

Beech Green Primary School

"Believe Grow Persevere Succeed"

Newsletter for Thursday 10th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nearly there.... Thank you all so much for your support this term. We have said it many times but we really appreciate how much you do to help us at school. It has not been easy, we have felt responsible for keeping all the people in our community safe, children and families as well as staff. Attached to this newsletter is a separate letter explaining what we need you to do over the Christmas holidays and in January please.

We're on the glitter lined slope to the end of term, but we are still learning and with so much fun planned next week we hope to make this December as normal as possible. A week ago we had a fire drill, all 408 children and 57 staff exited the building and lined up in socially distanced silence on the front playground and the registers were checked. We stood in lines and at that point we realised that this was the first time the whole school had been together since March. It is a measure of the strangeness of this year that a fire drill can create such a poignant moment, but it is also a little bit of hope for the New Year.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree



This year, as parents are not able to come in to school, we have brought the Christmas trees out for you and the community to share when you pass school. The idea is... the small one is potted and we plan to plant it when we return after the holidays, so that we can enjoy seeing it grow year on year.



We've had trouble with our elves in school this year; this morning the tree in reception was moved and turned up in the hall. All good though; they are now ready for our festive recordings tomorrow!

Finally, we just want to assure you that we are not having an INSET day on Friday 18th December and never would make this decision with such short notice. We are finishing just after lunch - Rec, Y1 & Y2 1.15 p.m. until 1.30 p.m. and Y3, Y4, Y5, & Y6 1.25 until 1.40 p.m.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Julie Poulson - Headteacher

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Reception 2021 - Was your child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017?

A reminder - Any child born between the above dates can start school next academic year, September 2021. Gloucestershire County Council co-ordinates the admission of children to primary school and it is important you apply to them for a school place by the closing date of 15th January 2021.

If you already have a sibling at Beech Green, you will still need to apply for your younger child, due to start school in September 2021.

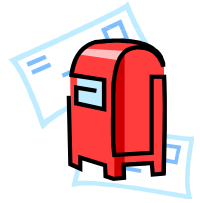
Extra-Curricular Clubs

This is the last week for clubs after school – other than Y2 Multi-Sports which finishes next Wednesday 16th December.

Beech Green Christmas – LAST Post TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is the last day to post your bubble Christmas cards, so please make sure all the cards you want to send to your year group are brought into school by then. We will then keep the cards over the weekend before sending home next week.

✉ Please remember to write clearly on the envelope, the full name of the child to receive your card. Thank you.



FABG Hampers – Raffle Tickets – Now on Sale – LAST day TOMORROW!

Don't miss your last chance to buy Raffle tickets for the fabulous FABG Christmas Hampers. Tomorrow is the last day to send in money to buy a ticket/s. They cost £1 each. – Please send money in an envelope with your child's name, class and the number of raffle tickets you would like to buy clearly written on the front.

Christmas at Beech Green – Calendar Dates Reminder

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

TOMORROW - Friday 11th December – wear your Christmas jumper instead of your sweatshirt or cardigan, please bring £1

Whole School Performance Film

You may not be able to come into school for a carol concert, but we can bring the concert to you! Once complete the film will be available for all to watch. We are filming tomorrow.

Tweedy's Reduced Pantomime

The children will be able to watch Tweedy's reduced panto in school, one day next week of term.

Special Visitor

Tuesday 15th December – keep everything crossed for a dry day! Our special visitor will spend the afternoon outside on the playground so the children can safely wave at him from a distance in their class or year group bubbles.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December for KS1 and Thursday 17th December for KS2 – children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper again! Please remember Christmas dinners needed to have been pre-ordered and your child will need a packed lunch on the day it's not their Xmas dinner.

Last Day of Term 2

The last day of term is **Friday 18th December**. Children will finish at these times:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children (those families **without** siblings in KS2) the gate will be open from **1.15 until 1.30 p.m.**

Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and **with siblings** in KS1 the gate will be open from **1.25 until 1.40 p.m.**

Child Friendly Gloucestershire



Sharing with the news that on Monday of this week, the leaders of Gloucestershire launched the county's first Children's Wellbeing Coalition, with an aim to create a single vision which builds a brighter future for all young people in the county. At the heart of this is a commitment to listen ever more carefully to the young people of Gloucestershire and to what will help each one of them to thrive and develop their potential. Please see attached letter.

Young people are welcome to say in one sentence what worries or concerns them, also saying what makes them really happy and gives them joy. Please email responses to Lucy Taylor on ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk

From the Governing Body



My name is **Helen Parkinson** and I have been a governor at Beech Green for 25 years! I first thought about being a governor when my daughter was small and I was missing contact with schools. I made a phone call to Mrs Simmonds and the rest is history! My daughter is now in her fifth year as a primary teacher in Worcester. Mr Parkinson is also a teacher, teaching maths at a secondary school in Cheltenham. My son has not followed in the family tradition of teaching and is in his fourth year at Bristol University, studying to become a vet. Both of our children attended Beech Green, so I have seen the school as a parent too. I am the manager of Beech Green Nursery and Out of School Clubs. In nursery, I love working with staff to provide high quality early years provision for our children. Out of School Clubs provide quality childcare for the working families of Beech Green, this has been such an important provision, especially this year. I have seen lots of change at Beech Green during my time as a governor. I have worked with four headteachers and lots of staff. I work with the Education Committee. We look at all aspects of teaching and learning at Beech Green. There are so many initiatives that the staff are currently implementing in their classrooms, to improve outcomes for children at Beech Green. I look forward to continuing my role as a governor and helping to support Beech Green to continue to provide the best learning environment for your children.



Hello, my name is **Kathryn Grainger** and I am the staff governor. As a Staff Governor my role is to provide a 'staff voice' on the Governing Body and to offer views from a teacher's point of view. Staff Governors are changed every two years, giving different staff members an opportunity to join the Governing Body - I have only recently joined the team. I have worked at Beech Green Primary School for nine years, and during this time I have been lucky enough to work in all year groups from reception to Year 6. I am currently teaching in Year 4 and I am also on the English team.

Beech Green SWEAT

A massive well done and thank you again to all of you who have contributed to #beechgreensweat. Our totals are looking fantastic, nearly everybody completing their journeys and exceeding their totals!

	Virtual Journey	Distance (miles)	Week 3 (miles)	Total completed
Rec (combined)	Land's End to John O'Groats	837 m	187 m	463m 55%
Yr1 (combined)	Quedgeley to Crimea	2,030 m	435 m	922m 45%
Yr2 (combined)	Trans-Atlantic flight	2,208 m	358 m	2566m 116%
Yr3 (combined)	Quedgeley to Mt Vesuvius	1,400 m	589 m	1569m 112%
Dogwood 4	Quedgeley to Rome	1,276 m	865 m	1860m 146%
Hornbeam 4			879 m	1964m 154%
Frisia 5	Alexandria to Abu Simbel	792 m	423 m	1294m 163%
Whitebeam 5			456 m	1224m 155%
Sycamore 6	Quedgeley to Berlin	728 m	656 m	1217m 167%
Acacia 6			487 m	1040m 143%

One more week's totals to come for this term, let's see how high each class can reach.

Keep it up this week and this weekend - Week 4 finishes Sunday evening. Happy SWEATING!!!

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