

BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Wednesday 6th December 2017

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

We have to start this week by saying a huge thank you to all of the staff, children and parents for their support during our Ofsted inspection. As always, the children were an absolute credit to you all, and the inspectors commented on how polite, respectful and open they were. Due to the Christmas holidays, there is likely to be a delay before we receive the report, so we shall look forward to sharing it with you in the New Year. Some of you will have seen Mrs Poulson, our incoming Headteacher, on the gates last week: she came in to school to offer some moral support and to begin to get to know the children, staff and parents. There is a message from her later in the newsletter.

Yesterday, the Key Stage 2 children were incredibly well behaved on their trip to see the pantomime - we had some lovely comments from teachers from other schools and from the staff at the Everyman. We have heard back from the staff who are with Key Stage 1 today, and they too are having a fantastic time.

We must also say a huge "congratulations" to the Nursery and Reception children, who performed their Christmas play yesterday. They put on a fantastic show, which was even more impressive given that they lost some of their rehearsal time! Well done to all of the children (and adults!) for doing such a great job. Good luck, too, to our Year 3 and 4 children, who will be singing in their Carol Concert tonight.

The reorganisation of our library is almost complete and it is now a much more open, inviting and inspiring area for the children. A team of staff have worked hard to get it completed quickly and we would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Newman, Mrs Harris, Mrs Fraser, Mrs Wadner, Mrs White and Mrs Wyatt, who set aside their time to help too.

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

Beech Green Christmas Post



The children's post boxes are now ready for pupil school Christmas cards until the last collection, which will be on Friday 15th December.

There is one post box for each Key Stage. The KS1 box is in the main school reception area and the KS2 box is just outside the school library.

Please remember to put the following on your envelope:-

- ☞ The **full name of the child** to receive your card e.g. Katie Smith and not just Katie.
- ☞ The **class number** of the child to receive your card e.g. class 4 or J7.
- ☞ The name of the **child's teacher**.

If you can do this it will help Y5 to deliver the cards really quickly. **Please note that our delivery service can only extend to pupils of this school.** Please do not post your letters to Santa or Grandma's Christmas card in our school post!

New Head Teacher



This is me (yellow cardigan) and our family.

2017 has been an eventful year, Martin and I got married after nearly 20 years together. Our middle son, Matthew and his partner Hannah had their first baby, making a total of two grandchildren; Sam and her husband Matt have a three year old daughter. Our youngest son Ollie left home to study economics at Swansea University in September. Martin and I decided it was time to move back nearer friends and family in Gloucestershire, Bristol and Brecon.

I am looking forward to joining you all at Beech Green. Over the last term I have visited to gain a better understanding of the school and local community to ensure a smooth start in January. There is clearly a committed and enthusiastic staff team, Mrs Weeks and Mrs Earl have made some carefully thought out changes, which I support and will maintain.

My first few months will be spent getting to know everyone, most importantly all the children. Although I have been a head teacher for the last fourteen years I am always keen to step back in to the classroom. It is of course what really matters. The quality of teaching and opportunities for learning are vital for individual pupil achievement, enjoyment and overall development. Any changes we make will build on what is already working well.

You will always see a member of staff on the gate in the morning and at the end of the day. We will continue to have an open door policy and would always prefer to talk to you as soon as possible about any concerns, no matter how small it might seem. We believe in working together with you, as the most important people in your child's life.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday. I am looking forward to getting to know you all in January.

Julie Poulson



Well done Y2 for having the highest attendance in school for last week with a percentage attendance of **97.80%** closely followed by Y5 that were 2nd with 97.59%. Which class will be the first to achieve 100%?

Donating a Teddy for Christmas

Supporting The Teddy Trust

Would your child be happy to donate a teddy they feel they can live without, so that another less fortunate child can know what it is to have a teddy to call their own?

Donations can be brought into the reception area of school on Wednesday 13th December. Please do make sure your child realises this is a donation and that the teddy will not be going back home with them!

The teddy does not have to be new or in perfect condition, but it does need to be clean and safe.

Christmas Dinner is next Wednesday 13th December - If you did not pre-order then please remember to send your child to school with a special packed lunch as the normal school dinner menu will not be on offer that day. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

All the current after school clubs will finish at the end of this week, by Friday 8th December, and a new selection will start in January 2018. Please look out for the letter, which is coming home soon, and return it with your child's choices by the given date.

Open Classrooms

Next week, we will be having our termly "open classroom" sessions, where you are able to come in to see the fantastic work the children have produced this year. The sessions will be on Wednesday 13th December, from 2.30, and on Thursday 14th December, from 9.00 until 9.30. It would be lovely to see you all there!

Cleaner Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner. Ten hours a week from approximately 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, term time plus 20 hours clean over the summer holiday and 5 hours over each of the Christmas and Easter breaks. Please see Mrs Phillips in the office for further details and an application form. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check and references will be required.

Whoops... sorry!

Performances are in the mornings, not at night! Hopefully you received our ParentMail apology about this, which was sent last Friday.

December 5 - 9.30 a.m.	Foundation Stage Performance (yesterday)
December 19 - 9.30 a.m.	KS1 performance

Y3/Y4 Swimming Reminder for New Year

The dates for swimming are:

- **Year 4** - 9th / 16th / 23rd / 30th January, 6th February 2018
- **Year 3** - 20th / 27th February, 6th / 13th / 20th March 2018
- **Reminder letters** have been sent home

PTFA News

Disco on Friday 15th December - Infants 5.30-6.45 and Juniors 7.00-8.15 p.m.

£3.00 a child to include a packet of crisps and a drink. Slips to order your tickets will be sent home with the children on Monday.

Christmas raffle - tickets on sale in classrooms from 11-15 December 2017. Tickets cost 50p each. There will be 2 prizes per class and 1 chocolate hamper per key stage to be won. Any questions then please speak to a member of the PTFA.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
Y2 Elf Surveillance	Y3/Y4 Invitation to Christmas Carols and change of time or dress rehearsal
ParentMail: notification of Beech Green Christmas Post Boxes	ParentMail: notification of Beech Green Christmas Post Boxes
CL5 - teaching arrangements for January	J3 - teaching arrangements for January
Y2 IMPaCT	Y3 and Y4 Swimming reminders

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