

BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Wednesday 13th September 2017

Welcome to Term 1

A message from Mrs Earl and Mrs Weeks: Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start this week by saying welcome and well done to our new Reception children. We have been hugely impressed by their first few days here at Beech Green - they have all been really calm and settled and it already feels like they have been here for much longer than they have! The rest of the school have also continued the brilliant start they made last week: they too have continued to be calm and focussed, and have impressed us with the efforts they are making in class and on the playground. It seems that we haven't worn them out too much yet, as they are still full of smiles when they come in through the gate every morning.

Thank you to everyone who has remembered to get off of their bikes and scooters as they have come into the school grounds. We don't want to spoil your fun by making you walk, but we do want to keep you safe and avoid accidents. Some of you may know that an ex-pupil of Beech Green was involved in accident whilst riding his bike to school a few days ago. We were really pleased to hear that he is fine, and his mum tells us that he was sensibly wearing his cycle helmet, which saved him from a potentially serious head injury. Many of you are also sensible enough to do this, but we have noticed that some children do come to school on their bikes without wearing a helmet. In order to support you in encouraging your children to wear their helmets to and from school, we have asked Mr Morris to organise storage spaces in the Key Stage 2 cloakrooms for helmets to be left during the school day. Thank you for your support in helping to keep the children safe.

Best wishes, Mrs Earl and Mrs Weeks - Acting Co-Headteachers

Extra-Curricular Clubs for Terms 1 and 2

The response to our clubs for this and next term (up until Christmas) has been overwhelming. It's great to see so many children keen to join in with the great variety of clubs on offer. We have now allocated children to the clubs of their choice and have sent a ParentMail to everyone to confirm their places. Unfortunately some clubs with limited numbers are oversubscribed so if you have not received a confirmation place for the following clubs, this means that your child has not got a place. Sorry to disappoint, but the places were allocated on first come, first served basis.

We remind everyone that Clubs will start next week and will run up to and including week commencing 4th December (unless they were a Term 1 club only!)

The clubs over-subscribed, and so not all children have a place are:-

Andy Tucker Football Club for Y4 on Fridays

Gymnastics for Y2

Eco Club for Y3

The Beech Green School weekly Wednesday Newsletter

We always try to keep parents informed of what is going on at Beech Green via the newsletter. It goes out each Wednesday so please remember to take the time to read what is happening. We hope you find the information useful. Calendar dates for the year ahead are now on our school website, www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/calendar-dates.

This week paper copies will be sent home one per family, but we normally prefer to send the newsletter electronically via ParentMail. New parents to Beech Green will receive a text or email in the near future inviting them to verify their accounts.

Alternatively the newsletter can be read from our school website

www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/newsletters or a paper copy can be sent home with your eldest child if requested at the school office. Spare copies are also kept on the parents' noticeboard. Thank you for reading it and keeping up to date with school news.

ParentPay for School Dinners

Would everyone please check the balance of their child's dinner money account as a few have already slipped in to debt. Thank you.

Data Checking Sheets - IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Your child/ren will soon be bringing home a Data Checking Sheet that shows the current information we hold for your child - please check the details are correct and return to your class teacher ASAP. Please still sign and return the form even if all the details remain unchanged. If you would rather collect your sheet from the office then please call in to the school office. We are also collecting email addresses in our school data so please update. Thank you.

PSHE - something new

As part of the PSHE curriculum, each class will be covering "mindfulness and massage". Each session is designed to help children not only relax, but also to help them understand and respect the importance of personal space.

This will involve the children giving each other a short massage. However it is important to stress that before each session they have to ask permission to touch another child, even in a positive way.

ClassBoard



This year, we will again be using ClassBoard to share lots of photos and videos of things going on in and around school.

As we always do, we have assigned a new access code for the new year, which you should have already received. If you haven't, or you need a reminder, please ask your child's class teacher. If you haven't already downloaded the app, you can do so from the App Store or Google Play Store for free. If you have any problems or questions, please see Mrs Earl.

Caterlink - NEW Autumn Menu

The NEW Autumn Menu started on Monday. At the end of last year we sent home a paper copy of the menu but we now have the glossy versions that will go home one per family today. We do hope the children are enjoying the tasty variety of school dinners. School dinners cost £2.28 per day for KS2 and are universally free to all those in Reception and KS1. If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals, then please do claim this as school also gets extra funding dependent on the number of claims.

The Gloucestershire County Council now has a new portal running for you to make a quick and easy claim. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

ParentPay

Reception 2017 will soon receive their activation letter containing their user-name and password. You will need to set this up please to enable you to pay for school trips.

Reception Children 2018 - Do you have a child born on or between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014? **If so, your child is due to start school next September! Please call into the school office if you have not yet completed a registration form for your child.** If you have a brother or sister already at school, you still need to register your pre-school sibling (it is not automatically done)!

Y6 - Secondary Transfer 2018

All the current Y6 should now have received their letter explaining how to apply for a secondary school/academy place for September 2018, together with a link to apply on line (the preferred method) or from where to download the Common Application Form. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Please also note that secondary schools/academies are holding open evenings this autumn. Please check when the school of your choice is holding an open event.

All Y6 parents need to be aware that their application, whether made electronically or on paper, must be made no later than the closing date. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date will not be considered until next Spring.

PTFA News

- AGM this evening - all welcome - in the staff room at 6.30 p.m.
- The balloon race was a success in July, thank you to everyone who bought a ticket - the balloon to go the furthest landed in Worcester and belonged to Chloe Pearce who was presented with a £20 Toys R Us voucher in assembly on Monday.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
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