

Beech Green Primary School

“Respect, Achieve, Belong”


Newsletter for Thursday 18th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to meeting bears, monkeys, cats and elephants on Friday. Pupils will need to take responsibility for their soft toy. They will need to make sure they stay safe, don't get hurt or lost throughout the day. This fits well with anti-bullying week, recognising how we are responsible for everyone in our community, how our behaviour can impact on others. This has been a theme across the week.

Children in Need reminds us that there are people in our community and local area who are struggling. If you or anyone you know needs a helping hand, please talk to us. We have access to resources and outside agencies which might benefit.

What we do at Beech Green

Let's help every child  We are a Thrive school. This means all children have support and learn about their emotional health and well-being. Sharon Weeks, with regular help from Tally, is our Thrive practitioner. Over the last four years we have received Thrive training, run parent groups and carried out Thrive assessments which lead personalised group work to improve resilience and develop emotional intelligence. Dawn Ogden and Claire White support individual children and provide advice for parents and carers. We know that the life of little people can be tough, giving them a chance to talk and explore what is worrying them is important to us. If



you would like to know more the link to THRIVE is [here](#)

You are always welcome to call to talk to Sharon, Claire, Dawn or Tally, he's a very good listener.

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing for Primary Age Children

Government guidance to schools has been updated on 29th October 2021 and we are now told LFD testing is suitable for children under 11 years. (Previously we had been told to say it was not, but apparently it is now is a good idea to regularly test.) Lateral flow tests are regarded as 92% accurate, but **if you have symptoms then you should still book and take a PCR test please.**

We are now to encourage parents to be regularly testing as lateral flow tests are regarded as 92% accurate.

Anyone can get LFD test kits from pharmacies; once we are able to order extra we hope to have some in school too for those who may need them. Please do not ask at the moment, as we don't have enough to hand out.

Please, please, **if your child has a cough or any symptom then do not send them into school** as it will save us time having to send them straight back home. You will understand we are paddling fast to keep up with everything, as was outlined in the ParentMail sent home yesterday.

Girls Netball

Our netballers showed great determination and perseverance during their very first match representing Beech Green against a strong and experienced Hempsted team. Despite not scoring any goals, each player showed huge improvement as the game progressed and lots of fun was had by all! We're all looking forward to the next game.

Beech Green 0 - 9 Hempsted

Girls Football

The girls played Kingsway at football yesterday.

It was a 1:1 draw and the goal was scored by Ruby Roberts in Acacia.

Football

Last Thursday 11 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Gloucester Schools B Team tournament at Oxstalls. The team was made up of children who had stood out at football club and who hadn't already had an opportunity to play for the school team - some children were confident and play for clubs outside of school, others hadn't played much football at all and were a little nervous! Despite the nerves the children teamed up together really well and, out of 6 matches, we drew 3 and lost 3, and all children had a great time. Hopefully this may lead to a new-found hobby for some....

This evening after school, in league match 4, Beech Green are away to Kingsway. Good luck all of you - let's make it four wins from four!

Correction of league match 2 result:

Match 2 result: Meadowside 1 - 2 Beech Green *Scorers: Jack Wilkinson, Oliver Hortrop*

Children In Need

To support Children in Need this year, children can bring a teddy to school on Friday 19th November, along with a £1 donation (or as much or little as you can spare). Children from the School Council will be on the gate from 8.40 on Friday morning to collect all your donations.

Anti-Bullying Week – This week



Vacancy for a Play Team Member

We have a vacancy for someone to join our lunchtime Play Team. If you are interested in this term time only position and would like more details, then please contact:

Amy Bancroft on bursar@beechbreengloocus.sch.uk or phone 01452 722363

Winter Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Yesterday we emailed details of the HAF Programme, which may offer some help to qualifying families.

Term Dates 2022/2023

Term dates for next academic year have been out for consideration. At last evening's full governing body meeting, governors agreed to go with the overwhelming choice of again taking two weeks for October half term. The yellow is an **INSET** day – the orange is **TWILIGHT** days = 5 days in total. We now publish our term dates for 2022/2023.

2022/23

BEECH GREEN SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
INSET closed TWILIGHT



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER						
Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon	7	14	21	28	
Tues	6	13	20	27	Tues	4	11	18	25	Tues	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	5	12	19	26	Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thur	1	8	15	22	29	Thur	6	13	20	27	Thur	3	10	17	24	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	Fri	7	14	21	28	Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat	3	10	17	24	Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	5	12	19	26	
Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	6	13	20	27	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY						
Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	
Tues	6	13	20	27	Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	
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Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	4	11	18	25	Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY						
Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
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JUNE					JULY					AUGUST						
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Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	

Term 1: Mon 5 th Sept – Fri 21 st Oct, 2022	35 days
Term 2: Mon 31 st Oct – Fri 16 th Dec 2022	35 days
Term 3: Tue 3 rd Jan - Fri 17 th Feb 2023	34 days
Term 4: Mon 27 th Feb – Fri 31 st Mar 2023	25 days
Term 5: Mon 17 th April – Fri 26 th May 2023	29 days
Term 6: Mon 5 th June – Wed 25 th July 2023	37 days
Total	195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	26 th December 2022 27 th December 2022
New Year Bank Holiday	2 nd January 2023
Good Friday	7 th April 2023
Easter Monday	10 th April 2023
Early May Bank Holiday	1 st May 2023
Spring Bank Holiday	29 th May 2023
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2023

*195 days are defined as 'School days'. In the school year 2022/23 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

Please Note: Schools considering alternative dates or considering changes to their school opening times may wish to contact our Transport Team to discuss transport implications and contact local childcare providers to discuss what impact this could have.

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