

Beech Green Primary School

“Respect, Achieve, Belong”

Newsletter for Thursday 16th December 2021

**“Wishing you Good Health, Peace and Joy
this Christmas and a Happy New Year”**

Dear Parents and Carers,



A collaboration of schools from Quedgeley Learning Community (QLC) have this display in Tesco window.



The children enjoyed a visit from two special people today. Seeing the look of joy on their faces, as they spotted Olaf and Father Christmas was delightful. It reminds us what is important at this time of year.

The songs learned by each class have been recorded; this will be sent out to all of you via Parent Mail tomorrow.

Year 3 and Year 4 did their best today, but a technical problem meant Year 3 didn't have any music and so they'd like a chance to sing at home time again tomorrow. Year 3 and Year 4 will start singing at 1.15 p.m.



We are considering what the start of 2022 might look like; although we do not have any information to suggest closure at this time, we also know that a decision could be made and implemented quickly. Although the Government remain committed to children being in school, should the situation worsen and schools are required to implement a partial closure, we would put home learning and key worker provision in place. To keep you as informed as possible, I will Parent Mail information, at the latest on Sunday 2nd January 2022, or as soon as I receive it.

If you have any concerns or need help, you can still use the covid@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk. You are still welcome to tell us about positive cases in your family. Whilst we do not have an obligation to inform contacts, it is helpful to know which families have been affected and we would always be happy to help anyone in our community.

Myself and all the staff wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mrs Julie Poulson Headteacher

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Do you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?

RECEPTION 2022 IMPORTANT REMINDER... If you do have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, then your child is due to start primary school September 2022 and you need to have applied for a school place. Everyone needs to apply, even if you already have an older sibling already attending Beech Green.

The online application facility is the preferred method for most parents as it allows you to receive an email on allocation day, rather than a letter. However, should you be unable to use it, you can download a paper application form available in the Related Documents column and return this to Gloucestershire County Council, who issue primary school places, by the **closing date of 15 January 2022**. (see link below)

It is extremely important that you submit your application by Midnight, 15 January 2022.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/admission-to-reception-at-primary-schoolyear-3-junior-school

The Lucky Winners of the FABG Christmas Hampers are: -

Thanks to FABG for organising this year's Christmas Raffle. Here are the lucky winners... Enjoy!

Cherry R	Emma Gasan
Apple R	Ettienne Boon
Elder 1	Theodore Linley
Maple 1	Tyler-John Smart
Birch 2	Darcie Bartlett
Willow 2	Sophie Bown
Hawthorn 3	Hazel Casey
Rowan 3	Lily-Ella Murphy
Hornbeam 4	Jack Wadner
Dogwood 4	Oliver Milligan
Frisia 5	Logan Malone
Whitebeam 5	Owen Cullen
Acacia 6	Jack Wilkinson
Sycamore 6	Ella Horton
Staff	Mr Greensweig

OPAL Parent Survey

Following the recent OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Stay and Play sessions, we would appreciate your feedback. Thank you to those of you who have completed the survey - it takes on average 4 minutes! If you can find some spare time, then please click on the link to answer 10 short questions:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyCernM_g0mzriqSZiIjN7GA0rNEyJxPhUulqVC92WpUNUZHN0NFNzZDQkNYODNNQkQ0Mkc1UINTRY4

Poppy Appeal

We have received a thank you from The Royal British Legion for helping with their Appeal. Beech Green collected £311.29 which is amazing. Thank you for your generosity.

Adult Education in Gloucestershire

Adult Education in Gloucestershire are offering online courses in the New Year addressing managing stress, relaxation and mindfulness. Please see the attached flyers.

Out of School Clubs

Just a reminder that After School Club is closed on Friday, in line with school closing early. We wish you a happy and healthy holiday. See you next year!!

End of Term

- Friday 17th is a whole school reward morning, non-school uniform or Christmas jumpers may be worn.
- **Friday, School ends at 1.30 p.m.**
- We return to school on 4th January 2022 – stay safe and we all sincerely hope we all get a Happy Christmas and New Year. Best wishes.

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Beech Green Careline – 24-hour answerphone – 01452 722697

Gloucestershire Children and Families Commissioning Hub

Holiday Activities & Food programme (HAF) and Holiday Activities Programme (HAP) offers, to let you know about some exciting activities available for children and young people now. Please share this information with families who you believe will benefit greatly from the project.

COVID-19 update:

The Department for Education has updated its COVID-19 [Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus outbreak \(gov.uk\)](#).

We are encouraging all of our participants to read through this in the lead up to 20 December to reduce the risk of infection. We are also working closely with our providers to make sure their provision is safe for families to attend.

HAF/HAP Provision:

There is just one more week for families to book their HAF/HAP activities. For more information and to book, they can visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf.

Below we have highlighted some of the county-wide HAP offers that are available to all families, not just those whose children are eligible for free school meals. These include details of an online yoga video platform that promotes health and mental wellbeing which parents can access from now:

YogaBugs

Parents are now able to get free access to virtual healthy screen time until mid-February 2022. Taking less than 60 seconds to sign up, YogaBugs virtual is a digital yoga and wellbeing platform that includes hundreds of children's & adult's videos for families to take part in from the comfort of their own home!

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch a short video to find out why it's good! [For all terms and conditions please click here](#)

Why sign up?

It is free and has tonnes of benefits including improving sleeping patterns, helping everyone feel calm and relaxed, improving confidence, and keeping everyone active over the cold winter months. It is suitable for children with SEND. To begin the process to claim access to the site and sign up, parents will need to visit: <https://gloucestershirecounty.coordinate.cloud/event/120134>

STEM Activities for children and young people:

We also have 2 very exciting STEM based activities that families can reserve tickets for that involve engineering and computer science. Please see details below:

Educraft: 6-16 year olds can travel back in time to discover what coding was like 40 years ago by using the very same computers which were used back then! Children will be designing and animating their very own video game as well as having the opportunity to kick back and play some classic games. A great opportunity to learn and play for all the gamers out there! [Click here for more information and to book](#). You can also view a trailer they have put together to advertise their offer this December by [clicking here](#).

Bloodhound: 6-15 year olds will have the opportunity to see 'engineering in action'; learning about various science engineering technologies such as the Bloodhound Land Speed Record Car. Afterwards, children will have the opportunity to build and race their very own prototype car! At the end of the day, you will be leaving with a souvenir from the day and activity pack for the family to take part in back at home. [Click here for more information and to book](#).

For any queries please contact HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk