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Prefects

Congratulations to our newly appointed prefects and team captains. Our prefects are: Ayanna, Finley W, Harkirt, Harjot, Isla, Jenea, Jimmy, Joel O, Kira, Lola, Lyla, Millie B, Muneeb, Shiyaad, Teagan, Tionne, Tosin and Tuyen

Our team captains are as follows:

Blue Dragons: Dicaprio and Raiven

Green Griffins: Isla and Tyrese

Red Phoenix: Ashley and Jessica S

Yellow Unicorns: Ayanna and Callum

Jewellery and PE Kits

We have seen a number of children coming in with items of jewellery, including friendship bracelets. Please remember that the only jewellery children are allowed to wear is a watch and a pair of stud earrings, which they should be able to remove themselves for PE lessons. If you have an item that you feel it is essential for your child to wear, for example for religious or medical reasons, please write a letter to the school, explaining what it is and why it must be worn. We will then take advice from the Local Authority if necessary. Please note that our PE kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts and pumps for indoor PE. For outdoor PE, on a warm day they can wear the same t-shirt and shorts, along with trainers. As we're getting into colder weather, please provide a plain tracksuit for them to wear outdoors.

Secondary School Open Days

Two secondary schools have asked us to notify you of their forthcoming open days. Please note that we do not endorse or promote any particular school, but we work well with many secondary schools and are happy to share this information. Please check individual schools' websites for information on their open days.

Barr Beacon School: Open evening on Thursday 20th September, 6.30pm - 8.30pm and open morning on Friday 21st September, 10.00am - 11.00am. Please note that parking on the school site will be very limited.

King Edward's School Birmingham (Edgbaston Park Road): Open day tomorrow (Saturday), 10.00am - 12.30pm. More information at **www.kes.org.uk/opendays**

Trading Cards

At the end of last term, one of our children lost a folder full of Pokemon cards. This is a yellow folder with Pikachu on the cover. If your child brought this home by mistake, please bring it in to the office. At present, we do allow trading cards to be brought in, but they can only be played with and traded during break times. If your child does bring cards in, it is at their own risk.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Save the date - we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Thursday 27th September at 9.00am**. Please note that this is a day earlier than the national date due to hall availability. More information nearer the time.

Inspire Workshops

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Year 6 Inspire Workshop this week. Please check the dates below - all year groups have a workshop planned in the next couple of months (two in the case of Year 3). These workshops are an excellent opportunity for you to come in and learn more about what we do, while spending time with your child.

Building Update

A reminder that while the building is going on, we are unable to allow parents and younger siblings to use the toilets in school. We have a reduced number of toilets in use, and although the children still have plenty, there are fewer staff toilets available, and none that can be used by parents.

Dinner Money

Please remember to pay dinner money and order meals in advance (£2.20 per meal). A reminder to Year 3 parents that from Year 3 upwards there is no automatic entitlement to free school meals. If you feel you may be eligible, please contact the office for a confidential discussion.

Attendance

Whole School This Week: 98.8%

This Week's Team Points

1. Blue Dragons	640
2. Red Phoenix	623
3. Yellow Unicorns	599
4. Green Griffins	558

Pupil of the Week

Elms: Joshua	Cedars: Caitlin
Firs: Tianna	Pines: Wareesha
Oaks: Samuel	Sycamores: Sindija
Birches: Yozarseef	Chestnuts: Callum
Palms: Harleen	Magnolias: Raiven
Spruces: Kairo	Willows: Tyrese

Diary Dates

Tue 18 Sep, 9.00am	*Year 3 Inspire Workshop (Reading)*
Thu 27th Sep, 9.00am	*Macmillan coffee morning*
Thu 4 Oct, 9.00am	*Year 3 Inspire Workshop (Maths)*
Tue 9 Oct, 9.00am	*Year 4 Inspire Workshop*
Wed 10 & Thu 11 Oct	*Year 6 visits to Cannock Chase*
Thu 18 Oct	*Year 5 "Wonderdome" in school*
Wed 24 & Thu 25 Oct	*Parents' Evenings*
Fri 26 Oct	*Break up for half term*
Mon 5 Nov	*School reopens*
Tue 6 Nov	*Photographer in school*
Tue 13 Nov, 9.00am	*Year 5 Inspire Workshop*

