

BEECH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Wednesday 22nd November 2017



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

This week has been a particularly busy week for the families of Beech Green! Y4 has been inundated with helpers for their DT project, making South American Molas, Y1 grandparents have been in to talk about the toys they played with as children, some of the Reception parents have been in to take part in their IMPaCT session (the rest are in tomorrow morning) and we have had some wonderful helpers in the library, relabelling all of the books. It has been wonderful to see so many of you around in school, and enormous thanks go out to all of you!

Library

One of our main focuses for the year is to encourage our children to read, both in school and at home. We want our children to be able to read for pleasure as well as for a purpose, as so many of us know what a fantastic way it is to be able to relax and unwind. We have been working hard to make our library a more inviting place for the children, and to make sure that the children bring home a book that is at the right level for them. This week, we have had every book in the library re-categorised and have adopted the nationally recognised book bands across the school, which were previously only used in Key Stage 1. This means that your child may bring home a different coloured book to that which they handed in last week - please be assured that it is only their book band that has changed, not their reading ability! We are hoping to get these reissued very soon so that the children can continue to read their school books at home. Any of you who can volunteer to come and support us in the running and maintenance of the library would be very welcome.

Parents' Survey

Following the reception parents evenings last week, we have been able to put together the findings from our Parents' Surveys. Many thanks to those of you who completed one - we had an overwhelming response. The summary sheet will be sent along with the newsletter tonight. The vast majority of the responses were positive, but we would like to have a chance to talk to those of you who responded "disagree" or "strongly disagree" to any of the questions. Each week, we will choose one area to address, the first of these being "This school deals effectively with bullying". We take bullying very seriously and want to do all that we can to ensure that our children feel safe and happy in school. If you feel you can offer any suggestions as to how we can improve the way in which we deal with bullying, we would love to talk to you. We will both be available in the Entrance Hall from 9.00am on Tuesday 28th November - please do pop in for a chat.

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



Well done Y6 who have won 2 weeks in the row for having the highest attendance in school for with a percentage attendance of 98.31%.

School is sending you more notes and letters via ParentMail

In a bid to have a quicker communication with parents and also to save paper, we have started to send more notes and letters to you via ParentMail. These will drop into your email inbox from ParentMail, so please do keep up to date with checking your mail. Have you downloaded the ParentMail (PMX) App? It's free and drops mail straight onto your smart phone? Go to your appropriate Android or Apple App store to download today.

Cyber Safety

It has been brought to our attention that several of the children in school have their own personal Instagram accounts, despite the recommended age limit being 13. Whilst we cannot control what apps and websites children have access to at home, we feel it important to educate our children about online safety, and are sure that you will support us in this. Many of the children's accounts have public settings, which mean that the pictures that they are posting can be seen by absolutely anyone. If you choose to allow your child to have any social media accounts, it is important that you review their privacy settings with them and talk to them about the dangers of pictures being "liked" and commented on by complete strangers. We will, of course, continue to discuss online safety with the children in school, but we need your support in this matter to ensure that they are also safe online at home.

Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

Are you interested in supervising and helping the children over their lunchtime? We have a vacancy coming up for a midday supervisor to work an hour and twenty minutes each day, Monday to Friday. Please see Mrs Phillips in the office for further details. 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.

Flu vaccination for children in Reception to Year 4 - Reminder

You will all know that the Immunisation Team will be in Beech Green on 15th December to vaccinate the children in years Reception to Year 4.

Parents/Carers do need to register their permission for their child to be given the vaccination. Here is the link to the NHS Flu Immunisation Consent Form. If you do not have access to a computer you are very welcome to pop in to the school office and Mrs Simmonds will access the form so that you can complete it online.

www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem

Y1 Delve Into The Past

This week Y1 were delighted to be visited by some members of the children's families with old toys, game and photos from the past. So thank you so much to the parents and grandparents who visited us.

Wednesday 13th December is School Christmas Dinner Day!

Have you ordered your red or green choice for your child's Christmas Dinner on the 13th? All meals need to be pre-ordered by this Friday 24th.

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

RED Choice 1 - a traditional Christmas dinner OR

GREEN Choice 2 for our vegetarians.



Children in Need Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Children In Need Day last Friday. We collected 135 old round ponds and when we added this to the money we raised from our "wear spots to school day" we raised a grand total of £489.10 - well done Beech Green, this will really make a difference. Beech Green School Council

Beech Green Reading Shelter

The reading shelter opened last week and has proved very popular with all year groups. It is great to see children of all ages reading to themselves and sharing a book with others during play times and lunchtime. Our new Reading Buddies are doing a fabulous job keeping everything organised and reading with the younger children. Thank you to Year 3 who are waiting very patiently for their turn. It will soon be January Year 3 and then you will be on the right playground! Our Year 3 Reading Buddies are desperate for their turn - it won't be long Bella Thomas, Oliver Wadner, Jayden Jennings and Terri Potter.

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
ParentMail: Y1 history	ParentMail: Y6 stained glass decorations
Y2 Spellings	Y4 Living Rainforest reminder
KS1 Gymnastics Competition	Y3 Quedgeley Library walk
IMPACT letters	IMPACT letters

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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