

# Beech Green Primary School

*“Respect, Achieve, Belong”*

## Newsletter for Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



Mr Morris has been working hard developing different areas of the school over the last few months. We are trying to make the most of our extensive grounds and outdoor space.

Mrs Ogden has close links with Winston’s Wish. Through this bereavement charity we have been able to support children and families to talk about events that have made them feel sad, upset or angry. This work is so important; we were thrilled to be invited to part of the Growing Hope project. The courtyard garden will be transformed into a place of quiet reflection for children.

Thank you if you have already sent in a colouring book, pencils or crayons for Ukraine. The deadline is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.



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### **Have You Read and Submitted your Gas and Electric Meter Readings Today?**

We will all be aware that money saving experts are suggesting we all read our gas and electric meters today and submit those readings to our personal energy suppliers. Have you done yours yet? If you have a smart meter at home, it is also suggested you take a photo of today’s readings. At least the warmer weather should be around the corner soon! Good luck to us all!!

### **Tea Before 3**



After the Easter holiday we plan to open the Family Café for Tea Before 3 each Tuesday afternoon. Call in for a cuppa before collecting the children from school. Coffee and Hot Chocolate on sale too; £1 a cup. Drinks will be free on our first afternoon, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 2.30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

### **School Times After Easter - Reminder**

After Easter, the coming in to school and going home window will narrow to:-

8.50 a.m. – 9.00 a.m. and 3.10 p.m. to 3.20 p.m. for all.

**It is important for all children to arrive on time to school, so that they catch the early morning start to lessons and understand what is going on.** The late mark is applied to anyone arriving after 9.00 a.m.

### **How Can We Help If You Have COVID?**

We really do appreciate the difficulty for those of you who have COVID, but who also have children to get to school and home safely. Whilst self-isolation is no longer going to be a legal requirement, it is still recommended as common sense not to mix among people, knowing you have COVID.

If you are COVID positive, then please try to get a friend to do the school run for you. If that is not possible, then you may bring your child to school just after 9, to miss the crowds and collect a bit early. In that circumstance we would not give a late mark. The gate will be locked at 9.05, to give you 5 minutes to drop your child into school, after everyone else.

Likewise, at the end of the day, phone us when you are parked in the ambulance bay (or standing near the bins if you don't have a car) and we will bring your children out a bit early.

We can at least try to see how this works to help those parents. Of course if too many parents end up catching COVID, then this plan won't work at all! We will let you know.

**Covid positive parents can drop off at 9.05 a.m.** (everyone else needs to arrive by 9.00 a.m.) **Covid positive parents can collect at 3 p.m.**

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

We had a massive response to our comprehensive clubs list, sent out last week.

Yesterday we ParentMailed to explain, that that due to staff absences, the places cannot now be confirmed until next week. Sorry for the wait; please bear with us.

### **Information on the Spring Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme from Gloucestershire County Council - Reminder**

The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, funded by the Department for Education, will be returning this Spring break between 11-14th April for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals (FSM). If you are eligible please claim.

To stay up to date on all HAF news... Visit Gloucestershire's HAF website: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf)

### **Easter Holiday Finishing Time Reminder**

On Friday 8th April we finish early for the Easter break. To remind you that at the end of terms 2, 4 and 6, we finish at the following times... Rec/ Y1 and Y2 1.15 p.m. until 1.30 p.m.

Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 – 1.25 p.m. until 1.40 p.m.

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