

BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Wednesday 8th November 2017

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

As always, there has been much to celebrate in school this week. In assembly we introduced our newly appointed Learning Ambassadors in Years 1 to 6, please see below to find out more about their roles. We are very much looking forward to finding out what they and their classmates have been learning when we visit your classrooms. Our Y6 Digital Leaders are now also up and running and working hard to support the teachers and children in their Computing lessons. The successful applicants were: Grace Withers, Sophie Nicholls, Chawon Jang, Jacob Kelly, Tom Greenaway, Lewis Chisholm, Victoria Harkins and Matilda Prawl - well done to them. We know their support is invaluable!

As the weather is turning colder, could you please make sure that the children are bringing coats and jumpers to school - we know that we get very chilly standing on the gate at the beginning and end of the day, and we are only there for a few minutes! Can we also remind you that the children should be in school for 8.50 (when the first bell rings), as this gives them time to get into class and get settled before school begins at 9.00. For some children, arriving after the register has been taken and missing the first few minutes of the school day means that they are then unsettled for the rest of the day. Thank you.

You may have seen our gorgeous new signs on the playground which reinforce the Fundamental British Values. These are promoted in schools across the country. These values are: Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs, Democracy and the Rule of Law. On Friday, we will be holding our British Values Day, as we have done for the past few years. As part of this, we will observe the Armistice Day minute's silence as a whole school. Our pupils who attend recognised organisations such as Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides may wear their uniforms to school if they would like to. All other children should wear their school uniform as usual.

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



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017

Y6 pupils are now selling poppies so please allow your child to come to school with a donation for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.



Every Session Counts

Well done Y4 for having the highest attendance in school for last week with 97.46%.

Interhouse Cross Country

A calm and sunny day greeted our KS2 children last Wednesday afternoon for the annual Inter House Cross Country. All of the children participated with enthusiasm and gusto, including the Year 3s for whom this was a new experience. However, many of the children were disappointed because there was no "muddy puddle" organised! Instead the runners had to be content at having water squirted at them by very enthusiastic Year 6s and an over-enthusiastic Miss Grainger! Well done to everyone but especially to Elm for their resounding victory.

Stranger Danger

There has been a local incident when a man emerged from an alleyway and exposed himself to some secondary school children. The man is described as late 30s - 40s with light brown hair shaved and spiky on top. He was wearing a grey Superdry jacket and black jeans. Please discuss with your children the importance of stranger danger!

IMPACT - "Involving More Parents and Children Together"

Please note that we will be running these popular sessions again for all year groups. In line with our school priorities this year, all year groups will be focussing on supporting children with reading. Further information will be coming home soon, but we wanted to give you advance notice of the dates.

Reception	21 st and 23 rd November
Year 1	7 th and 8 th December
Year 2	9 th and 11 th January
Year 3	23 rd and 25 th January
Year 4	12 th and 14 th December
Year 5	30 th January and 1 st February
Year 6	28 th and 30 th November

Library help needed

At Beech Green we are very lucky to have such a wonderfully large and well-resourced library for our children to make use of and enjoy. We have a large selection of books for the children to choose from however as time goes on, many of these books need a little love and repair and our librarian, Mrs Fry, is always grateful for any help that can be offered.

Therefore, we are looking again for a small group of willing volunteers who would be happy to give up an hour or so of their time on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday once a term to help Mrs Fry, our librarian, sort and repair some of our books. If you would be interested in helping please would you email admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk with the subject 'Library Helper' - your details will then be forwarded to Mrs Fry. Thank you in advance.

Prescribed Medication in School

If your child is taking medicine for a non-contagious condition and needs to have a dose during school time, then please remember you will need to seek permission from the member of staff in their year group and sign an appropriate form. Children must not keep medicines (other than inhalers for Asthma) in their school bags. Whilst we are seeking to improve our school attendance we do not expect children who are genuinely poorly to come to school, until they are better.

