

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES

*Aspire, Believe, Strive, Achieve*

Issue 6 Week Ending 19th October 2018

## Issues Before and After School

We are working closely with our friends at Arena Academy to address the issues we brought to your attention two weeks ago. We are grateful for the support of Mr. Rogers and his team. The situation has improved, but there is some way to go still. Meanwhile, we'd like to bring two other issues to your attention:

### Grass Banks

Please do not allow your children to climb up and down the grass banks between the playground and the classrooms. Children should walk around and go up the steps.

### Year 3 Parents

We've noticed that lots of our Year 3 parents are peering in through the window, especially first thing in the morning, making sure that the children have made the journey around the corridor and into class. **Please do not do this - it is making it difficult to settle the classes!** The children are absolutely fine; they know where they're going and they are in the routine now of going to class and getting to work. If ever a child didn't make it to class for any reason, we would quickly be on the case, as the register is taken first thing. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Maths Homework

A quick reminder for parents/carers and children. Maths homework is set via the website Active Learn. Your child will have their own login and password. The school code is jk7w. This site supports the learning that has taken place in that week's lessons and puts those skills into a game to make learning fun. If you have any problems please speak to your child's teacher or e-mail Mrs. Strickland at:

**m.strickland@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk**

### Board Games and Card Games

If you have any unwanted board games, card games and basically any indoor games (with all the correct pieces), we would love to have them for the children to use at wet break. If you have anything please bring it to the office.

### Poppy Appeal

After half term, we will, as usual, be having our Poppy Appeal. We are asking for a minimum donation of 20p per poppy. There may also be wristbands available to purchase. Please note that our new uniform policy does not allow wristbands to be worn, but we'll make an exception when it relates to a charity campaign that the school is taking part in.

### 100 Years Since World War I Ended

On November 11th, the nation will commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1. To recognise this day in school, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 9th November. In exchange for being allowed to wear non-uniform, we ask for a minimum donation of £1 for Help for Heroes. During the day, our children will participate in a range of activities linked to this topic.

## Uniform Policy

Our new uniform policy has been approved by Governors and is now on the school website. We will officially launch the policy after half term, so that is when the expectations will start to be enforced; a letter will come out to you next week outlining the main changes, and the children will be spoken to about it in assembly. Please remember that a key principle of the policy is that it does not become adversarial, and we will always seek to work together with you to find solutions to any issues that arise.

## Harvest Collection

Article 24 of the UN's Rights of the Child talks about the right to nutritious food. Sadly, the reality for some children in Birmingham, is that they do not always have enough nutritious food. The children have been thinking about how the Harvest is a time to be thankful and show kindness to others. Thank you for your kind donations to our Harvest collection, which were collected this week. Your gifts will improve the situation for many people and families in our city.

### Whole School Attendance

This Week: 97.8% Year So Far: 98.4%

### This Week's Team Points

1. Blue Dragons	948
2. Green Griffins	886
3. Red Phoenix	853
4. Yellow Unicorns	617

### Pupil of the Week

Elms: Savannah	Cedars: Aaron
Firs: Je'nae	Pines: Ruby-Lee
Oaks: Adana	Sycamores: Sammy
Birches: Ayaan	Chestnuts: Rihanna
Palms: Amrit	Magnolias: Amanah
Spruces: Ethan	Willows: Haya

### Diary Dates

Wed 24 & Thu 25 Oct	Parents' Evenings
Fri 26 Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 5 Nov	School reopens
Tue 6 Nov, 9.00am	Year 5 Diwali assembly
Tue 6 Nov	Photographer in school
Wed 7 & Thu 8 Nov	Year 4 "Play in a Day"
Fri 9th Nov	Help for Heroes non-uniform day
Tue 13 Nov, 9.00am	Year 5 Inspire Workshop
Wed 28 Nov	Year 4 theatre visit
Thu 29th Nov - Wed 5th Dec	Book fair in school
Wed 5th Dec, 3.30pm	Christmas Fayre

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