

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to an exciting new school year at Beeches Junior School! To those parents who are new to us, we offer a particularly warm welcome to our family. We will do everything we can to ensure that your child has a great experience here. There are two key questions that parents should ask themselves about their children's school: Is my child happy? And is my child learning? The vast majority of our children are very happy and make great progress most of the time, but these are young people finding their way in life, and there will always be bumps in the road along the way. If you are ever concerned about any aspect of your child's school life, please come and talk to us. The best person to talk to in the first instance is usually the class teacher, but there is a lot of expertise among our team and we will do our best to find the best person to help you. We have high expectations of you too! Please support us and help your child succeed by reading with them, helping them with their homework, reading school letters carefully and responding to requests that we make. We are a partnership, and when our partnership is strong, your child has a great chance of succeeding! However many years you have left with us, we look forward to working with you.

LABELLING CLOTHES

School uniform is expensive! Please make sure all your child's clothes are labelled with their name.

NEW FACES

We are thrilled to welcome four new members of staff to our team. Two of them are already well known to our children, having worked with us before. Miss Weston is a teaching assistant who will work initially with Year 6. Mrs. Bishop will teach classes across the school when the class teachers have their weekly release time. Miss Lawley is Firs' teacher, having worked with Year 4 last year. Mr. Ali is Sycamores' teacher and will lead English across the school. He is a member of our Senior Leadership Team. A very warm Beeches welcome to them all!



Mr. Ali
Teacher

Mrs. Bishop
Teacher

Miss Lawley
Teacher

Miss Weston
Teaching
Assistant

AFTER SCHOOL

Please help us to keep everyone safe after school. We ask that everyone, including younger and older siblings, stay off all the equipment and we ask children not to run down the playground on the way home. Please support us by making sure your child understands these expectations.

BEECHES GREEN PAGES

Beeches Junior School Newsletter

Issue 1

Week Ending 6th September 2019

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is vital to children's success in the short and long term. Please do everything you can to ensure your child is in school every day unless they are just too unwell. Most families engage very well with school and we are proud of our attendance. However, occasionally, we do have to follow procedures when unauthorised absence persists. There is a separate letter coming home today to explain more about this.

ROADWORKS

You are probably aware that roadworks are due to start next week on Beeches Road for an expected period of five weeks. Given that Beeches Road is already very busy, it seems likely that this will make things very difficult at the start of the day. Please allow yourselves plenty of time to get to school on time. It is important that we get the school year off to a good start and we don't want the children's learning to be disrupted by punctuality issues.

YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS 2020

Current Year 6 children now need to apply for their secondary school places. Please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions for more information and to make your application. If you want to talk to us about this, please come and see us.

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

King Edward's School, Birmingham have an open morning on Saturday 14th September from 10.00am until 12.30pm. For more information please visit www.kes.org.uk

BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

This week's prompt: How To Tame a Teacher

ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 97.3%

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Elms: Thomas	Cedars: Amrit
Firs: Ria	Pines: Riley
Oaks: Liam	Sycamores: Micah
Birches: Dhaval	Chestnuts: Neo
Palms: Liam	Magnolias: Sammy
Spruces: Shia	Willows: Caitlin

DIARY DATES

<i>Tue 26 Sept, 9.00am</i>	<i>Macmillan coffee morning</i>
<i>Tue 1 Oct, 9.05am</i>	<i>Year 3 reading workshop</i>
<i>Tue 8 Oct, 9.05am</i>	<i>Year 4 maths workshop</i>
<i>Thu 10 Oct, 9.05am</i>	<i>Year 3 maths workshop</i>
<i>Tue 22 & Wed 23 Oct</i>	<i>Parents' evenings</i>
<i>Thu 24 Oct, 9.00am</i>	<i>Year 5 Diwali assembly</i>
<i>Fri 25 Oct</i>	<i>Break up for half term</i>
<i>Mon 4 Nov</i>	<i>School reopens</i>

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A huge warm welcome from all of the Year 3 staff. Our new Year 3 children are settling into the new routines very quickly and it's hard to believe that we have only just returned to school. What a credit they are to you! We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children more as the term progresses.

Staff Team

Teachers & e-mail addresses

Elms: Mrs. Colling (Year Group Leader) c.colling@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk
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Teaching Assistants

Miss Jones
Mrs. Doherty

P.E. days this term

Elms: Indoor PE – Monday Outdoor PE - Thursday
Firs: Indoor PE – Tuesday Outdoor PE - Friday
Oaks: Indoor PE – Friday Outdoor PE - Thursday
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 1st October 2019:
Inspire Reading Workshop
Thursday 10th October:
Inspire Maths Workshop
Tues 22nd & Wed 23rd October:
Parents' Evening
Tuesday 5th November:
School photographer

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 bookmark 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.

