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Children Collected By Older Siblings

A number of our children in Years 3 and 4 are collected at the end of the school day by children in Years 5 and 6. So that we can ensure that all our children are safe and being collected in line with your wishes, we are asking you to write a brief letter to your child's teacher if you want an older sibling to collect your child. Please note that we do not consider it appropriate for children in Year 4 to be collecting Year 3 children. From Monday 28th January, if we haven't had a letter, we will not allow older siblings from our school to collect younger children.

Pantomime

Our "Dick Whittington" pantomime takes place on Monday at 5.30pm and we still have a small number of standard tickets available at £5 each. Please come to the office if you would like to buy any. We are really looking forward to a great evening!

Another Pantomime!

If your appetite has been whetted by seeing Dick Whittington at our school, you have the opportunity to go and see two of our children - Alfie and Taylor - starring in Cinderella. The show takes place at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall from 6th to 9th February. For more information and to book tickets please visit www.cloc.org.uk

Year 6 Residential Visit to Whitemoor Lakes

Our Year 6 children have the opportunity to go to Whitemoor Lakes for a two-night residential visit from 17th to 19th July. We are disappointed that we weren't able to go to Red Ridge again and do a week-long residential; sadly, the only date we could have for Red Ridge coincided with secondary induction day, so we couldn't accept that date. However, Whitemoor Lakes will provide children with many of the same opportunities they would have had, and a much shorter coach journey! We highly recommend this experience to you, and urge you to think about booking your child a place. The visit is charged at £164 per child, or £124 if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium. If you aren't sure about Pupil Premium eligibility, or you want to discuss payment for the trip, please come and speak to us. Any such conversations will be treated with the utmost discretion and confidentiality; we just want to make sure as many children as possible have this opportunity! For more information about Whitemoor Lakes, visit: <http://www.acuk.net/whitemoor-lakes>

Residential Visit for Current Year 5 Children

If your child is in Year 5, you should have received a letter this week about next year's Year 6 residential, which we are considering having in October 2019, rather than at the back end of Year 6. We have asked you to return the slip to say whether you and your child are interested in this. Returning the slip does not commit you to anything; we just want to have an idea of the level of interest so we can make plans.

Volunteers Wanted!

Calling parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles! It is vital that our children are given the opportunity to read aloud to an adult for their progress. Also, they really love someone giving them 1:1 attention! If you could offer a regular afternoon or an hour in the afternoon to listen to readers, we would really appreciate it. You would need to have a DBS check, which the school would pay for. Please speak to the office staff if you think you might be able to help.

King Edward's School Masterclasses

King Edward VI Five Ways School are running Saturday masterclasses aimed at Year 4 and Year 5 children in a variety of subjects. There is a charge of £45 for five sessions. For more information, please visit www.kefw.org

Beeches Brilliant Writers

Last week's winner: Krisha (Elms)

This week's prompt: Journey to the Bottom of the Sea

Whole School Attendance

This Week: 96.3%

Year So Far: 97%

This Week's Team Points

1. Red Phoenix	831
2. Blue Dragons	825
3. Green Griffins	795
4. Yellow Unicorns	790

Pupil of the Week

Elms: Neha	Cedars: Dallas
Firs: Jaya	Pines: Hannah
Oaks: Jude	Sycamores: Amy
Birches: Stan	Chestnuts: Riyad A
Palms: Zain	Magnolias: Harjot
Spruces: Blake	Willows: Tarikul

Diary Dates

Mon 21 Jan, 5.30pm	Dick Whittington pantomime
Tue 5 Feb, 9.00am	Y4 Inspire Workshop
Mon 11 Feb	Science afternoon
Wed 13 & Thu 14 Feb	Parents' evenings
Thu 14 Feb	Break up for half term
Fri 15 Feb	Teacher Day - school closed
Mon 25 Feb	School reopens
Tue 5 Mar	Year 6 visit to Botanical Gardens
Thu 14 Mar	Year 3 Roman Day
Mon 8 - Wed 10 Apr	Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands
Fri 12 Apr	Break up for Easter
Mon 29 Apr	School reopens

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Happy New Year to you all. What a busy Autumn term we had. Year 3 settled so well into their new routines and worked extremely hard. The term ended with our Year 3 production of 'A Midwife Crisis'. We're sure you will all agree that they did an amazing job. Children have returned to school this term with a superb hard-working attitude.

Staff Team		
<u>Teachers & e-mail addresses</u>		<u>Teaching Assistants</u>
Elms:	Mrs. Colling (Year Group Leader) <i>c.colling@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Mrs. Pereira (Year Group Leader) <i>h.pereira@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	Mrs. Bayliss Miss Jones
Firs:	Miss Ward <i>l.ward@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	Miss Moriarty
Oaks:	Mrs O'Rourke <i>l.orourke@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	Mrs. Wall
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 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 Parents' Evening: 13 th 14 th February Science Day: 11 th February Fairy Tale Day: 12 th February Half-Term: 19 th – 23 rd February Year 3 Roman Day: 14 th March
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 . <u>Reading Books</u> It is really important that home reading books are in school every day. Although we would like this to be your child's responsibility, we would be very grateful if you could support us and check that this happens. <u>Homework</u> 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, or come to our Learning Mentor drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 8:50am.
Curriculum Overview Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:		
English Alternative Fairy Tales Poetry		Computing Word processing skills
Maths Place value, mental addition and subtraction, fractions, angles, time		P.E. Invasion Games
Science Magnets and Forces Sowing Seeds		Topic (inc. Geography and History) History – The Romans
P.S.H.E. Relationships	R.E. Prejudice Fairness	Music Instruments of the Orchestra
Art Mosaics	Design & Technology Roman Shields	French Numbers Responding to instructions



