

BEECHES GREEN PAGES

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END OF TERM

Today, we break up for our Christmas holiday... and don't we deserve it! It seems as though we've said this a lot lately, but this has been among the most challenging terms we've ever had. Everyone - staff, children, parents and carers - has had to show a great deal of resilience. We have had tremendous support from you, for which we are extremely thankful; never has it been more important. Our biggest thanks go to the children, who never cease to amaze us with their positivity and adaptability. The data from our recent assessments is largely encouraging, given the raw deal that our children have faced in the last couple of years. We go into this holiday amid further uncertainty over the future. As it stands, we expect to be fully open and in school throughout January and beyond, but we will, as always, follow government guidance, and if it does become necessary, we are ready to switch to remote learning. While we have plans in place, we sincerely hope not to have to use them. We wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing break with lots of enjoyable family time, a happy and healthy new year and, to everyone celebrating, a very merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND SALES

Thank you for buying tickets in our raffle and also for supporting our sale of children's items earlier in the week. Altogether we have made more than £700. We will be talking to the children in the new year about some projects we can put this money towards.

BEECHES BUSY KIDS CLUB

Thank you for all the forms that have come in so far. There is a lot of interest in Beeches Busy Kids Club and we anticipate the club will become full on most days. Please get your forms back to us as soon as possible. We are very much looking forward to getting started with our new club.

STARS ASSEMBLIES

Huge congratulations to our wonderful children who won Stars awards this week. Their names are listed on the bottom right of this page. We are sorry that some of the award winners were absent through no fault of their own and missed their award ceremonies; we will give their awards at the first Friday assembly after Christmas, and parents and carers will be invited if it is safe to do so.

YEAR 4 CHRISTMAS SHOW

We are so sorry that we weren't able to invite you in to watch Year 4's Christmas show, "The Most Punderful Time of the Year." However, you can watch it again and again here: <https://youtu.be/VYjkyCyStk>

A big thank you to our amazing Year 4 children and staff for their hard work putting this together.

WEBSITE

You may be aware that we have a Mental Health and Wellbeing page on the school's website which is updated regularly to reflect the support available to you within the community. You can find it here: <https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/parent-information/mental-health-and-wellbeing-1-1> It has been updated this week to include some additional support being offered by The Christmas Help Out scheme, Mind and Kooth, who are available to offer their services to those in need of some extra support throughout the Christmas period. As always, if you have any questions or would like support accessing these services, please contact Mrs. Liddington.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Government guidance changed this week stating that close contacts of positive cases should now do LFD tests for 7 consecutive days. This includes all children aged 5 and over. As long as their test results are negative and they do not have any symptoms, children can come into school. You must report your child's LFD test results to school and to Test and Trace. Here is the link to report your child's result to school, <https://forms.office.com/r/rji97nnwxy> or you can scan this QR code.



READING VOLUNTEERS

Reading is our biggest learning priority in school and has a massive impact on 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.

DIARY DATES

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

TEAM TREAT

Congratulations to Team Cadbury who won this term's treat and enjoyed a movie afternoon this Wednesday.

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Beeches Brilliant Readers will return after the holiday.

STARS AWARD WINNERS

3AL: Dani, Umaimah, Fletcher, Dhanraj, Ismail, Manal
 3AP: Miller, Bonnie, Kacper, Holly, Ezekiel, Tegan
 3SP: Tanveer, Reece, Kaben, Skye, Ellie, Rabia
 4AP: Finn, Lexi, Lily, Scarlett, Nihal, Ayaan
 4KP: Nico, Lena, Rahul, Mya, Kyan, Kenzie
 4RW: James, Ayra, Alfie, Cian, Lily-Devon, Freya
 5CL: Wassila, Mikaeil, Justin, Laila, Aaban, Humera
 5CS: Dolten, Dequan, Sofia, Joseph, Tanvi, Afsah
 5SM: Izzie, Lilly, Nicoleta, Dylan, Rayan, Younes
 6IS: Emily, Bahram, Alieu, Ellie, Milli, Aqib
 6KA: Lexie, Taeveon, Finley, Alivia, Shafiul, Renesmee
 6LA: Robbie, Kayla, Dylan, Jessica, Jude, Harjas

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