Curriculum Overview

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

English

Oral Literacy: Stuck by Oliver Jeffers.
The Twits (Roald Dahl)
Myths and Legends of the British Isles

Computing

Scratch - programming skills

Maths

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

P.E.

Team Building
Dance

Science

Light and Shadows
Rocks and Soils

Topic: Meet the Croods

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

Instruments of the Orchestra

Art

Basic drawing and painting skills,
shading and colour mixing.

Design & Technology

Food Technology – making soup

German

Greetings, numbers colours, days of the week, months of the year.



The Year 4 team would like to welcome you back and we hope you had a wonderful summer! We are very excited for our busy Autumn Term in Year 4 and have many exciting opportunities for your child to enjoy. Year 4 will be one to remember!

Staff Team			
Teachers & e-mail addresses		Teaching Assistants	
Birches:	Miss Abraham (Year Group Leader)	k.abraham@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk	Mrs. Wall
Palms:	Miss Parsons	a.parsons@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk	Mrs. Hitchinson
Spruces:	Mrs. Ambris	l.ambris@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk	Miss Bayliss
P.E. days this term Birches: Wednesday (outdoor) Palms: Wednesday (outdoor) 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 8 th October: Inspire Workshop (Maths) Tues 22 nd & Wed 23 rd October: Parents' Evening Tuesday 5 th November: School photographer Tuesday 10 th December: Christmas show AM performance Thursday 12 th December: Christmas show PM performance
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 bookmark come to school every day. The children will be issued with a task or project and the due in date will be stated at the top.		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.	
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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 and temperature.		Topic (inc. Geography and History) We are very excited to start our new topic called 'Fire and Fury'. We will be focusing on The Romans and Volcanoes.	
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 pizzas and making Roman Shields.	MFL We will be learning simple phrases in different languages such as Latin and Italian.	



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		
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Pines: Mr. Milner	<i>s.milner@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	Mrs. Grant
Sycamores: Mr. Ali	<i>s.ali@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk</i>	Miss Silvera
P.E. days this term Cedars: Outdoor – Monday. Indoor - Tuesday Pines: Outdoor – Monday. Swimming - Tuesday Sycamores: Outdoor – Wednesday. Swimming - Tuesday Cedars will go swimming later in the term. 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 22 nd & Wednesday 23 rd October: Parents' Evening 24 th October: Diwali assembly – a letter will follow with more details Tuesday 5 th November: School photographer 12 th November: Maths Inspire workshop – a letter will follow with more details
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 bookmark 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.
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English Greek myths – understanding the features of a myth and writing their own Non Fiction writing		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 Separating materials & Properties and uses		Topic (inc. Geography and History) A Greek Odyssey – finding out about Greece and Ancient Greece
P.S.H.E. Children's rights	R.E. Christianity	Music Pitch
Art It is Design & Technology this term	Design & Technology Designing and creating our own Greek vases/pots	French Greetings, numbers, animals and masculine and feminine nouns.



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Termly Information Sheet – Autumn 2019 Year 6

The Year 6 team would like to welcome parents and children back after the summer break. 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.

As well as the typical struggles children may face, Year 6 brings added pressure for the children because of transition to secondary schools, SATs, grammar tests etc. and whilst we aim to give them the skills to be resilient to these stresses, some children find it difficult. Ultimately, we want our children to succeed and be the best that they can be and aim to build on their emotional intelligence to ensure that they reach their full potential and are successful in their journey into secondary school and eventually adulthood. We would be grateful if you could support us in promoting this message to your child - trying their best is all we will ask for.

The deadline for selecting your child's secondary school is 31st October and this should be completed online via the Birmingham City Council website. If you have any issues with completing the form, please contact the school office and they can arrange for an appointment to help. To avoid disappointment, it is advised that you use all six of your selections; otherwise the Local Authority may choose a school for you if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a placement at your preferred choice. If you are hoping to gain a placement at a grammar school and your child is going to complete the grammar tests, the information may differ so it is advised that you read the instructions from the website carefully to ensure you do not miss the deadlines. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch about any concerns you may have.

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Willows: Mr. Smith		l.smith@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk	
P.E. & Games days this term		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.	
Chestnuts: Tuesday and Thursday			
Magnolias: Tuesday and Wednesday			
Willows: Wednesday and Thursday			
Homework		Concerns	
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English		Computing	
In Autumn Term 1, we will be reading a brand new World War Two text: Letters from the Lighthouse		Digital Literacy/Desktop publishing: creating a brochure	
Maths		P.E.	
Place Value, Four Operations, Fractions and Position & Direction		Gymnastics and Football	
Science		Topic (inc. Geography and History)	
Light and how we see		World War Two	
P.S.H.E.	Art	R.E.	Music
Choice and equality	Romero Britto	How religion helps us to be individuals, follow rules and respect others	Pitch works!
Design & Technology		French	
Designing and building air raid shelters		Developing understanding of sentence structure through non-fiction texts	