

# Beech Green Primary School

## *"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"*

### Newsletter for Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tree planting day is going well; the weather has been kinder than we thought. The aim is to teach our children about the importance of trees in our environment and help them understand how to look after them. There are lots of photos from today on our Twitter feed.



#### Christmas Events

Hopefully the list below explains the events leading up to the end of term. Do please ask if you are not sure of anything and need a bit more information.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** Non-school uniform day tomorrow – please see the information from FABG below.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** 9:30am EYFS Nativity Morning in School Hall

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** is Panto day – “Oh yes it is!” – more information below.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Decorations afternoon

This is a new event; children will work in mixed age groups to create beautiful Christmas decorations to be displayed in school and to take home. We would love some extra volunteers in school for the afternoon, please let us know if you are interested/able to come along.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** Year 5 and Year 6 Carol Concert with Churchdown Male Voice Choir in Beech Green School Hall at 6pm.

Anyone who came along to the House Singing Competition this year will know that this will be a goosebump-inducing event. Mr Higgs has written a letter which will be emailed to everyone via ParentMail. We are asking for a voluntary contribution for the tickets; monies raised will be split between Winston's Wish <https://www.winstonswish.org/> and Beech Green School.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas lunch.

If your child is having a packed lunch, you might like to include a few special Christmassy things.

Open classrooms at 2:45 pm – come along to see what your child has been learning all term: we promise it is not ‘nothing’!

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Concert in Beech Green School Hall at 6pm.

The quality of singing at Beech Green is impressive: Year 3 and Year 4 are looking forward to wowing you with their vocal talents.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Open classrooms 9:00 am for those who weren't able to attend on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Jumper Day, wear your jumper with pride! Please don't feel that you have to go out and buy a Christmas jumper – home decorated is absolutely fine!

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - End of Term Assembly

It was great to welcome so many families last month. This term, the assembly theme will be ‘You've Made a Difference’. Over the next few weeks, we will be sending out letters inviting parents and carers on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at the following times.

Children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) at 9:10 am

Children in Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6) at 2:45 pm

Mrs Poulson

@beech\_green



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## **Y5 Prince William Award**

At Beech Green, our Year 5 children are very fortunate to be taking part in the Prince William Award. Through The Prince William Award, young people are helped to build their character, resilience and confidence, empowering them to "be their best". Each week, one of the classes spends the afternoon with Mr Hibell, taking part in games and activities which promote personal development, build relationships, enable the children to work together, develop a community and to appreciate the environment.

As part of their "Communication Promise", the people at Skillforce (who run the Prince William Award) have pledged to send us a newsletter each month to update parents/carers about what the children have been up to. We are pleased to attach the first of these newsletters at the end of this school newsletter.

Mrs Earl – Deputy Headteacher

## **FABG Non-School Uniform Day Tomorrow**

Please bring an item of Christmas non-perishable food for our Christmas Hampers to be raffled next month. Alternatively please donate £1. We would like Christmas fayre items please, such as Christmas crackers, Christmas puddings, mince pies, chocolates, biscuits, cranberry sauce, bread sauce, stuffing, soup, savoury crackers, chutney or pickles – thank you.

## **The Pantomime Trips are next week!**

**It's nearly time to see Aladdin...**

**KS 2 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**Rec. & KS 1 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

- The children and parent helpers need to be in class for **8.40 a.m.** on their panto day, ready for early registration
- Coaches will leave school promptly at 9.00 a.m. and cannot wait for any latecomers, as the performance starts at 10.00 a.m.
- The children and parent helpers will be given a snack and drink during the interval
- We will be back in time for a late lunch, but too late for any school dinners on panto day. So, this means **everyone will need a packed lunch on their panto day.**
- The price of £15.90 includes the cost of the **theatre ticket, coach, snack and insurance.** Balances outstanding on ParentPay are now overdue.
- If your child is unwell at all on the day **PLEASE DO NOT SEND HIM/HER TO SCHOOL.** We know you will have a disappointed child but sadly two coach rides and a hot theatre is not the place to be if you are feeling poorly!

## **NEW Beech Green Blog**

Hello we are Millie and Sophie from Y6. We are in Beech Green Blog Club. We write about all the good things at Beech Green, but not quite everyone knows about this and we want people to know about our good school so we want to convince people to read and look at our wonderful posts. You can see our great posts at [www.beechgreenblog.wordpress.com](http://www.beechgreenblog.wordpress.com) so now you can see our posts: we will be posting weekly.

We have updated the blog format so we recommend you visit our website: we will be posting about exciting things that you can look forward to seeing.

## **Gloucester FoodBank Thank You**

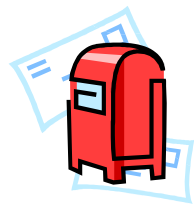
We have received a certificate of thanks for the donations collected at harvest. Beech Green collected 105.9 kg of groceries, which is greatly appreciated by the foodbank team and those they are able to help.

## **Book Sale Thank You**

Thank you to all those who supported the Book Sale last Thursday; we raised £34.50. This also means that over 300 books found a new home; we hope you all enjoy your new books.

## **Beech Green Christmas Post**

Next Monday, the children's post boxes will be ready for pupil school Christmas cards until the last collection, which will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **Charlie's Christmas Fayre – Severn Vale School – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 12-4 p.m.**

A Christmas charity fundraiser – 23 homemade Christmas and craft stalls – Santa's grotto – see parents' noticeboard – Free entry

<i>Did you get your post this week?</i>	
<b>Reception and KS1</b>	<b>KS2</b>
ParentMail: Tree Planting Event Reminder	ParentMail: Tree Planting Event Reminder
ParentMail: School Photographs	ParentMail: School Photographs

Contact school - [admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechgreen.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Website – [www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk](http://www.beechgreenprimary.co.uk)

## The Prince William Award

SCHOOL: Beech Green

CLASS: J5 and J6

Hello and welcome to our newsletter. As you know, your child is currently taking part in the Prince William Award, which involves lots of fun activities aimed at helping pupils develop their character and learn valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving and more!



In these opening weeks of the PWA program, the students at Beech Green have embraced all aspects of the award. Each session, we have completed challenging activities to produce the experiences needed to show many life skills that they will need such as resilience, confidence, teamwork and compassion. They have then completed thorough reflection of their performance to work out if they could do better to make action plans for the next session. Each student creates a target to work on for the next week; this allows the school to support this growth.

We have completed a range of focusses; we began with reinforcing team behaviours and learning how to work efficiently in a team using compassion for others during tasks. Some of the topics we have covered have been teamwork, improving mental health, and compassion during our Remembrance week, and then keeping this focus in our coming nature weeks.

**INSTRUCTOR'S NAME: George Hibell**