

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES

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## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We have been thinking carefully about Christmas and what events we can run safely. With great regret, we have decided that it wouldn't be appropriate to hold a Christmas Fayre this year. We love our Christmas Fayres and we missed out last year, but it is always very crowded and the risk of being a "super-spreader" event is very high. We don't want to put anyone's health at risk, especially in the run up to Christmas. We will, however, be having a Christmas raffle and the classes will be making some items to sell. In addition to that, we will be doing the following:

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December will be Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. It is a non-uniform day and if your child doesn't have a Christmas Jumper or doesn't wish to wear one, that is fine.
- The last day of term, Friday 17th December, will also be a non-uniform day and we will have parties in classes. We are hoping to have a special visitor on that day.
- Year 4 will be putting on a Christmas Show in the penultimate week of term. Details to follow. We will put on at least two shows to ensure every child can have someone there.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will be in again on Monday 6th December in the morning. This is mainly to take some "action" shots for the website, but there will be an opportunity for those children who were absent last time, along with those who went swimming before their photo, to have another one taken.

## SICKNESS

A reminder that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea they must not return to school within 24 hours of the last episode. Please support us in keeping the community safe from sickness.

## SNACKS

There seems to have been a bit of a shift in the items children are bringing into school for their snacks. There is significant research that shows the effect the food children eat can have on their ability to concentrate and behave sensibly. In recent times, we have seen children eating items ranging from sweets and chocolates to whole tubes of Pringles, not just at playtime but on their way into school for their breakfast! This particularly seems to be an issue with some of our older children who come to school unsupervised - we think quite a few stop-offs are happening at the shop on the way in. Please ensure your child has a healthy snack, such as a healthy snack bar or a piece of fruit, for morning playtime. Although we aren't going to do this yet, we are considering taking the following proposals and we would welcome your views:

- All biscuits, sweets and gum will be confiscated. They will not be permitted unless needed for medical reasons (e.g. diabetes).
- Children will not be allowed to eat crisps or chocolate at any time except dinner time. As part of a packed lunch, only small chocolate bars (e.g. Penguins or Clubs) are permitted; larger chocolate bars will be confiscated.
- All confiscated items will be kept for you to collect and we will send you a text message to invite you to collect them. We will not give them back to your child. Any items uncollected after a week will be discarded.

If you have any views on this, please let us know what you think by sending an email to:

[consultation@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk)

The deadline for responses is Monday 29th November.

Thank you for your support.

## DIVERSITY AT BEECHES JUNIOR SCHOOL

To help us with a new display in school, we would like to find out all the different countries that our children's families originate from. If you haven't done so already, please could you complete a quick survey to help us? Follow this link <https://forms.office.com/r/d7mWHiGnW8> or scan the QR code on your phone to go to the survey.



## CHARITY HAIRCUT

Lottie (5CL) and her sister Millie, who used to come to our school, will be cutting their hair off to raise money for The Little Princess Trust and to help create a wig for a child who needs it. We are very proud of them for doing such a selfless thing to help other people. Their sponsorship page is here: <https://tinyurl.com/LPTHaircut>

## LUNCHTIME PLAY CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY

We are currently looking to recruit a Play Co-ordinator to join our lunchtime team. If you think that might be a role for you, you can find our advert here: <https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>

The closing date for applications is Friday 26th November at 12 noon.

## DIARY DATES

Wed 24 Nov	<i>Nasal flu vaccinations</i>
Thu 25 Nov	<i>Year 6 visit to Beaumanor</i>
Fri 10 Dec	<i>Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)</i>
Tue 14 Dec	<i>Year 4's last swimming session</i>
Fri 17 Dec	<i>Last day of term (non-uniform)</i>
Tue 5 Jan 2022	<i>Teacher Day - school closed</i>
Wed 6 Jan	<i>Start of Spring Term</i>

## BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Jessica (3AL)	Year 4: Scarlett (4RW)
Year 5: Ria (5CL)	Year 6: Jude (6LA)

## TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Cadbury (Red)	806
2	Team Zephaniah (Green)	614
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	554
4	Team Malala (Yellow)	488

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Jessica-Louise	4AP: Cody	5CL: Sonia	6IS: Emily
3AP: Molly	4KP: Sadie	5CS: Jessica	6KA: Fahima
3SP: Humaira	4RW: Ayra	5SM: Sana	6LA: Robbie

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