

# Beech Green Primary School

## *"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"*

### Newsletter for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

My first week at Beech Green has been a flavour of what happens in our school, I have:

- tasted delicious vegetable soup made by Reception children;
- spoken to almost all of the classes in the school to gather the thoughts and ideas of the children and answered their questions. The children have lots of ideas about what would make our school even better and there have been some really thoughtful questions. Thank you everyone;
- attended a Year 2 IMPACT meeting about reading, all the parents and carers said it was extremely useful;
- met with people who are considering Beech Green Reception class and found out about our excellent Foundation Stage thanks to Miss Whitfield's presentation;
- worked with almost all the staff to review the school development plan and our school values;
- read and shared with you all the most recent Ofsted report; this should be available on the Ofsted website from the end of this week <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/115600> ;
- celebrated good and excellent attendance in assembly.

Throughout the five days, I have been impressed. The children in Beech Green smile and say 'hello' to me on the gate morning and evening, they hold doors open for each other, say please and thank you to adults and children and they are enthusiastic about their work. Most of them seem happy to be here most of the time. This is not an accident, it is simply because you have instilled a sense of personal responsibility and taught them to be thoughtful and polite. This means that your children are a delight to teach, thank you!

The staff are proud of our school and rightly so. They demonstrate genuine determination to support every child as an individual. The adults here really care about the children, their emotional and educational development. Everyone works hard and does a little bit more than expected, which lightens the load for us all and means the Beech Green ship sails smoothly, most of the time.

However, we all get things wrong: it is part of being human. Children, staff, parents, carers and especially headteachers make mistakes. I have already forgotten to announce the attendance shield winners, set off the school alarm and nearly locked Mr Morris out! I would encourage you all to contact us as soon as you feel things are not going well at school or at home. One of our top priorities this year is to further develop a partnership with you and have honest, calm conversations about your child, for the good of your child's school experience.

Please do speak to me on the gate, email, phone or send a message if you need to talk to us about anything. There is a long list of dates at the end of the newsletter, let us know if you can offer any help with any activities or if you'd like to know more.

Thank you for your continued support.

Julie Poulson

#### **Sport Fixtures**

Our football team played away at Linden this week. The team braved the cold conditions and despite their best efforts were 2-0 down at the end of the first half. Mr Higgs worked some magic with a half time team talk and they managed to score 2 goals and pull level, until the last minute of the game when Linden scored for a third and final time. The boys were very disappointed, but we are proud of their excellent sportsmanship, positive attitudes and perseverance.

## NEW Parents' Evening Electronic Sign Up

Please look out for a letter about our new electronic sign up system next week. Fingers crossed it all works. Please tell us immediately via email or phone if you have any problems getting an appointment.

## Arts Week – Next Week - Reminder

We are running a week of art activities and learning experiences from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, ending with an open art exhibition across the school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January from 2.45 p.m. for parents/carers to see the children's work.



Very well done **Y4** for having the highest attendance in school for last week with a percentage attendance of **97.89%**. Gold, silver and bronze awards have also been presented to all the children who had 98%+ attendance for last term. Well done to all of you.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

All clubs for this term will start week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Reminders have been sent via ParentMail. In addition to the Clubs already set up for this term we can now also offer Andy Tucker Football Club for Y3 on the field Fridays 3.20 – 4.15. There are limited numbers so we shall take a draw from those returned each day, until the places are full.

## NHS Hearing & Vision Screening for children in Reception

Screening is taking place in school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018

If you **do not** wish your child to be screened please contact the NHS team

Phone: 0300 421 8225 Email: [NC.MP@glos-care.nhs.uk](mailto:NC.MP@glos-care.nhs.uk)

**Please inform the NHS team if your child is already under professional care for hearing or vision**

**Parents/Carers will be informed of the screening results**



## Lost Jacket

A child is missing his Khaki Green, short puffer/bomber jacket with furry army print inside – made by NEXT, age 9. Please would you check to make sure that your child hasn't brought it home by mistake and if they have please return it to the school office? Thank you.

## Lost and Found Property

Following the Christmas/New Year holidays we have a mountain of unnamed lost property that has been sorted and will be on show in the main reception area all of tomorrow and Friday morning. We handed back anything with a name but we are left with unnamed:-



- Coats
- Items of school uniform
- Shoes and boots
- PE kits and lunch boxes

Missing anything?.. Please do come and take a look. Any unclaimed items will be recycled.

