

# Beech Green Primary School

## *"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"*

### Newsletter for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon we travel to Birmingham NEC to take part in Young Voices <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/>. There is a lot of excitement and not just because the 80's heart throb Tony Hadley will allegedly make an appearance! Being part of a huge singing festival is a great experience for everyone; we are grateful to staff and families for your support. We are already proud of our children, but when they sing together they create a beautiful, resonant tone which is simply stunning.

Regretfully we say au revoir to Mrs Rachael Morris next week as she sails off into the sunset, ski slope or beach. We are all aware of the inflated cost of holidays during the school break so Mrs Morris and her husband have decided to take some time out to travel; after 18 years we think she has earned it! I am sure you would want to join us in thanking her for her dedication and support. Last Thursday we recruited Mrs Lisa Butler who will join the Year 1 team just before half term. As nobody actually leaves Beech Green forever, we are thrilled to be welcoming Sandy Offord back to support in between those two dates!

There are quite a few children who are not wearing school shoes; please make sure you talk to your child's teacher, as they will ask pupils for an explanation about incorrect footwear. Smartwatches are not appropriate for school, although we encourage watches to help children learn to tell the time, a watch that has any game or mobile functionality will cause a distraction and such expensive items may be damaged or lost.

Family Voice Group, Family Tree Café and Friends of Beech Green events listed below or attached.

As always please talk to us if you have any queries or concerns; adults on the playground can take messages or just listen. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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### **Friends At Beech Green (FABG)**



The FABG is a group of parents and staff who usually meet every six weeks. During the school year they organise and run a wide variety of events; the purpose of which is to have a great deal of fun and raise vital funds for the school, in order to benefit all of our children. FABG is keen to welcome new members, to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm. There are plenty of ways that you can support FABG throughout the year, so if you can spare some time and would like to get involved, then please leave a note in the FABG drawer in the school office and someone will be in touch. Alternatively make a note of the next meeting date and just come along.

#### **Events Planned**

- **Bingo Night** Friday 31st January 2020 - 6.00 p.m. in the hall - eyes down 6.30
- **Table Top Sale** Sunday 9th February 2020 - 10 a.m. to 12 noon - book 2 tables for £5 via FABG
- **Uniform Sale** Thursday **13th** February 2020 (**NEW** date)
- **Gin Night** Friday **6th March** 2020 - 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. (**NEW** date)
- **Bug Hunt** 7th June 2020
- **Reception Picnic** 4th July 2020
- **Summer Fayre** 12th September 2020
- **Discos** Thursdays 2nd April 2020 & 2nd July 2020

#### **Key People**

Chairperson - Claire Woodger

Treasurer - Caroline Kinder

Secretary - Craig Baldwin



## **The Family Tree Café Upcoming Events**

Some of these are for specific groups of parents, some are open to all. Please do remember though, that the café is open to all on a Tuesday morning from 9am – everyone is always welcome to come in for a cup of coffee and a biscuit! Amazing homemade cake is also there to share most weeks, with thanks to Mrs Ogden’s mum.

The events planned for the Spring Term are:

**Art and mindfulness** – 28<sup>th</sup> January – by invitation (session run by Infobuzz)

**How to support your child’s mental health** – 11<sup>th</sup> February – everyone welcome (session run by Infobuzz)

**Helping your child with maths** – 5 week course, starting 25<sup>th</sup> February – parents of Y3 and 4 children (run by Adult Education) – more information coming home soon.

There are also some external courses which we think might be of interest to some of you – details of these were sent by ParentMail or can be discussed with Mrs Ogden. The 2 subjects are: -

**Time Out for Parents: Children with Special Needs**

**Teens In Crisis Parent Support Groups**

## **Family Voice Group**

Please see additional information letter sent via ParentMail with this newsletter, about a Family Voice Group and join us if you can.



Home Start is a charity that offers support to local vulnerable families (with at least one child under 5 years of age), in the Stroud District and Quedgeley. This year they will start to offer support in Gloucester.

Support and friendship  
for families

They offer one to one support to families in the family home through a dedicated team of volunteers. These volunteers attend a 10 week training course, with the next courses starting in Brockworth (21st January) and Stonehouse (22nd January). Volunteers visit the family home once a week for 2-3 hours, to help and support families.

They also offer families Groups, Bump Start, an antenatal group for expecting parents. The Best Start Group, a post-natal groups for parents looking at weaning, safe sleep, baby massage, first aid etc. and the Mothers in Mind Group for Mums with low - moderate mental health, this group is open to mums and their children and is a drop in being run at the Beacon Centre.

If you are interested in Home Start, either to train as a volunteer or because you could benefit from the help they offer, then you can contact them on 01453 297470 or visit [www.homestartsd.org](http://www.homestartsd.org)

| <b><i>Did you get your post this week?</i></b>       |   |
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| <b>Reception and KS1</b>                             | <b>KS2</b>  |
| ParentMail: Upcoming events in the Family Tree Cafe  | ParentMail: Upcoming events in the Family Tree Cafe   |
| ParentMail: Menu change for 16 <sup>th</sup> January | ParentMail: Menu change for 16 <sup>th</sup> January  |
|  | ParentMail: Forest School clothing needed Y5          |
|  | ParentMail: Y6 Young Voices Concert – Final Reminders |
|  | ParentMail: Y5 Swimming                               |

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## **The Family Tree Café**

Opening times are Tuesday mornings 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

