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START OF TERM

Happy new year to you all and welcome to a new term at Beeches Junior School. We have enjoyed catching up with the children this week and hearing all about the things they've been up to! The hard work has started, and as always, we have been very impressed by the attitudes children have shown and the work we are already seeing. Of course, as much as we are trying to keep things as "normal" as possible, Covid-19 is very much on our minds and we are constantly monitoring the situation. There is a summary on this newsletter, and we sent a letter home on Wednesday with more information. You can find that letter here: <https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/news-and-letters/letters>

As always, you are a crucial part of your child's journey through education and we look forward to working with you, even though we can't invite you in for as many events as we usually would. Mother's Day is on the horizon and, sadly, it looks as though we will be unable to invite you in to share in a big celebration. Likewise, we would like to be inviting you in for workshops so the children can learn alongside you. That's not possible at the moment, but the main thing is, read, learn times tables and then read and learn times tables some more! And please keep talking to us - if there are any concerns, please let us know.

RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 ADMISSIONS 2022

If you or anyone you know has a child due to start Reception or move to Year 3 in September 2022, the deadline for applications is Saturday 15th January. You can apply here: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions Please note that even if a child has siblings here or at the infant school, admission to the infants is not automatic and you will need to complete an application.

COVID-19 UPDATE

As the number of positive cases continue to grow in our local area, it is important that we follow government guidelines. New guidance is as follows:

- If you or your child has a positive LFD test, you do not need to take a follow up PCR. Instead, isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. The earliest you can leave isolation is day 7 if you have a negative LFD on day 6 AND day 7.
- If you have symptoms of Covid-19 (cough, temperature, loss or change in taste/smell) then book a PCR test as soon as possible. Please be prepared to collect your child from school if they are exhibiting any of these symptoms. They must isolate until the results come back negative.
- If you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive, you do not need to isolate if you carry out a LFD test every day for 7 consecutive days. If you are unable to do the LFD tests then you must isolate. You must report the LFD tests to Test and Trace and to school. Follow this QR code to report to school.
- If any pupils are isolating due to Covid, remote learning is available via SeeSaw if they are well enough to access it. Please play your part to help reduce the number of cases in our local community; wear a mask, keep your distance, practise good respiratory and hand hygiene, test regularly and get vaccinated.



ICY CONDITIONS

This morning, the conditions outside were very icy and slippery. We have a path to the school gritted every morning but please note that most of the playground is not gritted. Therefore, on such days, we would suggest that you stay off the playground before school and wait in the quiet area, outside the Year 3 and 4 classrooms. Please note that until the children come into school in the morning, their safety is your responsibility; if your child comes to school alone, please have a chat with them about walking up safely and avoiding the ice. Thank you.

YEAR 5 SWIMMING

Starting from Tuesday 11th January, all Year 5 children will be going swimming at Beeches Pool and Fitness Centre. They will walk to and from the baths each week, accompanied by members of staff. Children need to bring with them a suitable swimming costume (bikinis and long, Bermuda-style shorts are not permitted) and a towel. If pupils wish, they can bring swimming goggles and swimming caps but will need to be able to put these on themselves; swimming aids (floats and armbands) are not required as the baths will provide these for those children that need them. Please ensure any medication which your child keeps in school is in date. Swimming is a compulsory National Curriculum subject but if, for any medical reason, your child is unable to swim, please inform their class teacher.

DIARY DATES

Tue 11 Jan	<i>Swimming starts for Year 5</i>
Tue 15 & Wed 16 Feb	<i>Parents' evenings</i>
Mon 21 - Fri 25 Feb	<i>Half Term</i>
Mon 14 - Fri 18 Mar	<i>Whole school Science Week</i>
Fri 18 Mar	<i>Red Nose Day - non-uniform</i>

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Cadbury (Red)	464
2	Team Zephaniah (Green)	450
3	Team Malala (Yellow)	418
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	330

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Umamah (3AL)	Year 4: Alfie (4RW)
Year 5: Elena (5CS)	Year 6: Tayyiba (6KA)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Ismail	4AP: Olivia H	5CL: Justin	6IS: Rayyan
3AP: Hasan	4KP: Laicee-Rae H	5CS: Jake	6KA: Aariz
3SP: Amanpreet	4RW: Zoya	5SM: Jehan	6LA: Aiden

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