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During this second lockdown, it remains our intention to stay open. However, there may be circumstances in the future when we have to close the whole school for a period of time, or close to some classes or year groups, as we had to with 5L recently. We have contingency plans in place for learning to continue in the event that we have to close to any children. In order to help us ensure that our plans are workable for your family, it will help us to know a bit about your IT capability at home. Therefore, we are asking you to complete a survey here: https://tinyurl.com/y5yofkup

If you are unable to fill this in, please talk to us and we can help you with it. Please complete this survey by Friday 13th November. Please be assured that all responses will be treated as confidential. Many thanks for your help and support.

## **FACE MASKS**

Thank you to everyone who is wearing a face mask when you come onto the school site. Please note it is our expectation that everyone who comes to collect a child wears a mask, unless they have a medical exemption. This includes secondary-aged siblings and child minders. Please ensure they are aware of this. As before, masks for our children and younger siblings are optional.

### YEAR 4 IN THE MORNINGS

A reminder that we do not consider it appropriate for Year 4 children to be left unattended before school. Please wait with them until they are allowed in at 8.55am. Please note that your child is your responsibility until we allow them onto the school site.

#### PARENTS' EVENING PHONE CALLS

If you have requested a phone call from your child's teacher following receipt of their minireport, you will be called on Wednesday between 3.00pm and 4.30pm. If this time isn't suitable for you, please contact the office to arrange a different time. Please note that some colleagues will be calling from mobile phones, so the call may come through with a withheld number.

#### STEPHEN LAWRENCE CHARITABLE TRUST

Thank you very much for your generous donations during Anti-Racism Week, and well done to our enthusiastic collectors Olli and Reneyah! We raised an excellent £488.75 for the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. At a difficult time for many people, this is very kind of you.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13th November we will have a non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. Please send in a donation of £1, or whatever you can afford.

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### BAME BOOKCASE

Apologies for the delay but we are happy to announce that books from the BAME bookcase are now available for children to take for home reading. The times they will be allowed to visit the bookcase will be 8.40am to 8.55am before school for Years 4 and 6 and 2.55pm to 3.10pm after school for Years 3 and 5. Children must observe social distancing around the reception area. If there are lots of them waiting, they may be asked to come back the next day. There will be a signing in and signing out system so that we can keep track of where books are. We hope the children enjoy the range of books we have. Happy reading!

### **PHOTOGRAPHER**

The photographer will be in on Tuesday. Please be assured that the whole process will be carried out in a Covid-safe manner. The photographer will wear PPE and the children will not mix with anyone outside their year group. Please ensure your child has their uniform on. If it is your child's PE day, they should be wearing their school jumper or cardigan anyway, and you can send them with their polo shirt to put on as well. Regrettably, in the current circumstances, we will not be able to facilitate any sibling photographs, either with siblings in school or younger siblings.

## **DIARY DATES**

Tue 10 Nov Fri 13 Nov Mon 16 Nov Wed 18 Nov Fri 20 Nov

Photographer in school
Non-uniform day
Teacher Day - School closed
Flu vaccinations
Non-uniform day

### THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1 Team Malala (Yellow) 573 2 Team Cadbury (Red) 541 3 Team Lewis (Blue) 504 4 Team Zephaniah (Green) 430

## **GENRE AWARDS THIS WEEK**

Bronze: Alivia, Arib, Fletcher & Tahseenah (all 5S)

### **PEN LICENCES THIS WEEK**

Tayyiba (5M) & Sienna-Mai (5S)

### **BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS**

Year 3: James (3W) Year 5: Hafsah (5S) Year 4: Frankie (4CP) Year 6: Zain (6KA)

## **BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS**

This week: Research and write about any of: John Cadbury, Denise Lewis, Malala Yousafzai, Benjamin Zephaniah

#### ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 90.2% This Year So Far: 94.7%

# **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

3L: Cody 4CP: Aqsa 5S: Dylan
3P: Evelyn 4KP: Mehki 6IS: Kairo 6KA: Ishaq
3W: Jaydon 5L: Husam 6LA: Alex

4AP: Chloe 5M: Tayyiba 6SA: Gurjot