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Termly Information Sheet – Autumn 2018
Year 3

A huge warm welcome from all of the Year 3 staff. Our new Year 3 children have settled into the new routines very quickly and it's hard to believe that we have only been back two weeks. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children more as the term progresses.

Staff Team

Teachers & e-mail addresses			Teaching Assistants
Elms:	Mrs. Colling (Year Group Leader)	*c.colling@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	Miss Jones
	Mrs. Pereira (Year Group Leader)	*h.pereira@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	Miss Moriarty
Firs:	Miss Ward	*l.ward@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	Mrs. Wall
Oaks:	Miss Surplice	*l.surplice@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	

P.E. days this term

Elms: Indoor PE – Wednesday Outdoor PE - Tuesday
Firs: Indoor PE – Thursday Outdoor PE - Tuesday
Oaks: Indoor PE – Thursday Outdoor PE - Monday

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Key Dates:

Inspire Reading Workshop: Tuesday 18th September 2018
Inspire Maths Workshop: Thursday 4th October
Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 23rd October (Elms only), Wednesday 24th October (All classes), Thursday 25th October (Firs and Oaks only)

Homework

The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to **read with someone every day**, learn their **weekly spellings** and they continue **to learn the times tables**.

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The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and this is due back the following Tuesday.

Concerns

Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor team of Mrs. Liddington and Miss Lodge are here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Curriculum Overview

Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:

English
Myths and Legends of the British Isles
Oral Literacy: Stuck by Oliver Jeffers.

Computing
Scratch- programming skills

Maths
Mental and written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Reasoning and problem solving.

P.E.
Gymnastics
Multi-skills

Science
Light and Shadows
Rocks and Soils

Topic (inc. Geography and History)
Geography – The British Isles
History – The Stone Age

P.S.H.E.
Rights and responsibilities

R.E.
Sharing and being generous
Caring for others

Music
Christmas Musical Production

Art
Basic drawing and painting skills, shading and colour mixing.

Design & Technology
Food Technology – making soup

French
Greetings, colours, instructions through stories and songs.

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Year 4

Welcome back. We are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled Autumn Term in Year 4!

Staff Team

Teachers & e-mail addresses			Teaching Assistants
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Palms:	Miss Parsons	*a.parsons@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	Mrs. Hitchinson
Spruces:	Mrs. Ambris	*l.ambris@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	

P.E. days this term

Birches: Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday
Palms: Friday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor)
Spruces: Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Swimming: Tuesday afternoons (dates to follow). Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any jewellery, this is at your own risk.

Key Dates

Tuesday 9th October – Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October – Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 28th November 2018 Theatre trip – Awful Auntie (details to follow).

Homework

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Curriculum Overview

Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:

English

We are reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and using exciting opportunities arising within the text to develop our writing skills.
We will also be looking at Grandpa Chatterji and using the text to develop our debating skills.

Computing

We will be developing our word processing skills.

Maths

We will be looking at pairs of numbers to 100, identifying place value in 4 digit numbers, reading and writing time on analogue and digital clocks, identifying equivalent fractions, developing our problem solving skills and learning our times tables.

P.E.

We will be playing rugby, hockey, gymnastics and swimming at Beeches Pool.

Science

Our two science topics this term are What a State! (The Water Cycle) and Hot or Cold? – exploring changes of state.

Topic (inc. Geography and History)

We will be looking at Rivers and The Water Cycle, and how they impact communities and the landscape.
We will also be studying The Anglo Saxons: their reasons for invading and the settlements they developed.

P.S.H.E.

We will be developing our individual Class Charters, looking at rules and the needs for them.

