

## WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome to a new school year at Beeches Junior School, and an extra special welcome to those joining us for the first time. It has been great to see our children again and to hear their stories. We are looking forward to working with you throughout the year; please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at any point, and above all else, get your child to read, read and read some more!

## NEW FACES

We said goodbye to a few people in July, so now it's time to welcome our new colleagues, some of whom are already well known to many of our children and are returning to us. A very warm Beeches Junior School welcome to them all - they have all made a great start and we are excited to be working with them.



Mrs Bishop  
Year 5 Teacher



Mrs Bowen-Smith  
Year 5 TA



Miss Burness  
Year 4 Teacher



Mrs Cleaver  
Administrator



Miss Coleman  
Year 3 Teacher



Miss Cooper  
Year 3 TA



Mrs Watson  
Year 6 TA



Mrs Whatley  
Year 4 TA



Miss Wilson  
Administrator

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We produce a newsletter nearly every Friday. Today, we are sending out a paper copy, but it is usually only available online on ClassDojo and here:

<https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/news-and-letters/newsletters-2023-2024>

Please read the newsletter every week - it contains information you will need.

## ATTENDANCE

Today we are sending home an important letter about attendance. Good attendance is so, so important to your child's prospects. Our school's attendance levels have fallen since the Covid-19 lockdowns, and we are determined to get them back up to previous levels. Thank you for your support.

## NEW ROLES

As well as having some new starters, we also have some colleagues who have taken up new roles at the start of this year: Mrs Gillespie is our new School Business Manager, Mr Lancaster is the Year Group Leader in Year 4, Miss Turner is a Teaching Assistant in Year 3 and Mrs Wall is now a Pastoral Assistant, working with Mrs Liddington, our Pastoral Manager. Although she is currently on maternity leave, Mrs Grant has also moved into the Pastoral Assistant role.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

On the topic of Mrs Grant, we were delighted to hear over the summer about the safe arrival of her little boy, Zaylen, born on 14th August. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Grant! Congratulations too go to Mr and Mrs Frost (known previously to you all as Miss Parsons) following their wedding during the summer. Our very best wishes to both families.

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

We are delighted to inform you that we are able to provide your child with the opportunity to participate in one of our after school sports clubs. These are provided by a combination of school staff and external providers. The clubs will cover a range of interests: some more traditional such as football and netball and some less so such as dodgeball and archery/shooting. We provide a combination of both free and paid for clubs (We can provide support towards the cost of some clubs if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium). If you would like to know what's on this term please read the following letter for further information:

<https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/news-and-letters/letters>

## DIARY DATES

Mon 11 Sep	4F and half of 4L visit to Lunt Fort
Thu 14 Sep	4B and half of 4L visit to Lunt Fort
Mon 18 - Fri 22 Sep	Poetry Week
Mon 25 - Wed 27 Sep	Year 6 residential visit to Condover
Thu 28 Sep, 9.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Fri 27 Oct	Break up for half term

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