NHS Flu Campaign

The NHS in Gloucestershire launched its annual flu campaign earlier this month and has arranged to visit our Rec to Y4 to implement the flu immunisation programme on Friday 15th December.

The NHS has developed three short video clips to target key 'at-risk' groups, one of which is aimed at parents of young children aged 2 to 8 as well as expectant mothers. If you are reading this newsletter online then you can find the video [here](#).

The video emphasises the importance of protecting your children against flu which can often hit them harder. Vaccination is by nasal spray i.e. no injections!

To find out more about the campaign, visit www.gloucestershirecccg.nhs.uk/flu-free

If you have not yet already done so then please give your consent on line following the instructions that were sent out before the half term holiday. Thank you.

Scarlet Fever

We have a few cases of Scarlet Fever in school, mainly in Reception. Guidance suggests children can come back to school 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment (although as normal, if your child feels poorly then they are best to rest at home until they feel better).

Beech Green Learning Ambassadors

Congratulations to our newly appointed Learning Ambassadors. Their role is to be the voice of their class when talking to visitors about the learning that is taking place at Beech Green. They were presented with their ambassador badges in assembly on Monday. Well done!

Year 1

Evie Russell, McKenzie Gamble, Ezri Sunter and Eli Smart.

Year 2

Ava Jones, Daniel Walker, Bryn Morgan and Evie Hine.

Year 3

Terri Potter, Vincent Jiang, Thomas Wyatt and Jasmine Whiles.

Year 4

Abbie Nicholls, Max Withers, Joshua Wyburn and Layla Kanonik.

Year 5

Ben Mandeville, Sienna Morse, Mariam Abubakar and Kyle Bitchenor.

Year 6

Max Wadley, Holly Ennis, Grace Harmer and Jacob Sykes.

PTFA Bingo Night

Beech Green family Bingo night is on Friday 17th November. Eyes down 7 p.m. £5 a book which can be shared between your family.

Slips have been sent home with the children so if you would like to join in the fun evening of Bingo, raise money for the school as well as having a chance to win prizes and cash (adults only) fill out the form and put it in the PTFA drawer in the school office.

PTFA meeting TODAY at 6.30 p.m.

Meet in the staff room. It would be lovely to see new faces, all welcome.

Placing your Order for School Photos

The final date for ordering photos is Wednesday 15th November.

It's Time To Order Your Child's Christmas Dinner! Price £2.28



Wednesday 13th December is School Christmas Dinner Day!

So that Caterlink know how much turkey and butternut squash to order, everyone will need to pre-order their Christmas dinner. Please complete and return the slip below to the school office by Friday 24th November. After this date those who have not pre-ordered will need to bring a packed lunch from home on the 13th, as the normal menu will be replaced by this pre-ordered Christmas option.

There will be two meal choices on the 13th December:-

RED Choice 1 - a traditional Christmas dinner

Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce and Gravy.

OR

GREEN Choice 2 for our vegetarians.

Cranberry and Rice filled Butternut Squash

BOTH Choices will be served with vegetables of the day - Herby Roast Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots and Garden Peas.

For dessert there will be Gingerbread or Homemade Christmas Pudding

- **If you pay for school dinners**, then you will have to have at least £2.28 available on your child's ParentPay Dinner Account - please come to the school office if you have mislaid your username and password.
- **If you get your school meals free**, then please note you still need to complete the order form to tell us if you would like turkey or the veggie choice.
- **If you don't have a printer**, there are some printed forms on the parents' noticeboard.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
Y2 exception words	Y4 South America
ParentMail: Children In Need	ParentMail: Children In Need
ParentMail: Cake Sale reminder	ParentMail: Cake Sale reminder

Contact school - admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk
 Website - www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk

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Christmas Dinner on 13th December - Pre-Order Form

To the School Office by Friday 24th November

My child/ren would like to pre-order the following dinner please for Wednesday 13th December 2017. I realise this replaces the normal menu for that day.

(delete as appropriate)

- Name: Class: **RED Choice 1 / GREEN Choice 2**
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