## Winter Warmer Menu on Census Day – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Once again we ask for the support of all KS1 parents/carers by letting your child/ren have a hot school dinner **next Thursday**. It's census day, the day when our budget is calculated by government, with one of the factors being how many children have a school dinner on that day. You will understand we are keen for everyone to have a school dinner! **It's free to all children in KS1** so if you normally have a packed lunch, then please do sign up for and try a warming dinner. The menu next Thursday for the whole school will be different to the published menu – it's going to be:

**Bangers, Mash and Beans Or Soup & Warm Cheesy Baguette**

**With Baked Chocolate Brownie and Chocolate Sauce**

## Recycling News

### **\*The Big Battery Hunt\***

As you may know, we are taking part in The Big Battery Hunt. All children brought home a recycling box before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has already returned a battery collection box for recycling. Any child who returns any batteries for recycling can collect a competition entry slip from their class Eco-Committee representative. We will be collecting batteries until at least the Easter Holidays so please do try and bring in as many as you can. Any questions please see Mrs Thorne (Y1).

### **\*Used Postage Stamps\***

Mrs Thorne is collecting used postage stamps for a charity which supports 200 hospitals (SCBU, NICU, CHILDRENS, ELDERLY AND CANCER WARDS) nationally. If you would collect postage stamps from envelopes and bring them to school, there will be a collection box in the reception area near the school office. This will be an on-going collection and stamps will be sent off at regular intervals across the year. Thank you.

## The Daily Mile

The children and staff have all had a healthy glow this week. The Daily Mile has started and everyone has enjoyed walking or running for 10 minutes each day. We are still thinking about outdoor trainer storage; do let us know if you can offer any time, advice, carpentry or construction support.

## Marling School and Stroud High School

Volunteers needed for Admission Appeal Panel Members. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided. They are particularly looking for parents of school pupils but must ensure that panel members have no personal or professional interest in the cases they hear.

For further information please contact Sarah Chilman at Marling School 01453 762251 and/or Pauline Blacklock at Stroud High School 01453 764441.

## Flu Immunisation catch up clinics for eligible children

If your child missed the recent seasonal flu vaccinations in school for Rec-Y4 then you can make an appointment to attend a catch-up clinic. These are being held on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January at various venues in the County. Please call 0300 421 8140 to book.

## School Uniform

We have stock of most items. An order form is attached.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
<b>Reception and KS1</b>	<b>KS2</b>
ParentMail: Daily Mile footwear for Reception pupils	
ParentMail: Y2 Climbing Warehouse Trip	Y6 Cycle Training letter
ParentMail: Daily Mile information	ParentMail: Daily Mile information
ParentMail: NHS Hearing & Vision for Reception	ParentMail: Y3 Topic Spring Plan
ParentMail: Y1 Topic Spring Plan	Y4 welcome back letter

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**Please return this slip to Mrs Simmonds in the school office**

**'Y3 Andy Tucker Football Club – Spring 2018'**

Name of child ..... **Year 3 only**

I would like my child to join in with the Andy Tucker Football Club after school on Fridays (3.20 – 4.15 p.m.) and understand the club has limited space.

At the end of the school club my child will usually:

- Be picked up by .....
- Walk/Cycle home alone
- Go to after school club

If this should change I will ensure that the teacher responsible for the club is informed in writing. Thank you. Signed: ..... parent/carer

