

## SCHOOL CLOSURE

By now you will know that we are having to close to most children from today. This is a heartbreaking moment, and a time of great worry for us all, not least the children. We are so sad that we aren't able to provide our usual service, and especially so for our fabulous Year 6 children who face the uncertainty of whether or not their time at our school is over. We sincerely hope not, but if that does prove to be the case, we will look at options for a reunion event in the future. Some of you will be sending your children to school over the coming weeks. Please note the following principle: **The best option for children is to be looked after safely away from the school. If you don't have to send your children here, don't send them.** Those who have requested to bring their children to school will be contacted to confirm whether or not we can offer a provision to them. As the government guidance only came last night, some of this communication may take place over the weekend. **Please do not bring your child to school if we have not told you to do so as we will not allow them into school.** If your needs change over the next few weeks (e.g. you are a key worker who starts working longer hours), keep us informed and we will try to support you. Please do not telephone the office if your children are not in school - you can communicate via email. Please all follow government advice and keep yourselves and your loved ones safe.

## LEARNING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

The most important things to do during the closure are **read, write and calculate!** What a great opportunity to get into some books and magazines and comics, and to learn those times tables. In addition to that, for the foreseeable future, we will be enabling your child to access the curriculum through our year group blogs. Teachers will be setting work on our blogs in the forms of online activities, worksheets, investigations and projects. Each blog has a 'follow' button which allows you to receive a notification by email whenever a teacher posts new work to the blog. We would like to encourage children to interact with their teachers and comment on work that has been set. All comments will be moderated before they appear on the blog. Please note, we may not be able to respond to every post, but we will do our best.

The addresses for the blogs are:

**Year 3:** [www.beechesjnr3.wordpress.com](http://www.beechesjnr3.wordpress.com)

**Year 4:** [www.beechesjnr4.wordpress.com](http://www.beechesjnr4.wordpress.com)

**Year 5:** [www.beechesjnr5.wordpress.com](http://www.beechesjnr5.wordpress.com)

**Year 6:** [www.beechesjnr6.wordpress.com](http://www.beechesjnr6.wordpress.com)

These will also be linked to on Twitter and through the school website.

Don't forget those TT Rockstars and Active Learn logins - please email the school office if you forget them. Keep the children's brains busy!

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES

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## WELLBEING AND SAFEGUARDING

We appreciate that this is a very challenging time for everyone and for many different reasons, so if there is a concern you have and would like to discuss it, please send an email to the office and one of our team will call you for a chat at their earliest convenience. They will be contactable via email throughout the normal school hours and will be able to talk to you about what support is available. Similarly, if you would prefer, there is plenty of information about the different services available to you at

[www.the-waitingroom.org](http://www.the-waitingroom.org), some of which are listed on the back of this newsletter.

## DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

We are announcing that our Deputy Headteacher, Ms Guest, has decided to leave her post at Beeches Junior School to explore different challenges and opportunities. We wish Ms Guest all the very best for the future. The school will shortly begin the process of appointing a new Deputy Headteacher and we will let you know when we have made an appointment.

## GENRE AWARDS THIS WEEK

Bronze: Jacob and Shahdat (Sycamores)

## BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Beeches Brilliant Writers will continue while we are absent. Please email entries to [m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk) or send them to Mr. Smart at the school by post.

Last week's winner: Ayaan (Sycamores)

This week's title: There Are No Rules

## SCHOOL MEALS DURING CLOSURE

Our catering partners, Dolce, will continue to offer school meals during our period of closure to those children we have agreed to have in school, and to all children who are entitled to free school meals. If your child is here, they can bring a packed lunch, or they will order their meals at school in the morning. You are currently unable to order school meals via the usual online portal. If you usually pay for school dinners, you will need to continue to do so.

All children eligible for free school meals who are not in school are invited to come to school at 12.00pm to collect a "grab bag" with a free lunch every day.

## ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 96.3% This Year So Far: 96%

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Elms: Malika  
Firs: Sahibjot  
Oaks: Frankie  
Birches: Quianna  
Palms: Krisha  
Spruces: Jaya

Cedars: Olli  
Pines: Ishaq  
Sycamores: Ayaan  
Chestnuts: Maddison  
Magnolias: Jamari  
Willows: Campbell

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All our newsletters can be seen in colour on our school website



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Barnardos provides a range of services to help and support families across the UK, working with organisations and professionals so that children get the best start in life .

For more information visit [www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk)



**BIRMINGHAM  
CHILDREN'S TRUST**

The Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS) provides a single point of contact for members of the public and for professionals who want to raise concerns about a child. If you have concerns, please call 0121 303 1888.



If you're worried about a child or young person, you can call the NSPCC helpline for support and advice for free on 0808 800 5000.



If you, or someone you know, needs help or support as a result of Domestic Abuse call Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid confidentially on 0808 800 0028.



Men's Advice Line Advisors will listen to you, offer you non-judgmental emotional support, practical advice and information on what to do if you are a victim of Domestic Abuse.

You can contact them on 0808 801 0327.



**Find FoodBanks Brum**  
"no one should have to go hungry"

Foodbanks help to make it easier for people of the West Midlands region to locate their local foodbanks, enabling them to provide for their families during times of financial difficulty.

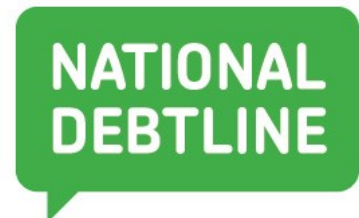


You can contact Childline about anything. Whatever your worry, it's better out than in. They will help to support you and help you find ways to cope with any issues you might have.



Young Minds can help to make sure your child gets the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties.

Contact them on 0808 802 5544



The National Debtline is a debt advice charity run by the **Money Advice Trust**. They are a free and confidential debt advice service for people living in England.

You can contact them on 0808 808 4000



Citizens Advice Birmingham offers advice on a wide range of issues to anyone living in the Birmingham area. Their service is free of charge, confidential, independent and impartial.

You can contact them on 03444 111 444.