R.E.

How different religions have different rules and how they are taught.

Music

We will be exploring rhythm and learning to read standard rhythmic notation.

Art

We will be exploring pencil sketching and the use of a range of pencil hardness, charcoal and pastels.

Design & Technology

We will be creating our own vegetable sauces to be served with pasta.

French

We will be learning to read and understand a range of familiar words and phrases.

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Year 5

The Year 5 staff would like to welcome you all to the start of Year 5 and we hope you all had a good summer. Here at Beeches Junior School we will do everything we can to ensure your child has a positive and successful year and we look forward to working with you as your child strives to achieve their full potential.

Staff Team

Teachers & e-mail addresses		Teaching Assistants
Cedars: Mrs. Strickland (Year Group Leader)	*m.strickland@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	Mrs. Woodward
Pines: Mr. Milner	*s.milner@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	Mrs. Mitchell
Sycamores: Mr. Smith	*i.smith@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	

P.E. days this term

Cedars: Outdoor – Thursday. Swimming - Tuesday
Pines: Outdoor - Friday. Swimming - Tuesday
Sycamores: Outdoor – Wednesday. Indoor – Monday
Sycamores will go swimming later in the term.

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Key Dates

Thursday 18th October – Wonderdome (mobile planetarium) in school - £3 contribution required
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th October – Parents' Evenings
Trip to the Black Country Museum – details to follow (approximate contribution £15)
Inspire workshop – 13th November – details to follow
Create & sing our own Christmas CD in December. These will be available to buy – what a great Christmas present!

Homework

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English
Tom's Midnight Garden – an opportunity for them to write a range of texts, such as letters and descriptions
Poetry – performance and intonation

Computing
Scratch - coding

Maths
A range of topics, focusing this term on: place value, number bonds and times tables knowledge at speed

P.E.
Outdoor – Multi Skills
Indoor - Dance

Science
To infinity and beyond - Earth, Sun and Moon
Marvellous materials – Properties and Uses

Topic (inc. Geography and History)
The Victorians
Birmingham

P.S.H.E.
Children's rights

R.E.
Christianity

Music
Pitch

Art
Van Gogh

Design & Technology
Victorian recipes

French
Greetings, numbers, animals and masculine and feminine nouns.

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Year 6

The Year 6 team would like to welcome parents and children back after the summer break. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to make our Inspire Workshop yesterday. Resources used will be made available on the Year 6 page of our school website. We are all thrilled with the start the children have made so far and look forward to facing together the challenges that this year brings. Throughout the year, we will be tackling our exciting curriculum whilst preparing the children for their SATs tests in May. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any issues or enquiries.

Staff Team

Teachers & e-mail addresses		Teaching Assistant
Chestnuts: Mr. Wheatley (Year Group Leader)	*r.wheatley@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk*	Mrs. Doherty
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P.E. & Games days this term

Chestnuts: Monday and Tuesday
Willows: Thursday and Friday
Magnolias: Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor (white tee shirt and shorts) and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves.

Key Dates

World War Two trip to Cannock Museum on 10th and 11th of October (letter to follow).
October 24th and 25th – Parents' Evenings
At the end of the term, we will be having a WW2 themed day.

Homework

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English

In Autumn Term 1, we will be writing about becoming ghost hunters. After half term we will be looking at another World War Two text in a writer's journey.

Computing

Digital Literacy/Desktop publishing: creating a brochure

Maths

The Autumn term is all about securing the children's understanding in number and fractions. We will be building on the children's abilities to solve problems and explain their processes and understanding.

P.E.

Gymnastics and Football

Science

Light and how we see

Topic (inc. Geography and History)

World War Two

P.S.H.E.

Choice and equality

R.E.

How religion helps us be individuals, follow rules and respect others

Music

Pitch works!

Art

Shadow artists

Design & Technology

Designing and building air raid shelters

French

Developing understanding of sentence structure through non-fiction texts