

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.

HOLIDAY CAMP

Kingsbury School Sports Partnership (KSSP) are running a 4-day holiday camp from Monday 20 Dec - Thursday 23 December, 10am-3pm at Barr View Academy. 30 Free Places have been allocated to children that receive Pupil Premium/Free School Meals (due to benefits). Children must be aged 5 to 11. Bookings will be taken on a first come first serve basis. To book, please visit <https://bookings.kssp.co.uk/event/119141> or use the QR code on the back page. If you are new to KSSP booking system, please watch the information video on the booking site before trying to book a place. Please note you will be asked to enter a password to book the sessions. The password will be sent by text to all eligible families this afternoon. If you have any queries, please email holidayscheme@ksspcic.co.uk or call Simone Hammond on 07840 051217. Please do not contact us or Barr View Academy. There is a poster on the back page with more information.

EXTREME WEATHER

It is very rare that extreme weather will force a school closure. When we do have snow or other extreme weather, occasionally the Local Authority will make the decision to close all Birmingham schools, but usually it is down to the individual schools to assess our own levels of risk. We will always try to find the right balance between jumping too early (there were a few cases some years ago where schools made the decision in the evening to close for the next day, and then all the snow had gone in the morning!) and giving you enough time to put arrangements in place. However, if there is snow forecast, it is always advisable to have a contingency in place, just in case. If we do close, we will send out a text message and put messages on the website and on Twitter. If there is nothing there, please assume we are open. **Please do not telephone the office to ask if we are open.**

BEECHES BUSY KIDS CLUB

We are very excited to be launching our new before and after school childcare provision after Christmas, and it will be known as **Beeches Busy Kids Club**. This reflects the fact that there will be lots for children to do and enjoy at the club, and they will probably be very busy, but if your child prefers to chill out and relax after a hard day's work, they will have that option too. We understand that some of you will never need to make use of this service, but one thing that we are hoping to be able to offer is a "drop-in" service, where you can book a place at the last minute if your circumstances suddenly change. In order to be able to do that, we would be grateful if you would look at the contract we will be sending out next week, fill it in and send it back to us if there is any possibility you will ever want your child to attend. That way, you will be able to phone us up on a Tuesday afternoon and say, "I'm stuck in a meeting in Basingstoke - can my child go to club tonight please?" As long as there is a space available and you make the payment online, we will be able to do this. If we don't have your completed contract, we won't be able to look after them in club.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children are welcome to bring Christmas cards in for their friends but we will not be having a delivery service this year. Please do not lick the envelopes to seal them.

SPRING TERM

There has been an error in the last few newsletters in the "Diary Dates" section regarding the date the new term starts. We are having a Teacher Day on Tuesday 4th January, so **the correct date for the start of term for children is Wednesday 5th January 2022.**

STARS ASSEMBLIES

Some of you will have received an invitation to our Stars assemblies next week if your child is receiving an award. We hope you are able to join us. In order to minimise the risk of infection, please observe the following:

- We regret that it is strictly one visitor per child.
- Please wear a face covering unless you are exempt.
- Please take a LFD test before coming to school.
- Please maintain social distancing as much as possible.

DIARY DATES

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 4 Jan 2022	<i>Teacher Day - school closed</i>
Wed 5 Jan	<i>Start of Spring Term</i>
Tue 12 Jan	<i>Swimming starts for Year 5</i>

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Kacper (3AP)	Year 4: Mohammed (4AP)
Year 5: Jesuferanmi (5CS)	Year 6: Alyssa (6IS)

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Zephaniah (Green)	642
2	Team Cadbury (Red)	624
3	Team Malala (Yellow)	468
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	364

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Parker	4AP: Karman	5CL: Mame	6IS: Lamees
3AP: Lori	4KP: Jaydon	5CS: Frankie	6KA: Renesmee
3SP: Lilly	4RW: Holly	5SM: Krishna	6LA: Tyler

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP



**MONDAY 20TH DECEMBER TO
THURSDAY 23RD DECEMBER**

10AM TO 3PM, INC FREE LUNCH

BARR VIEW PRIMARY

FOR CHILDREN AGE 5 to AGE 11

FREE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM

To book scan the QR code
or visit <https://bookings.kssp.co.uk/list>

All staff have enhanced DBS checks & have experience working with children

