children are to be collected from outside the Year 6 area to the front of the school. The only exceptions are Y3 Art club on Tuesdays and Y3/4 Recorders on Thursdays, who are to be collected from outside the hall via the front gate.

Just to confirm, ALL club collections are now at 4:15pm. Please try to be punctual, but do rest assured that if you are collecting children from both areas, we will hold on to your child! Many thanks for your cooperation.

#### **After-School Clubs – a few spaces**

Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in joining an after-school club this term – we have been inundated with requests, by far our busiest year for participation in physical activities, which is fantastic. A big thank you to Mrs Simmonds, who is working through all the requests.

We do still have spaces in some clubs – especially OPAL 'Stay and Play' which is now open to Y6 & Y5 as well, also Dance (Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4) and Netball (Y5 & Y6), both of which we'd love some more boys to join, and Recorders (Y3 & Y4) and Cricket (Y5 & Y6). If your child would like to join one of these clubs, please do contact Mrs Simmonds at [admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk) to enquire – please just put the Year Group, Title of club and your child's name in the subject box.

#### **Free Fruit for Schools Scheme – Reception and KS1**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are given a free piece of fruit for morning break, so they do not need to bring additional snacks from home for break time. We would like to encourage every child to eat their free fruit. Please continue to send your child with their bottle of water to drink.

## **Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Additional Bank Holiday**

The May Bank Holiday 2022 Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June will see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - the first time any British monarch will have reached this historic milestone.

[www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-bank-holiday-to-mark-the-queens-platinum-jubilee-in-2022](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-bank-holiday-to-mark-the-queens-platinum-jubilee-in-2022)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 is an additional Bank Holiday given to the nation to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As schools will already be on half term then, in line with other local schools and the local authority, we shall finish school one day early in the summer, in lieu of the additional Bank Holiday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June. **This means the end of term 6 will now be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.**

## **Term Dates for this academic year**

[www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/term-dates](http://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/term-dates)

## **Ticks**

*"Ticks are tiny spider-like creatures that live in woods, areas with long grass, and sometimes in urban parks and gardens. They're found all over the UK."*

Yesterday, one of our pupils needed to have a tick removed, which was noticed after playing on the field. The tick may or may not have come from school, nevertheless, we thought we should let you know, as we do have some areas of long grass in the school grounds. Please keep an eye out at bath times!

## **Nits**

*"Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact."*

Whilst we are on the subject of little pests, we thought we should also let you know that nits can often be a problem in schools and we ask that parents regularly check their children's hair. If you spot any tiny mites, then please treat. Nits love long clean hair, so tying back long hair can be helpful.

## **Year 6 – Secondary Transfer**

Letters from the Local Authority have now been sent home with the children, explaining the process of secondary transfer. Please ensure to register your preferences online by the given date and check schools of your choice for any open events that might be relevant to you.

## **Swimming for Years 3 to 6**

Yesterday we sent a ParentMail to children of years 3 to 6, to give dates and costings for swimming lessons at GL1 that have been booked for this academic year. These are now items on ParentPay, giving as much notice as possible for parents. Thank you.

## **School Photographer for Portraits and Family Groups**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a form or emailed to request family photos. These requests have been noted. We ParentMailed yesterday to remind everyone that tomorrow is the last day to make a request, as we need to give numbers to the photographer.

Kittle Photography is coming to take our annual school portraits and if time we will endeavour to take family groups of those who have pre-requested.

## **Pupil Premium Grant**

We are asking that ALL parents spend a few minutes filling in the form on the link below. You may not currently qualify for a Pupil Premium Grant, which will go to support your child(ren) while they are at Beech Green Primary School, but we know there is a lot of uncertainty around job retention etc. at the moment. If you apply and your circumstances change in the future, this should automatically be granted without needing to reapply. It really does only take a few minutes and all you need is your **National Insurance Number**.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

## **October Half term Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers**

For the October half-term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to their Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half-term week.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website. For any queries please contact: [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## **Pate's Grammar School - Open Evening – Y4 and Y5 Parents**

Wednesday 6th October 2021 Doors open at 5.00pm Mr Russel Ellicott, Head Master, will speak in the hall at 5.15pm & 6.30pm No booking required Parking available on site

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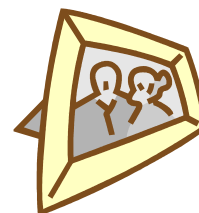
Beech Green Careline – 24-hour answerphone – 01452 722697

Website – [www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk](http://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk)

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### **To: Mrs Simmonds – by TOMORROW, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

(We need to let the photographer know how many families will hope to be photographed on 7<sup>th</sup> October!)



**FAMILY PHOTO IF TIME** - I would like you to take a photo if there is time. I understand it is not possible (time-wise) to include pre-school or nursery brothers or sisters!

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