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#### COVID-19 CASES

Although the vaccine rollout is very encouraging and we are hopeful of normality returning in the not-too-distant future, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and it is essential we all do the right thing when it comes to looking out for symptoms and reporting positive cases to the school. When you have information about your child, please make sure you tell us immediately - especially if they have tested positive for Covid-19. This includes at weekends; if you have Covid-19-related information to share at the weekend, please email m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk Thank you as always for helping us to keep everyone safe.

## **END OF TERM**

Next Thursday is the last day of term and we are having an optional half day. If you want your child to stay in school all day, you don't need to do anything - just come and collect them at the usual time, unless they go home alone. If you would like to collect them early, Years 3 and 5 will be ready to collect at 12.15pm, Year 6 at 12.25pm and Year 4 at 12.30pm. The Sandy Lane gate will be used for entry and exit, and it will be closed at 12.45pm; if they are here after this time, we will assume they are staying for the afternoon.

#### KITCHEN

We are sorry about the ongoing situation with our kitchen, and regret to inform you that it will not be fixed before we break up next Thursday. Therefore, we will continue to serve cold food next week. If your child usually has a school dinner but you would rather send food from home next week, that's fine - please cancel any dinners you have already ordered on School Grid.

#### **RED NOSE DAY 2021**

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to Comic Relief last week. Through the sales of red noses, collections in school and donations on the JustGiving page, we managed to raise £706!

Well done to all the children and staff who took part in our collective 400 mile walk challenge. Children also entered their favourite jokes to form a Beeches Joke Book. The best joke from each year group was selected. Here are the winners:

**Year 3**: Why didn't the skeleton go to the dance? Because he had no body to go with! (Chrissy)

**Year 4**: Who invented fractions? Henry the 8th (Sahej)

Year 5: What did the policeman say to his belly? You're under a vest! (Ayat)

Year 6: A man was told to bring his girlfriend to a party. When he turned up at the party he was wearing a turtle-shell on his back. The host asked him where his girlfriend was. The man turned around and said "Here's me-shell!" (Yozarseef)

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### EASTER EGG COMPETITION

Having missed this last year, the Easter egg competition is back! There will be prizes in each year group. To enter the competition, all you need to do is bring in a decorated egg first thing in the morning on Wednesday 31st March. This can be a real egg (but please, either hard boil it or remove the contents) or a papier mâché egg. It can be just the egg that is decorated, or it can be part of an elaborate scene. The only rule is - there has to be a decorated egg! Please do not bring the eggs in before next Wednesday. We look forward to seeing the children's creations!

### E-SAFETY

A bit of information about some of the popular games children are currently playing:

#### Roblos

An online game which allows users to create their own games, play games others have made or chat to others. There are parental controls that allow for a selection of chat options and a pin to allow age-appropriate games to be played.

#### **Among Us**

Players can join a game with their friends and the game randomly selects one of the players to be an 'imposter' who the other players aim to defeat.

If your child is playing a game that is set to public, they may meet and chat with people they don't know which could put them at risk.

For more information, visit:

https://www.internetmatters.org/

# **DIARY DATES**

Thu 1 Apr Break up for Easter
Mon 19 Apr School reopens
Mon 26 Apr Y5 Living Eggs arrive

# THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1 Team Malala (Yellow) 854 2 Team Cadbury (Red) 838 3 Team Lewis (Blue) 625 4 Team Zephaniah (Green) 602

# GENRE AWARDS THIS WEEK

Bronze: Abir, Kadejah, Renesmee, Sienna-Mai & Taeveon (all 5S) Silver: Ayat, Dylan T & Tahseenah (5S)

### BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Mohammed (3L) Year 4: Jessica (4CP) Year 5: Ryeeza (5L) Year 6: Vinnie (6LA)

# **BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS**

Last week's winner: Millie (6KA)
This week's title: Escaped from the Zoo

### ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 95.2%

## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

3L: Riaz 4CP: Jessica 6IS: Tieasha
3P: Zoya 4KP: Sophia 6KA: Harleen
3W: Olivia H 5L: Alyssa 6LA: Brontie
4AP: Rayan 5M: Rayyan 6SA: Riley

5S: Izzy