

Beech Green Primary School

“Respect, Achieve, Belong”

Newsletter for Thursday 9th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have started to plan for the spring term and have some ambitious ideas which we're looking forward to implementing; the next parents' evenings are planned for the end of January. The aim is to hold these face to face: please look out for more information in the New Year. The meetings will provide an opportunity to talk about what we can do together to help your child achieve.

The aim next week is to mainly have fun, laugh, sing, dance and eat chocolate! We have a circus skills day planned on Wednesday 15th for all year groups and a whole school reward day on Friday 17th. Christmas jumpers can be worn on Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday is a non-uniform day. Every child has worked their socks off this term; they can be so proud of their tremendous efforts and excellent attitude to learning. We think they're all on the good list!

What we do at Beech Green



Whole class instrument tuition has transformed Friday afternoons in Year 2, children have learned to listen, appraise, sing, and work as a team. They have been introduced to pitch, pulse, rhythm and notation. They have mostly enjoyed it!

Look out Year 4, it will be your turn next.

Beech Green has been hiding its musical light over the last few years; we intend to change that with some expert help and increased opportunities for children to learn skills, perform and develop a love of The Arts. The link below explains whole school ensemble.

<https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/schools/primary-schools/>

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Time to say Thank You

Your children are a delight and the reason we all get out of bed each morning to come to work to make life as good for them in school as it can be, through these continuing challenging times. The children clearly love being here and have a happy day. **Thank you children** – you are brilliant.

Thank you parents/carers for helping us trying to keep everyone safe in school. We really do appreciate your understanding and support of the measures we have in place and for keeping poorly children at home until they are better; siblings too.

Thank you FABG for your tireless efforts in bringing a bit of fun and something extra to school. We all hope to be the lucky winner of one of your splendid Christmas hampers. The money you raise from events helps us to buy extras for the children to enjoy in school. It's all very much appreciated.

Thank you to our Volunteers who come into school for a variety of reasons from helping run a club, to listening to reading or providing us with an extra pair of hands to get a task complete.

Thank you to the Caterlink kitchen staff who each day prepare and serve a great many tasty dinners for your children to enjoy. They put in a sterling effort today and yesterday preparing and dishing up a great many scrumptious Christmas dinners.

Thank you to our Governing Body who meet on a regular basis to set the aims and objectives of school. They monitor and evaluate the progress school is making and act as a source of challenge and support.

Thank you to our Staff we all know the enormous effort we put in, to make Beech Green the school it is.

Keep on truckin' everyone; the Christmas holidays are nearly upon us.


A Thank you from the Staff to our Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

The staff of Beech Green have sneaked this next section into the newsletter to say our own big thank you. The people who most definitely deserve this are Mrs Poulson, Mrs Earl and Mrs Weeks. From the beginning of the first lockdown, they have worked tirelessly to ensure that all pupils had the opportunity to continue to learn, support families, to plug gaps in learning when children returned and ensure that the children's emotional and educational needs were being met. More recently, since September, they have juggled the usual tasks involved in running a school (which are huge) with so much more. They willingly step in to teach classes, cover lunchtimes, and support where necessary when Covid has left gaps in staffing. As problem solvers they calmly work out solutions to all issues and dilemmas that are thrown at them on a day-to-day basis – and we know how many there are. Their dedication to the children means that they often work late – we know that from the times that their emails arrive! As well as this, and despite the pressure we know they are currently under, they still find the time to think about the wellbeing of the staff.

So Mrs Poulson, Mrs Earl and Mrs Weeks, your staff would like to send you a massive, massive THANK YOU for all you have done for the school community.

FABG Christmas Hampers – LAST CHANCE TO BUY YOUR TICKET IS TOMORROW!

Sorry no card payments available for this one



FABG Christmas Hampers
One hamper per class to be won
£1 per ticket

No limit to how many tickets you can buy

Tickets available from Mon 6th - Fri 10th December

Please send your ticket money into school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name & class plus how many tickets you would like

The Teachers will collect and pass on to us

Draw will be in the last week of term (exact day to be confirmed)



Christmas Circus Skills next Wednesday

Next Wednesday as part of our Christmas celebrations, we have a visit from a circus performer for a display followed by a skills workshop for each year group! Your child can bring a Christmas hat into school to wear if they wish. The company provided one of the sessions for our Y6's 'Not-a-Residential Week' last summer and were really popular. It is being funded out of the sports premium budget, with the hope that some of our pupils might be encouraged enough to take up a new hobby (away from screens!). If they are sufficiently enthused and would even like some of their own equipment, please feel free to contact me for any guidance if you need: bendawson@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk

School Football

Previous boys' results:

Match 4: Kingsway 1 - 0 Beech Green

Match 5: Hunts Grove 5 - 4 Beech Green (Scorers - Izzac Williams (3), Jack Wilkinson)

Match 6: Beech Green 2 - 4 Meadowside (Scorers: Oliver Hortop, Daniel Walker)

The remaining fixtures will now take place when we return in the New Year.

OPAL Update

Thank you so much for all those families who found the time to attend our OPAL Stay and Play sessions. We had over 150 families joining us (around 65% of our school) and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive from parents, children and staff. Having the opportunity to play with your child on a regular basis provides so many benefits for their childhood development, and also means we can have fun being a 'big kid' - which we all need at times! Listening to the laughter during the sessions was a real joy. Hopefully these sessions have highlighted the reasons why we are continuing to prioritise play here at Beech Green (despite the fact that this can sometimes involve a bit of mud and mess!) and have inspired some of you to try and play a bit more at home. We look forward to offering more sessions in the spring, when the weather might be a bit kinder to us!

Swimming Lessons at GL1

Swimming is now a payment item on ParentPay for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – if you have not yet paid, then we would appreciate you paying asap. In the new year it will be the turns of Year 3 and then Year 4 to go to GL1. Details were Parentmailed yesterday.

The dates for swimming should be: -

Year 5 – 15th December and 5th January 2022 (remaining 2 weeks)

Year 3 – 12th January 2022 to 16th February 2022 (6 weeks)

Year 4 – 2nd March 2022 to 6th April 2022 (6 weeks)



Beech Green SWEAT

Thank you to those of you entering your miles onto Teams - rather than just focusing on journeys, we're now trying to encourage a bit of healthy 'class v class' competition in each year group too, so don't forget to add your family's miles to your class(es)!

End of Term

To remind everyone, we finish early next Friday, 17th December and all return to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

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