#### **WELCOME BACK**

A very happy new year to you all and welcome to a new term at Beeches Junior School. It's been great to see all the children again and hear about all their Christmas adventures! The children have settled very well into their work this week. It's a shorter term this time - just twelve working weeks - so we need to make every day count. As always, we are enormously reliant on you to support all that we do, so please keep on getting involved in your children's learning, come to events when we invite you, help them learn the times tables and above all, support your child to read, keep reading and then read some more! It is the key to success in everything your child will want to achieve in life. The best part about it is that, when you find the right book or magazine, it is so much fun!

#### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and nomination forms will be sent out, along with a letter to explain the process, on Monday. Please do consider this; if you have any questions about the role, please come and chat to Mr. Smart about it.

#### **PUNCTUALITY**

It's been a good start to 2020 in terms of punctuality with a greatly reduced number of children arriving late. Please continue to get your child here on time - it makes such a difference, getting the day off to a positive start.

#### TRADING CARDS

We allow children to bring trading cards into school because we believe that it encourages social interaction and, well, because it's fun! However, there are some things to bear in mind:

- Children should only swap a few cards at a time, and not whole collections.
- They should also only swap if they are happy to do so; children should not pressure others to swap if they don't want to, and if children feel pressured and don't know what to do about it, they should go to an adult and ask for help.
- They should only get the cards out at an appropriate time, i.e. break time and lunch time.
- Finally, children bring cards in at their own risk and the school is unlikely to be able to find items that have gone missing.

We have shared this message with the children. Please reinforce the message with them and help to ensure that trading cards remain fun and not a source of worry.

## CHILDREN'S WELLBEING SURVEY

Next week we will be carrying out a survey of our children to give them a chance to let us know what they think of various aspects of school life. The most important purpose of this is to promote wellbeing. If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please always come and talk to us.

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# GIRLS' FOOTBALL

We have some spaces left in the girls' after school football training which is being run by Aston Villa. It starts on Wednesday 15th January straight after school and finishes at 4.30pm. The sessions will run until half term (five sessions in total) and cost £17.50. If you would like a space for your child, please come to the office to arrange this.

#### **NEW STARTER**

A very warm welcome to Miss Butt, who has joined us this week as our new School Business Manager.

#### MR. ALT'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books." Roald Dahl

#### DICK WHITTINGTON

Alfie from Chestnuts is performing in Dick Whittington at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall from 5th-8th February. For more information and tickets, visit **www.cloc.org.uk** 

## PEN LICENCES THIS WEEK

Fletcher and Miah-Lee (Birches)

## BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

This week's title: Candyland

#### THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1 Red Phoenix 789 2 Green Griffins 571 3 Blue Dragons 525 4 Yellow Unicorns 446

#### GENRE AWARDS THIS WEEK

Bronze & Silver: Syanne (Willows)

#### ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 95.1% This Year So Far: 95.9%

# PUPIL OF THE WEEK—LAST WEEK

Elms: Evan Cedars: Erin
Firs: George Pines: Vinnie
Oaks: Izzie-Louise Sycamores: Freya
Birches: Miah-Lee Chestnuts: Malak
Palms: Leah-Maree Magnolias: Johnson
Spruces: Husam Willows: Deen

# **DIARY DATES**

Thu 30 Jan Rights Respecting School Day

Fri 31 Jan Teacher Day

Tue 11 Feb, 9.00am Year 5 Inspire Workshop
Tue 11 & Wed 12 Feb Parents' Evenings
Fri 14 Feb Break up for half term

Mon 24 Feb School reopens

Tue 3 Mar Year 5 "Wonderdome" in the hall

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