

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION DAY

Friday 27th October will mark the end of our celebration of Black History Month. On this day, all children will participate in cooking and tasting some Caribbean food (plantain and hardough bread). We will also be making our own Kente cloth as a school. It is a non-uniform day and the children will be allowed to wear traditional clothing or, if they wish they, can choose a bright colour that represents the sunny, tropics of the Caribbean islands.

BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be in school next week from Monday to Thursday. It will open straight after school and will be open throughout our parents' evenings. On Monday it will be in the hall. We have a card reader and will be taking **contactless card payments only**.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have seen an increase in the number of children, particularly some of our younger children, who seem unhappy with the school dinner they have chosen when they get to the serving hatch. Please note that we are unable to change their order at that point, so please make sure that you talk through their choices with them so that they know what to expect when they come to the hatch. Please make sure all meals are paid for and ordered in advance; if a child has not ordered, we can only offer them a jacket potato, which some children are unhappy about.

BIRTHDAY SWEETS

We enjoy celebrating children's birthdays with them and we are happy to help them make the most of the day by giving out sweet treats at the end of the day. However, all items given out must be individually wrapped. A box of Celebrations or Heroes would be fine, or a packet of wrapped lollipops, but a bag of Haribo, for example, would not be acceptable. Please note that we will not cut up and give out cakes. Treats will be given out at the end of the day and children will be told that they must check with you before they eat them. Therefore, if your child goes home alone, you must be satisfied that they are able to make that decision for themselves, especially if they have any allergies. Thank you for your support.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

A reminder for Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31st October 2023. If you would like any assistance with this, please get in touch with us via the school office. Everything you need to know about the admissions process can be found here: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1

PARKING

We have received further complaints about inconsiderate parking on our surrounding roads and, in some cases, aggressive behaviour towards residents who ask parents/carers to move their cars. Please park responsibly.

COUGH SWEETS

Please note that **children are not permitted to bring cough sweets into school** unless they are prescribed, in which case the usual procedures for administering medicine will apply. Please contact the school office for more details.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We hope you are able to join us at next week's parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Online bookings are now closed, so if you have missed out, please send your child's teacher a message on ClassDojo or contact the office and we will try to fit you in. Parents' evenings are an important aspect of our work in partnership with you; please come along if you can.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND VISITORS

Please check ClassDojo for letters posted this week regarding our upcoming visits and visitors. Payments have been set up on School Money so please make sure that they are paid by the deadlines set. Last year we trialled an instalments system but this has left us with several thousands of pounds worth of unpaid fees. If families do not contribute towards the educational visits, we may have no choice but to cancel them. We are aware that some families may be experiencing financial difficulties and there may be things we can do to support you. If this is the case, please come and have a confidential chat with us or email Mrs Flint: l.flint@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct	Book fair in school
Tue 24 & Wed 25 Oct	Parents' evenings
Fri 27 Oct	BHM celebration day; non-uniform
Fri 27 Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 6 Nov	School reopens
Tue 7 Nov	Professor McGinty visiting Year 4
Tue 7 Nov, 4.30pm	"A Christmas Carol" pantomime
Wed 8 Nov	Professor McGinty visiting Year 5
Thu 9 Nov	Photographer in school
Fri 17 Nov	Flu immunisations
Tue 21 Nov	Year 5 cinema visit

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3C: Gurdeep	4B: Aishah	5A: Paige	6IS: Jamie
3L: Amelia	4F: Lexi-Jai	5P: Freya	6MS: Nasrin
3P: Amiyah	4L: Ikram	5W: Daneen	6SM: Cian
3W: Huraira			

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Thierry (3L)
Year 4: Zahra (4F)
Year 5: Mina (5A)
Year 6: Richmond (6IS)

TEAM POINTS

1=.	Team Malala	788
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3.	Team Cadbury	740
4.	Team Lewis	677

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