

Beech Green Primary School

“Respect, Achieve, Belong”

Newsletter for Thursday 4th November 2021

Welcome to Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all managed to enjoy some quality family time over the half term.

Parent View Survey and Term Dates

Children are at school for 190 days; teaching staff need to be for an additional 5 training days. To make the two week half term holiday possible, our staff will be completing that training in evenings (twilights) instead. A few parents have mentioned that the two-week break provided the opportunity for a more affordable holiday. We also know that not all families want an extra week in October: please follow this link to complete a short Parent View style survey and tell us (politely) what you think we should do with half term in 2022. Some local schools have already published their academic dates with two-weeks in the autumn.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyCernM_g0mzriqSZiJn37YPvbXCY5Itc_qXJiQFf_dUQjFJMFFaUkpTQ05JMFZQV0dXWk9ENUxKSS4u

Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts, we appreciate it. Please remember, we are always happy to talk to anyone from our school community.



Armistice Day

If you attend a uniformed group, you can wear your uniform on 11th November to commemorate Armistice Day. Children in Year 3 to Year 6 will congregate in the playground for a short assembly and a minute of silence. Some of our School Council representatives will be walking over to Tesco to contribute to our community.

Increasing COVID Cases

Thank you all for your support continuing the one-way system. We know it is an inconvenience, but it makes such a difference to the amount of congestion, especially at the top gate. We have mostly continued with Year group bubbles, with the exception of after school clubs and some teaching groups. Staff are wearing masks in corridors and we have not sat together in the staff room for almost two years now! Regular hand washing has been maintained and all the windows are open. The numbers around Gloucestershire are especially high: this has been reflected in the number of positive cases we have at school, even since we have returned from half term.

The children and staff at Beech Green have once again responded brilliantly. The teaching staff have all demonstrated commitment and flexibility to keep year groups in school. The children have continued to work hard, showing resilience and enthusiasm for their learning. We aim to not let the staff shortages impact on their education whilst doing everything we can to keep everyone as safe as possible. Your support and excellent communication mean a lot, so please keep doing everything you can to help.

Mrs Julie Poulson Headteacher



British Legion Poppy Appeal



Year 6 is now selling poppies. Please send your child in with some change if they would like to buy a poppy. All proceeds go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

There are some other poppy related items too, which have the recommended minimum donations:

Zip Pull: 50p

Reflector: 50p

Silicon wristband: £1

Snap Band: £1.50

FABG Events - This Saturday!

FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR SCHOOL DAY
BEECHGREEN NEEDS YOU
SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER
Bring your own tools, brushes, secateurs, gloves and any other tools that may be useful
9:30 ~ 14:00
Please put your name down on our list if you are able to help
Because many hands make light work

- Painting
- Gardening
- Pruning
- Repairing
- Weeding

Free coffee
Bacon Butty @11 for all helpers

Bring your whole family to help tidy up our school on Saturday 6th November. Drinks, biscuits, fruit and a breakfast roll provided. List of jobs to do below, please bring any suitable tools with you. Children are welcome, stay as long as you can.

If you can join us, please use the official Facebook page to tell FABG

Tree/shrub pruning
General gardening, border maintenance
Weeding of grounds
Painting of cycle shelter
Woodstain window frames backs of classrooms
Repairs to OPAL scooters/cycles and painting equipment

LIBRARY Book Sale
Tuesday 9th November
3pm front playground
Come pick up a few of your children's favourites or find something new
Book will be arranged in age appropriateness

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the fun Bug Hunt before the half term holiday. It was a great event, organised by FABG which raised over £650.00. FABG have some other events upcoming...



FABG Christmas Cauliflower Cards Project

We do hope you all enjoyed creating some wonderful Christmas card designs over half term. If you didn't get round to it, you still have time this weekend.

All orders should be placed online with the artwork and forms returned to the teacher by Monday morning at the latest as we will be collecting them and getting them ready to send off to the printers.

If you have not received your order form please do ask your class teacher. Many thanks FABG

Beech Green Football Results from Mr Dawson

League Match 2: Waterwells 1 - 2 Beech Green *Scorers: Oliver Hortop, Henry Ball*

Well done Beech Green.

Also, good luck to the boys' team in their match at Waterwells this tonight.

B Team festival

Next Thursday, Beech Green will be competing in the football B Team festival at Oxstalls. Good luck to those who are invited to represent us!

Beech Green SWEAT

Our whole-school physical activity initiative is back for this term! Each class will endeavour to complete a journey linked to their topic, some year groups having their classes working together and some having their classes competing. As before, the idea is that, as a whole school community, we encourage each other to keep or get active at home in our spare time - it could be cycle rides, walking the dog, sports or gym sessions, walks in the park, swimming lessons, walking to and from school, anything at all that members of our families do to be active. You can estimate any distances that anyone in your family achieves and add them in your class's Teams under the 'BG SWEAT' banner (Year 1 will have a box on their homework sheet for you to fill in). These will be renewed each week, and class weekly totals will be able to be found in the school newsletter. And remember, the distances can be entered in all classes in which you have a child! All year groups can get involved, other than Reception for now who are still settling into school and their new routines. For this first week, Week 1 (Mon 1st - Sun 7th November), feel free to include distances from half-term as well - the banner will appear on your class' Teams THIS EVENING. We really hope this helps encourage our children and families to get active outside of school. If you have any queries, do please email me at bendawson@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk
Happy SWEATing!!!

Harvest Collection Has Gone to Gloucester Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who brought in some groceries for this year's harvest. Gloucester Food Bank has now collected your kind donations.

Y6 and Y5 Swimming



Next Wednesday will be the last week of swimming for Year 6 (which makes up for the lost week last term.) If you have not yet paid for your child's lessons, then we would really appreciate you paying your balance via ParentPay. We now have to pay for GL1 pool hire, GL1 swim teachers, plus the coaches too.

Year 5 – You start your 6 week course of swimming lessons at GL1 the week after, so please remember your swimming kit each Wednesday from 17th November to 5th January inclusive. We would also appreciate Year 5 please paying the swim contribution, which you will also find as a payment item on ParentPay. Thank you.

Assembly and Shoe Box Appeal

Hopefully technology will allow for you to watch this week's assembly, which includes information about families and the annual shoebox appeal at Beech Green.

 [Mrs Poulson's Assembly School and Home Belong-20211014_212454-Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

If you are able to donate a shoe box of gifts, or items for us to add to shoes boxes, then please send all donations in to school by Friday 12th November. You can also find out more about T4U by visiting the following website. <https://teams4u.com/>

Have you considered Fostering?

The Virtual School would like us to share the following promotional information about fostering...

Facebook link:

<https://fb.watch/8BctFd5jvf/> Press Release you tube link: <https://youtu.be/f2xrGUebxb8>

Found Mobile Phone

We took a phone call to say a Samsung mobile phone in a gold case with pink Barbie stickers has been picked up on the path alongside ALDI. The phone has now been handed in to the police. If you recognise the description and have lost your phone, please ask at the police station.