

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 4th January 2018

Welcome to 2018 and Term 3

A welcome from Mrs Poulson: Dear parents and carers, Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and festivities. Thank you for your warm welcome this morning, so many of you took a few minutes to say 'hello', which I very much appreciate. My first few weeks will be spent trying to get to know all the children and staff. I look forward to visiting the classes to find out what the children value about their school.

This is the first newsletter of 2018 and there is a lot to tell you already! Please see information below and dates. We have an open door policy at Beech Green, please do contact us or speak to someone in the playground if you need more information. If you would like to speak to me directly, please do make an appointment with Mrs Simmonds.

Ofsted Outcome

We can now announce the outcome of our Ofsted inspection last term. Mrs Earl and Mrs Weeks led the school brilliantly in the Autumn term, all the staff worked extremely hard to make sure the inspectors fully understood what we do at Beech Green. Your children were very well behaved and demonstrated excellent learning skills and attitudes. Consequently the inspection team were so impressed with everyone they judged our school as follows:

Overall effectiveness	Good
Effectiveness of leadership and management	Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Good
Outcomes for pupils	Good
Early years provision	Good

There are so many strengths throughout the report. The children are mentioned in almost every paragraph, particularly:

'Pupils behave well at school. Pupils are keen to learn and improve their learning. Pupils are clear that they are safe and happy at school.'

The quality of teaching is described as 'consistently good across the school.' 'Children make good progress and are well taught.'

I would also like to highlight aspects of the report which relate to leadership, 'the school is ably led by the two acting co-headteachers. As the school's deputy headteachers, they have been instrumental in leading actions to address the school's development priorities'. 'Leaders, including middle leaders, lead by example and provide clear role models for staff, inspiring respect from them and from pupils and parents'.

The inspectors recognised the work of the whole school team, 'Additional adults in the school are skilled in providing support for learners of all abilities'. The governing body strengths were also identified, 'Governors are ambitious for the school and its pupils.'

Parents and carers are also mentioned, 'Parents contribute to the assessment of their child's learning through regular meetings with staff and opportunities to contribute online'. 'The vast majority of parents support the view that their children are safe, happy and well looked after at school.'

Well done everyone, we are thrilled to be able to share this report with our whole school community. You will be sent the full report via ParentMail this afternoon.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Hicks

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Hicks. Their 'Christmas pudding' arrived a little bit earlier than expected! Jennifer Anne Hicks was born on 28th December and has already come in to visit us in school.

Arts Week

We are once again running a week of art activities and learning experiences from Monday 15th January, ending with an open art exhibition across the school on Friday 19th January. Please join us at school if you can from 2:45 pm to have a look at what we've been doing!

IMPACT Sessions Coming Up

Tuesday 9th January 9.00 a.m. and Thursday 11th January 9.00 a.m. – both for Year 2

Calendar Dates Reminder For Term 3

January 2	School Closed – TWILIGHT INSET
January 3	School Closed INSET
January 4	Children return for start of Term 3
January 9	Y4 Swimming starts for 5 weeks
January 15	Reception 2018 – Closing date for school applications
January 15-19	Arts Week – Open afternoon from 2.45 p.m. on the 19th
January 22-25	Life Education Bus
February 6 and 7 3.30 – 6.30 p.m.	Parents Evening Rec -Y6
February 9	End of Term 3

NEW Caterlink Spring Menu

A copy of the new menu that started this week was sent home at the end of last term.

The choices can also be seen on our school website. www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk/dinner

Extra-Curricular Clubs

All clubs for this term will commence on Monday 15th January 2018.

Reception 2018 – Additional Date

9th January 2018 – 9.15 a.m. or 10.45 a.m.

Parents of children due to start school in Reception 2018 are welcome to phone the school office to book on to this additional date to view our school. ☎ 01452 722363

Winston's Wish – Meet Us Face To Face

Drop-In Sessions – Giving your people and their families space to explore ways of managing grief when someone important has died.

Third Wednesday of every month (starting January 2018) 3-5 p.m. at

The Lawns Nursing Home, Day Centre, 346 Bristol Road, Quedgeley, Gloucester. GL2 4QW

Thank you Certificate from BBC Children In Need

We have received a thank you letter for your 'Spotacular' donation of £489.10 to BBC Children in Need. Well done and thank you Beech Green for your continued generosity.

Emily Kent Christmas Donations

Many thanks also to everyone who threw some money in our buckets during the Christmas productions. You raised £323.54 which has been donated to the Emily Kent Unit. (Paediatric Oncology Service based at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital)

Did you get your post this week?

Y1 Where The Wild Things Are Trip – sent out in December

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