## Annual Calendar Dates 2017-2018

<b>TERM 3</b>	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
	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
<b>TERM 4</b>	February 19	Children return for Start of Term 4
	February 20	Y3 Swimming starts for 5 weeks
	February 26	Y6 Cycling Proficiency Week
	March 1	Secondary Transfer 2018 - allocation day
	March 1	World Book Day
	March 8	Secondary Transfer 2018 - Closing date to return reply form accepting the School/Academy place or requesting to be put on waiting list/s
	March 21	Open Classrooms for parents/carers 2.45 p.m.
	March 22	Open Classrooms for parents/carers 9-9.30 p.m.
	March 23	PTFA Disco
	March 27 1.30 p.m.	Y5 Easter Play – dress rehearsal
	March 28 6 p.m.	Y5 Easter Play
	After March 30	Secondary Transfer 2018 – outcome of waiting list requests
	March 29	End of Term 4
<b>TERM 5</b>	April 6	Secondary Transfer 2018 - closing date for return of reply forms
	April 16	Reception 2018 – Allocation Day
	April 16	School Closed – INSET
	April 17	Children return for Term 5
	April 30	Reception 2018 – Closing date to return form accepting the School place or requesting to be placed on a waiting list
	May 7	School closed – Bank Holiday
	W/c May 14	KS2 SATs week
	May 15	Reception 2018 – Letters sent out advising outcome of waiting list requests
	May 21 - 6.00 p.m.	Reception 2018 – meeting for parents (sorry no children)
	May 22	Inter-house athletics Y3/Y4 a.m. – Y5/Y6 p.m. – parents/carers welcome
	May 24	Y6 leavers, class and team photos to be taken
	May to July	Secondary Transfer 2018 - Appeals
	May 25	End of Term 5
	May 29	Reception 2018 – Closing date for return of reply forms
<b>TERM 6</b>	June to July	Reception 2018- Appeals
	June 4	Children return for start of Term 6
	June 8 from 1.30 p.m.	Beech Green Race for Life event
	w/c June 11	Y1 Phonics
	June 22 p.m.	Y6 Enterprise Summer Fayre for pupils in school time
	June 22	PTFA Disco
	June 26 - 9.30 a.m.	Sports Day ( <i>reserve date July 3</i> ) parents/carers welcome to watch
	June 28 – 6.00 p.m.	Summer Music Concert
	w/c July 2	Nursery visits to Reception – please avoid booking a holiday this week
	July 3	Reserve sports day date if required
	July 9 – 1.30 p.m.	Y6 Performance Dress Rehearsal to whole of school
	July 10 – 9.30 a.m.	Foundation Stage Sports Day ( <i>reserve date July 17</i> ) – parents/carers welcome to watch
	July 11 – 6.00 p.m.	Y6 Performance to parents
	July 16	School Reports due out
	July 17	Foundation Stage Reserve sports day date if required
	July 18	Open Classrooms for parents/carers 2.45 p.m.
	July 19	Open Classrooms for parents/carers 9-9.30 p.m.
	July 20– 9.30 a.m.	Leavers' assembly – Y6 parents/carers welcome
	July 20	Children finish for the Summer holiday – End of Term 6

## BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Uniform Order Form

**Child's Name:** (PRINT) ..... **Class:** .....

### Beech Green SWEATSHIRT with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	9.00		
26"	9.00		
28"	9.00		
30"/32"	9.00		
34"	9.00		
Small adult	9.00		

### Beech Green COSY CARDI with logo: (sweatshirt fabric)

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	10.50		
26"	10.50		
28"	10.50		
30"/32"	10.50		
34"	10.50		
Small adult 34/36"	10.50		

### Beech Green KNITWEAR CARDIGAN with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	12.50		
26"	12.50		
28"	12.50		
30"	13.50		
32"	13.50		
34"	13.50		
36"	14.50		

### Beech Green POLO SHIRT with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24"	7.25		
26"	7.25		
28"	7.25		
30"/32"	7.25		
34"	7.25		
Small adult	7.25		

### Beech Green FLEECE with logo:

Size	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
24" (3-4 yrs)	12.50		
26" (5-6 yrs)	12.50		
28" (7-8 yrs)	12.50		
30"/32" (9-11 yrs)	12.50		
34" (12-13 yrs)	12.50		
Extra Small adult	12.50		
Small adult	16.50		

### Beech Green P.E. BAGS with logo:

Colour	Unit price £	Quantity	Total price £
Royal blue	4.00		
Red	4.00		
Yellow	4.00		
Emerald Green	4.00		
Purple	4.00		

### Beech Green P.E. KIT:

Garment	Unit price £	Quantity and size	Total price £
PE Shorts <b>Boys style</b> - Waist 18-20" or 22-24" or 26-28" or 30-32"	5.50		
PE Shorts <b>Girls style</b> - Waist 20-22" or 24/26" or 28/30"	6.50		
PE White T-Shirt 24"/26"/28"/30"/32"	5.50		

**Cheques to be made payable to 'Beech Green Primary School'**

**TOTAL VALUE £** .....