

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Wednesday 31st January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

You Can Book Me - Parents' Evenings for the Spring Term – Bookings Open This Evening

This evening you should receive a ParentMail message giving you the link to book your Parents' Evenings appointment for either Tuesday 6th or Wednesday 7th of February. The system is very simple to use but if you encounter any problems then please come to the school office. This system will replace the lists that used to be outside the classrooms and will hopefully be really useful, especially for all our working parents. The teachers look forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

Learning Happens Here

We now have quite a lot of work on the 'Learning Happens Here' board in our office. Children regularly appear at the door with stunning examples of how much they have improved over the last few months. It is particularly impressive when you can see evidence of improvement in children's vocabulary, grammar, and use of description when writing, or the way they set out their work in maths, use their times tables or number bonds to help them answer questions.

We are also determined to develop children's ability to think, question, take risks, challenge themselves, persevere and stay focused on tasks. This week, a Year 2 child came to tell me that they had demonstrated all these learning skills at the climbing wall. Initially scared and anxious about approaching the giant wall of coloured lumps, he stood frozen with fear. "I can't do that!" he said, pointing up at the towering wall, becoming more and more upset. The adult took his hand and reassured him that nobody would ask him to do anything he didn't feel comfortable with. Standing back, the child watched for a while and slowly started to gain confidence. He edged forwards and began to show an interest in having a go.

Unbelievably, this shy and worried little boy climbed slowly and steadily right to the very top of the wall! He had watched his friends, he'd seen that it was possible, observed their technique and noticed how much fun they were having. Managing to overcome his worries about what might be, he'd taken a risk and realised it wasn't as bad as he'd first thought.

Beaming with pride in his achievement, he walked confidently back to the bus. This is an excellent example of learning happening, not just here, not just in classrooms or schools, but everywhere!

Twitter



I've tweeted a photo of the board so far, you'll find it and a few other school photos on my twitter account @JulesPoulson . We have also opened a Twitter @beech_green account.

Reading Books

After half term we will have a slightly different way of changing reading books in KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2). More information to follow: watch this space and look out for letters at parents' evenings.

Communication Survey

At parents' evenings, we will be asking you to answer a few questions about general communication to and from school. Please answer honestly, but politely!

Julie Poulson



Very well done **YR** for having the highest percentage attendance of **97.12%**. Last week was the first time Reception was included in the results and they won first time. That's a brilliant achievement.

Do You Drive Your Children To School? Where Do You Park?

We totally understand that many parents will be dropping off their children on their way to work and might well be in a hurry, but please do give yourself time to park safely and with consideration. Last week alone the school received several emails and comments from people in our community who are not pleased about the way some Beech Green parents park. We have mentioned it before, but must mention it again:-

- ☒ **Please DO NOT park in the doctor's surgery opposite – this is a private car park for the use of patients who might not feel well and are trying to attend an appointment.**
- ☒ **Please DO NOT double park in the road outside school whilst dropping off, or block disabled drivers parked in the designated bays outside school in the layby.**
- ☒ **Please DO NOT park blocking the residents drive ways in Park Drive or other roads.**
- ☑ **Please DO park in TESCO car park.**
- ☑ **Please DO consider walking to school.**

A Message from Ben Rollins PCSO 9105

Quedgeley Safer Community Team

It has been brought to the attention of Gloucester Constabulary that there are growing concerns over parking issues within the local residential areas during school drop off and collection times.

We understand that the local roads are the only access points to the schools. We would therefore like to ask parents to park sensibly, i.e. if outside properties without causing any unnecessary obstructions towards other road users or residents.

If there are any other issues or concerns please feel free to contact the Quedgeley Safer Community Team on 101 or visit www.gloucestershire.police.uk



Thank You So Much



We have been trying for a while to reduce our school paper usage to save money and an obvious way to do this is to continue to send more communications via ParentMail.

Also, for some while we have successfully been using ParentPay to collect your voluntary contributions and dinner money.

We will continue to subsidise school activities and trips where we can, because we believe these experiences are important. Children usually enjoy them and it brings topics to life. However, you may have heard in the news that the government is reducing in real terms the amount of money allocated to schools and, with rising costs, it is becoming more difficult to run events and activities funded through the school budget. When there is an additional cost to us, we will ask for voluntary contributions, e.g. school trips and bought in visitors or experiences. However, we will continue to subsidise where we can.

We also recognise that families are finding it more difficult to manage on less money. When we ask for a voluntary contribution we would very much appreciate your help towards the costs. If you are unable to pay the full amount requested then you are welcome to talk to us about your personal financial situation so that we can find other ways to support you and your child.

NEW Y3 Art Club by Mrs Gough in Term 4

To remind the parents of children in Y3 that this new club will start after the school holiday in Term 4 and will take place Tuesdays 3.25 to 4.15 p.m. Places are limited to 30 and are going fast. Requests for a place should be sent to Mrs Simmonds please. Places are being allocated, first come, first served.

Y5 Play Leaders Club

Play Leaders Club was scheduled for this term only, but it's going really well and will now continue on Mondays as normal for Term 4 as well.

1st March 2018 – World Book Day

In order to celebrate this special day we would like to invite all the children to come dressed as a book character. The staff will certainly be joining in with this and there will be a prize for the best dressed in each year group. We shall be looking for style and uniqueness. No need to spend a lot – be creative. All the children will all be given a £1 book voucher.

Kingsholm Cricket Club – Looking to recruit in their junior teams

Under 11 cricketers should see the Parents' Noticeboard for further details. Induction meeting is on 9th February at KCC clubhouse, Sandhurst Lane, Gloucester. GL2 2NP at 7 p.m.

Battery Re-Cycling Point



We now have a re-cycling point for all your flat batteries. Re-cycling old batteries will help to protect the environment. We hope to collect lots towards The Big Battery Hunt that we mentioned a couple of weeks ago. Children need to remember to collect their competition slip from their Eco-Rep.



Last But Not Least... Dinner Money



This evening would everyone please login to their child's ParentPay account as quite a few families have slipped below £2.28. It is essential that everyone who has a child in KS2 has credit on their dinner money account before requesting a school dinner please, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). Thank you.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
Reception and KS1	KS2
Y1/Y2 Bug Club	ParentMail: Y4 Viking Olaf
	ParentMail: Y3 Art Club for Term 4
	ParentMail: Y6 Cycling Proficiency Group Only

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