

BEECHES GREEN PAGES

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LAST DAY OF TERM

The Autumn Term finishes on Friday 17th December and there are a few things about that day that you need to know.

It will be a non-uniform day and the children will be having parties in their classes. We will provide drinks and nibbles for this, so you don't need to send anything in other than your child!

You also have the option of collecting your child early on that day. From 1.15pm, you can collect your child from the playground if you wish to. If you want your child to stay for the whole day, that's fine - school will be open until 3.20pm as usual.

If you want your Year 5 or 6 child to leave alone at the earlier time, email c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk to make this known. If we don't have this in writing from you, your child will not be allowed to leave on their own before 3.20pm.

CHRISTMAS HELP OUT

Christmas has always been an expensive time of the year and, with many people facing hardship this year, we are working closely with Oscott Academy to help support those families who are struggling to finance the festivities this year. This includes providing food hampers, nappies, and gifts for children. If you are interested in accessing this support, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/bjsmhw> or contact Mrs. Liddington, in confidence, to discuss this in more detail. This support is only available because of the very kind donations made by members of our community, but unfortunately, we need more. If you are in the position to offer a donation, we would be very grateful for any donations of the above items to school by Friday 10th December, and we will make sure they are ready in time to donate before Christmas.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

A reminder that Friday 10th December is Christmas Jumper Day. This will be a non-uniform day and children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper if they have one. We are asking for a donation of £2, or whatever you can afford, for Save The Children; please make your donation via School Money.

LOOKED-AFTER CHILDREN

If a child in your care has ever been classified as "looked after" by any Local Authority, it is important that we know about this, even if you believe that it has no impact on their wellbeing, for two main reasons: First, the school receives just under £2000 a year in additional Pupil Premium funding for every looked after or formerly looked after child. This enables us to create extra learning opportunities for these children. Second, it gives your child priority for school places, including for secondary schools. If you believe your child has ever been classified as "looked after" and we may not know about it, please inform the school office.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets will go on sale from Monday after school. We will be on the playground selling tickets. They will be charged at £2 for a strip of five tickets. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 17th December in the morning - the children will be able to watch in their classrooms and will come to the hall to choose a prize if they have won. Our star prize is a brand new bike, kindly donated by Aspire, one of the teaching agencies we work with, and we will have lots of other prizes, including board games and food and drink.

READING VOLUNTEERS

Reading is our biggest learning priority in school and has a massive impact of everyone's life. We are always looking for different ways to increase children's opportunities to read, and it's been a while since we have had parent volunteers in to read with our children. If that's something you feel you might be able to commit to for a period of time, please contact Mr. Wheatley to discuss it further. Ideally, if anyone can come in at 1pm for 20 minutes on any days, that would be a great help, but there may be opportunities at other times too. A new DBS check would be required, but the school would pay the cost of that.

YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS SHOW

With great regret, we have made the decision that we will not be able to invite you in to watch Year 4's Christmas show. Year 4 will, instead, produce a video for you to watch. We are sorry to have had to come to this decision.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON SEND

The Local Authority is inviting you to help shape the future of SEND services in Birmingham. There are details on the back page of events you can attend in person or online.

SANTA DASH

Next week, children will take part in a "Santa Dash". This is just for fun and we are not asking for any money. See the information on the back page. On your child's day, they can wear trainers for the day if they wish.

DIARY DATES

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>
Fri 17 Dec	<i>Optional 1.15pm finish</i>
Tue 5 Jan 2022	<i>Teacher Day - school closed</i>
Wed 6 Jan	<i>Start of Spring Term</i>
Tue 12 Jan	<i>Swimming starts for Year 5</i>

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Paige (3AL)	Year 4: James (4RW)
Year 5: Arjun (5CL)	Year 6: Abir (6KA)

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Cadbury (Red)	595
2	Team Zephaniah (Green)	582
3	Team Malala (Yellow)	571
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	449

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Hussna	4AP: Max	5CL: Liam	6IS: Giselle
3AP: Christos	4KP: Ajit	5CS: Tyler	6KA: Lexie
3SP: Noah	4RW: Hasnain	5SM: Lily	6LA: Kayla

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'Have your Say' on SEND

You are invited to Parent and Carer Engagement Events focusing on co-production and how your voice can influence the SEND offering in Birmingham. There is a choice of online or in person, with more events planned for January.



Carrs Lane Conference Centre

15th December 2021

10am - 1pm

Online event

15th December 2021

6pm - 8pm



Santa Dash 2021!

★ Wear uniform as usual (unless it's your PE day) but you can wear trainers on your day if you wish.

★ Students and teachers will take part to walk, run or jog around the school playground.

★ Thousands of schools across England will be taking part in this year's Santa dash.

★ Bring your Santa hats on your day!

Year 3 – 6th December
Year 4 – 7th December
Year 5 – 8th December
Year 6 – 10th December

