

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

We have decided, very reluctantly, to continue our current Friday arrangement until the end of term. This is due to our recent high level of Covid-19 cases, the delay to the national easing of restrictions and the fact that the DfE's guidance still requires us to minimise members of staff moving across different bubbles. Therefore, school will continue to be closed on Friday afternoons until the end of term. We reiterate that it is not our intention to make this a permanent arrangement. Assuming the government does move to a full removal of restrictions by then, we fully intend to be back to a full timetable in September. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused. Our Friday afternoon provision will continue but we urge you only to ask for this if you really have no other option. Thank you for your continuing support and patience.

BEHAVIOUR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL Occasionally we receive concerns from parents and carers and members of the public about the conduct of some of our children on the way to and from school. We support parents and carers who want to build up their children's independence in Years 5 and 6 by allowing them to leave school alone. However, all children mature at different rates, and we ask you to consider whether your child is ready for that responsibility. Where names are given to us, we will let you know what we have been told, but sometimes the person reporting it doesn't know who the children are - just that they are from our school. On occasions, this has involved children putting themselves or others at risk, for example, through a lack of road safety or by climbing in places they shouldn't. Please note that, before the children enter the site in the morning and once they leave the school building in the afternoon, we will do our best to support with and address any concerns, but the school does not take responsibility for the children's behaviour.

LATERAL FLOW TESTS

If your child is sent home with Covid symptoms, they should take a PCR test, rather than a rapid LFD test. You can book a PCR test here: https:// www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119.

Whilst primary children are not routinely tested using the rapid LFD tests, entire households are advised to use the LFD tests twice per week. This will help detect asymptomatic cases in children over 11 and adults, and reduce the spread of COVID-19. All households can order LFD tests here: https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid -lateral-flow-tests or collect them from a pharmacy or test site.

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EQUALITY WEEK

Next week, we are having a special "Equality Week" in which the children will be focusing on protected characteristics including age, gender, disability, sexual



orientation, religion and race, celebrating who we are regardless of our differences. They will be learning the importance of equality and appreciating the diverse community that we have in school. Our children are growing up in an everchanging society and at Beeches Junior School, our aim is to prepare our children for this and help them to grow into respectful citizens through our diverse curriculum. After a week of activities, discussions and exciting tasks to explore equality, there will be a non-uniform day where our children will be encouraged to wear clothes that show what equality means to them. This could include clothing of cultural or religious significance, t-shirts with anti-racist/pro-equality slogans, rainbow colours or dressing as a historical figure who was prominent in promoting equality. Finally, following our recent badge-design competition, we are hoping to have the finished badges ready to give out to children by the end of next week. Please be assured that the activities we will be doing are in keeping with our recently produced RSHE policy.

DIARY DATES

Fri 25 Jun	Year 5 sports morning
Tu 29 Jun	Year 4 visit to Twycross Zoo
Wed 30 Jun	Year 5 visit to Bear Grylls Adventure
Thu 1 July	Year 6 visit to Drayton Manor
Tue 13 July	Last swimming session for Year 6
Wed 14 July	Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens
Thu 15 July	Year 6 inflatables & disco
Tue 20 July	Last day of term
Wed 21 July	Teacher Day - school closed

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Cadbury (Red)	595
2	Team Zephaniah (Green)	588
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	524
4	Team Malala (Yellow)	480

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Sarai (3L) Year 5: Shuaib (5S)

Year 4: Wassila (4AP) Year 6: Lillygrace (6LA)

GENRE AWARD THIS WEEK Bronze: Amelia (4KP)

ATTENDANCE Whole School This Week: 90.2%

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3L: Jamie 3P: Amarii **3W: Cassius** 4AP: Adam

4CP: Aisha 4KP: Michaela 5L: Joshua 5M: Kieran 5S: Abir

6IS: Somaiya 6KA: Zain 6LA: Esmie 6SA: Amrit