

# Beech Green Primary School

*“Respect, Achieve, Belong”*

## Newsletter for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022

## Welcome to Term 3 and Happy New Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term. It is such a delight to have everyone back at school; children are already working hard in class. They are settled, happy and most of them are keen to learn. This is the best job in the world, seeing children grown in confidence, develop skills and learn is a joy! We are determined to help your child achieve their best this year. Working with you as first educators, each year group will be able to offer some additional tuition for groups or individuals, please see below for more information.



Our curriculum is starting to inspire more pupils. This car was designed at school, but made at home, in response to reading *The Tin Forest*. Well done Vinnie, you have shown remarkable initiative and enthusiasm.

We have made the decision to stick to year group bubbles for now, although this continues to complicate lunchtimes, there is just not enough additional space to eat. When it is warm and dry children enjoy sitting outside for a picnic. The forecast suggests that this will not be possible for at least the next two weeks, therefore children will be inside until it improves.

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### **Extra Tuition and After School Clubs**

Like all schools we have been allocated funds to provide additional academic tuition. This work has already started in the school day, in all year groups. Over the next two weeks, teachers will assess the skills, knowledge and understanding of each child, celebrate their achievements and progress as well as identify gaps. After that, teachers will work out what additional support each child might benefit from. This includes children who are already working at the expected standard.

Our aim is to create a draft plan for your child which we will send home just before parents' evenings so that you and your child's teacher can talk it through. We know that involving parents and carers is vital to a positive school experience. The sessions will then start, either during the day or just after school. This will be fully discussed with you first.

There is a huge benefit to using our school staff to run additional tuition, the positive impact is enhanced when that same person also works with the child in class. It does however mean that teaching staff will not be available to run after school clubs this term and so the range of extra-curricular activities has been significantly reduced. Details of extra-curricular clubs is being sent out separately – please email [admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk) to request a place.

## **Clarification on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19**

As usual, in school we are following government guidance for primary schools. Thank you for your continuing patience with any measures we have to put in place. Below is some clarification about the new rules surrounding self-isolation...

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

## **A New Baby**

Mrs Lisa Thorne is expecting a baby in April. A little brother or sister for Xander, Mr and Mrs Thorne are thrilled and happy to share this news with our school community. As you know Mrs Thorne has recently taken on the role of job share SENco. Over the next few weeks we will work out how best to cover this and her teaching commitment. Congratulations to the whole family!

## **Teaching Assistant Post**

Start date: Monday 28th February

Interview date: Wednesday 2nd February

Application deadline: Thursday 27th January

Beech Green Primary School is seeking to recruit a dedicated SEN Teaching Partner with knowledge and experience of pupils with additional needs including those with ASD. The successful candidate would work one to one with a pupil for approximately 6.5 hours throughout the week and approximately 21 hours as a class based Teaching Partner. The total number of hours 27.5

Please contact the school office 01452 722363 [sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk) or speak to someone at the gate.

## **Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?**

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are the perfect opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have the time of their life.

Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

If you would like more information then you can contact the band leader, Oscar Wenman-Hyde.

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