Welcome back. We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

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Birches:	Miss Abraham <i>k.abraham@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	Mrs Goddard
Palms:	Miss Parsons <i>a.parsons@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	Mrs Hitchinson
Spruces:	Mrs Ambris <i>i.ambris@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	Miss Reid
P.E. days this term Birches and Palms have swimming on a Tuesday afternoon. Last session for Palms is 29.1.19. Then Birches and Spruces will be swimming from 5.2.18 onwards. Please check that all inhalers are in school. Spruces: Wed (indoor)/Thurs (outdoor) Palms: Tue (swimming)/Thurs (outdoor) Birches: Tue (swimming)/Mon (outdoor) 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 Inspire Workshop: 6 th February Parents' Evening: 13 th & 14 th February Science afternoon: 11 th February Half-Term: 15 th – 25 th February Woodlands residential: 8 th – 10 th April
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 . Maths homework is set on the Active Learn Abacus site. The children are very excited about the home reading scheme in school and we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child's reading book and diary come to school every day. The children will be given a homework task every Thursday and this is due back the following Tuesday unless otherwise stated.	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, or come to our Learning Mentor drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 8:50am.	
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English We are reading Leon and the Place Between and using it to develop a Writer's Journey. We will also be looking at Muncle Trogg.	Computing We will be having a fun day in February developing our word processing skills.	
Maths We will be ordering, comparing and rounding 4 digit numbers. We will reinforce reading time on analogue and digital clocks, simplifying fractions and developing our problem solving skills and reasoning. We will also have weekly times tables tests.	P.E. Basketball, Tennis, Circuits, Swimming and Dance	
Science Our two science topics this term are: Teeth and Digestion Good vibrations	Topic (inc. Geography and History) Rivers Forces of nature	
P.S.H.E. We will be learning about our rights and identifying where and why children do not have access to their rights.	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 Collage, water colour and Plaster of Paris	Design & Technology Musical instruments	French We will be learning to read and understand a range of familiar words and phrases.



We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and send our best wishes for the New Year!

As we near the half way point in the academic year we would like to thank you for your continued support and would encourage you to work with your youngsters wherever possible.

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P.E. days this term: Cedars and Sycamores have swimming on a Tuesday afternoon. Last session for Cedars is 29.1.19. Then Pines and Sycamores will be swimming from 5.2.18 onwards. Please check that all inhalers are in school. Cedars: Outdoor Physical Education on Thursdays. Pines: Outdoor Physical Education on Fridays. Inside on Thursdays. Sycamores: Indoor Physical Education on Mondays. Outdoor on Wednesdays. 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: Parents' Evening – 13 th and 14 th February Living Eggs in Spring 2. We will watch the lifecycle from egg to chicken. Black Country Museum – 1 st May. Approximate cost of £15.
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 . The children are very excited about the home reading scheme in school and we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child's reading book and diary come to school every day. 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, or come to our Learning Mentor drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 8:50am. If you have medical, physical or mental concerns for your child please see the School Nurse at the above dates/times.	
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English Emergency! The children will be finding inspiration from a series of videos with the themes of hoax phone calls and the emergency services.		Computing Basic Programming
Maths A range of topics, including: fractions, ratio, proportion and securing methods for the 4 operations.		P.E. Tag-Rugby and Racket Skills
Science Bubble and Burn		Topic (inc. Geography and History) Where Next? (Maps and Mountains)
P.S.H.E. Children's rights Peer Pressure/Substances	R.E. Birmingham Syllabus	Music Percussion
Art Pointillism	Design & Technology Structures	French Healthy Eating and Pronouns



The Year 6 team would like to wish you a Happy New Year. Since September, the children have been working really hard across all subjects. 2019 will be a massive year for our Year 6 children as they complete their SATs and look forward to moving to secondary school. Although we recognise the importance of the tests, we are equally concerned with ensuring that our children will be “secondary ready”. Please assist us in encouraging your child to become more independent in their organisation. Once again, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any issues or enquiries.

Staff Team Teachers & e-mail addresses Chestnuts: Mr Wheatley (Year Group Leader) <i>r.wheatley@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Willows: Mr Stuart <i>n.stuart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Magnolias: Mr Lancaster <i>c.lancaster@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Mr. Price <i>s.price@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i> Mrs Doherty (Teaching Assistant)		Whitemoor Lakes Residential There are still places available. If your child is interested, a form can be collected from reception.
P.E. days this term Chestnuts: Monday and Wednesday Willows: Thursday and Friday Magnolias: Monday and Wednesday 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 Science Afternoon: Mon 11 th Feb Parents' Evening: 13 th & 14 th Feb Half-Term: 18 th – 22 nd Feb Botanical Gardens: 1 st March SATs week: 13 th May Whitemoor Lakes residential: 17 th -19 th July
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 . Homework will be coming home more regularly to support your child in getting ready for the SATs tests in May. Useful websites to support your child's SATs Preparation: www.spellingframe.co.uk https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.bbc.com/education	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, or come to our Learning Mentor drop-in sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8:30 and 8:50am.	
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English Writer's Journey: Rainforest survival	Computing: Use of spreadsheets to present data	
Maths This term is all about enabling the children to apply their acquired skills to solve problems, explaining their processes and showing their understanding.	P.E. Fitness/circuit training and basketball	
Science: Heartbeat – The Circulatory System All Wired Up – Using Circuits	Topic (inc. Geography and History) Brazil and the rainforests	
P.S.H.E. Improving Air Pollution, Healthy Mind and Wellbeing	R.E. Commitment and remembering roots	Music Minimalism
Art: Artist: Romero Britto	Design & Technology Food Technology	French Developing understanding of sentence structure through non-fiction texts