

LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of term is a late one this year - we break up on Friday 22nd December. This will be a non-uniform day (another chance to rock those Christmas jumpers if you want to!) and there will be an optional early finish that day. You can collect your child from 1.10pm. More details on that to follow, but for now, if your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you want them to walk home alone at 1.10pm, please put this in an email to Mrs Liddington: c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk. Please note that if we do not have an email, your child will not be allowed to leave until 3.20pm, even if they normally go home alone. Don't worry if you need your child to stay here until 3.20pm - that's fine, school will still be open and Beeches Busy Kids Club will run as normal. Please make sure your child does attend on the last day. We will have our Year 4 Stars assembly and our Carols by Candlelight that day, and there will be a special visitor!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we get towards Christmas and the end of term, some of our children struggle to moderate their anxieties and behaviour when routines and expectations change. There is still a lot of learning to be done, so we ask that children continue to abide by the uniform policy next week. Therefore, please do not send children in with Christmassy clothes or hair accessories. Within reason, we will allow a few accessories during the final week of term, but until then, please continue to follow the uniform policy which you can find here: <https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/about-us/policies>

RESIDENTIAL VISIT-AUTUMN 2024

We have listened to the feedback we've had regarding the visit to Condover Hall for our current Year 5 children next autumn. We get it - it's a lot of money - so we have found a cheaper alternative that we believe will be just as good. Therefore, the visit to Condover scheduled for next September is cancelled. Instead, we will be taking the children to Culmington Manor, which is also in Shropshire, from the 16th to the 18th October 2024. This is priced at £199 per child (compared to £282 for Condover), which is subsidised to £120 for children eligible for pupil premium. We hope that this will enable more children to take part. Mr Ellis and Miss Parmar have visited the site and were impressed by the facilities and the activities available. A letter is going out to children in Year 5 to give more information. A non-refundable deposit of £67 (£40 for pupil premium-eligible children) is required by Friday 26th January 2024 in order to secure your child's place. Please note, if you have already paid towards the Condover visit, the money you have paid will be transferred over to the new visit unless you return the letter to tell us you don't want your child to go to Culmington Manor. If you have any questions about payments, please contact Miss Wilson: j.wilson1@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk; if you have any questions about the visit itself, please contact Mr Ellis: s.ellis@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk. We hope the new price will enable lots of children to take part.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Donations are still open on School Money for Christmas Jumper Day yesterday. Please donate if you can, even if it's just 50p. Thank you.

ONLINE SAFETY AT CHRISTMAS

On the next page, you will see some guidance about keeping your child safe online at Christmas. We are sending home a paper copy of this as well because it includes a QR code for you to scan to find more information. Please always pay attention to what your child is doing online. No matter how sensible your child is, there are always dangers that can catch them out.

FOOTBALL REPORT

Asher and Eli (6IS) have written about a football tournament that took place last week. It ends abruptly - it looks as if they don't want to talk about that bit!

As the boys turned up to Goals, we were all pretty confident that we would do well. In the last tournament we won every game and kept a clean sheet. When the Beeches boys stepped onto the pitch they were ready to win. In the first game, we played St. Matthews who were a really good team defensively as we had a lot of shots but only Ezekiel managed to put one in the back of the net with a great volley. In the end the score was only 1-0. We were expecting a higher score. Next, we played a team we have never played before: Twickenham. This team was one of the hardest we have ever played against for the school and it finished 0-0. After that, we played Westminster and won 4-0 and we thought we would move onto the next round but we had to go to penalties. Unfortunately, we lost.

DIARY DATES

Mon 11 Dec	Year 6 visit to Beaumanor
Tue 19 Dec, 9.00am & Wed 20 Dec, 2.30pm	Year 4 Christmas show
Thu 21 Dec	Christmas dinner
Fri 22 Dec	Last day of term
Tue 9 Jan 2024	School reopens
Tue 16 Jan	Year 6 visit to Steelhouse Lane
Thu 25 Jan	Whole school visit to the theatre

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3C: Amilah	4B: Ibrahim	5A: Danvi	6IS: Shiv
3L: Jaxxon	4F: Tommy	5P: Tegan	6MS: Kyan
3P: Cali	4L: Nicolas	5W: Djarn	6SM: Sarai
3W: Sofia			

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Israel (3W)
Year 4: Antonia (4L)
Year 5: Mustafa (5A)
Year 6: Kyra (6MS)

TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Zephaniah	791
2.	Team Cadbury	750
3.	Team Malala	689
4.	Team Lewis	615

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It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



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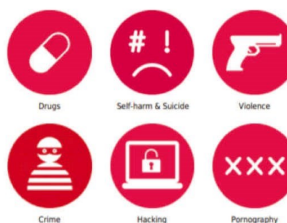
A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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