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CAREERS FAYRE

Calling all mechanics, lawyers, emergency service staff, sports professionals, health workers, business owners, cleaners, engineers... if you love your job, why not come and tell our children about it? Looking ahead, we are planning a Careers Fayre for Thursday 26th May. This will be an opportunity for people from a variety of professions to come into school, set up stands, talk to children and maybe plant some early seeds in their young minds about things they might like to do in the future. If you work in a profession that you would like to promote to our children, we would love to hear from you, especially if you can promote diversity in your profession; we want to show our children that all jobs are available to everyone. The event will run throughout the day, so if you can come for the whole day, that would be great - but if you can only commit to half a day, we'd still like to hear from you. If you or your colleagues are coming in for the event, we will ask for DBS confirmation from your employers. Of course, our children are aged 7-11, so there are certain things that make a big impact on them - if your work involves animals or vehicles or anything else eye-catching, maybe we can arrange for them to come in. And children love giveaway items - you'd be amazed by the power of a sticker! If you think you might be able to take part in our day, please email Mr. Smart: m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk

COVID-19 ISOLATION AND TEST REPORTING

Despite optimistic government messaging and removal of "Plan B" measures, Covid-19 is rife and we have more cases than ever before at school. Please continue to report test results to us using our QR code. This week, we have had nine members of staff absent, and supply teacher agencies have no-one available on some days, so please bear with us if your child is working with different adults.



HEALTHY FOOD

Thank you for your support with our drive to ensure that children are eating healthily in school. We have already seen an improvement. This week, as the expectations are new, we have had a bit of a grace period and we have given reminders rather than confiscating anything, but from next week, we will begin confiscating items that children shouldn't have in school. A few queries have come up this week, and there will probably be others, so below are a few clarifications:

- Rice cakes with a layer of chocolate, or chocolate flavoured ones, are permitted.
- A small bag of mini cookies is permitted for lunch time but not morning snack.
- All cereal bars are permitted; we recognise, of course, that some cereal bars are as unhealthy as chocolate bars, but it would be unmanageable to permit some cereal bars and not others. We ask that you carry out due diligence to ensure that you opt for a healthy bar.
- Cadbury's Creme Eggs (and similar items) are not permitted at any time.

If you want to ask anything about any other items, please email m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk

A reminder of our new expectations and procedures:

- 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 lunch 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.

Thank you for continuing to support us with this.

NUMBER DAY

On Friday 4th February, we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day. This will be a non-uniform day, and children are encouraged to wear clothes with numbers on them. We will be asking for minimum £1 donations for the NSPCC which can be paid on School Money.

SATURDAY YOUTH CLUB

We are sending home some leaflets about a Saturday youth club. We are happy to let you know about this, but please note, this is not affiliated with the school and we are not endorsing it in any way. If you are interested, we urge you to carry out your own due diligence to ensure the club is suitable and safe for your child.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON SEND

The Local Authority are keen to engage parents and carers in shaping the future of SEND provision in our city. If you have a particular interest in this area, please do consider getting involved. They are inviting you to online and in-person events. Full details can be found here:

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/ofsted2021/co-production/>

DIARY DATES

Thu 3 Feb	<i>Professor McGinty visiting Year 3</i>
Fri 4 Feb	<i>Number Day - non-uniform</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 Zephaniah (Green)	541
2	Team Malala (Yellow)	529
3	Team Cadbury (Red)	523
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	434

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Ziya (3SP)	Year 4: Jahmari (4RW)
Year 5: Sana (5SM)	Year 6: Ryeeza (6IS)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Fletcher	4AP: Karman	5CL: Asad	6IS: Leah-Marie
3AP: Jasmine	4KP: Jaydon	5CS: Rihanna	6KA: Renesmee
3SP: Djarn	4RW: Eloise	5SM: Chloe	6LA: Jude

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