

# BEECHES GREEN PAGES

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## END OF TERM

The spring term finishes on Friday 8th April and for everyone except Year 3, you have the option of collecting your child early on that day. Year 3 are on a trip that day, so it will be a full day for them. For everyone else, from 1.15pm, you can collect your child from the playground. 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](mailto: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.

## RAMADAN

The month of Ramadan starts at the weekend and we wish Ramadan Mubarak to all those who are observing this holy month. We understand that you may want your child to fast on certain days. We ask that you please email Mrs. Liddington ([c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:c.liddington@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk)) if you wish your child to fast; without written confirmation, we will expect your child to eat and drink during the day. We discourage children below Year 6 from fasting on school days; we appreciate and respect the fact that they sometimes want to take part, but in our experience, very young children who are fasting find it difficult to focus during the day. Please note that PE is a compulsory National Curriculum subject and we will not withdraw children from lessons on the basis of their fast. Please also note that if children who are fasting start to feel unwell, we will encourage them to have something to eat and drink. Please contact Mr. Smart if you have any concerns about this: [m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk)

## TOILETS

We regret that we are unable to allow parents, carers or siblings of our children to use the toilets at the start and end of the day. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## WOODLANDS

We are very excited to be taking Year 4 to Woodlands on Monday for a two-night residential visit. They will have a great time! A few key things to remember:

- Please arrive at your usual time on Monday morning and bring your child's luggage to the sheltered area outside the main entrance. You will have to walk up with this - please do not buzz at the barrier to drive up.
- If you have medication to hand over, you must come in to hand it over yourself and sign a form; please do not just give it to your child to bring in.
- The children will have lunch here on Monday before departing and they will have lunch back here on Wednesday when they arrive back. Therefore, if you want your child to have a school dinner, please make sure you **book dinners for Monday and Wednesday but not Tuesday**.
- For children who bring a packed lunch, please do this as usual on Monday, but please send it in a bag rather than a lunch box so that we can discard it. On Wednesday, they will be given a packed lunch provided by the school.
- If you can, please collect your child from 1.10pm. They will be tired, they will have missed you, they will have lots to tell you and they will probably smell a bit! If you aren't able to come at that time, we can keep your child here until 3.20pm as usual, but it would be helpful if you could collect them at 1.10pm on Wednesday. **Please note this only applies to Woodlands children; all other children must stay until 3.20pm**, including siblings of Woodlands children.
- We will have an emergency phone number at Woodlands. Please note, this is strictly for emergencies after 4.00pm only. Please do not phone up to see how your child is, or to ask to speak to your child. We will attempt to keep you up-to-date via Twitter and text messages, but the signal can be poor at Woodlands, so don't panic if we aren't tweeting! For emergencies during school hours, please contact the school office. After 4.00pm, **for emergencies only**, the number is 07592 079567.

If you have any questions before we go, please contact Mr. Ellis: [s.ellis@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.ellis@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk)

## SCHOOL DINNERS

Our catering company, Dolce, have informed us that the price of school dinners will increase from £2.30 to £2.40 per day after Easter. Usually, we have to accept, reluctantly, that dinner prices will sometimes go up. However, in the current financial circumstances facing many families, we have written to ask if this can be delayed at least. We don't know if that will be successful; Dolce will no doubt be facing higher costs, like the rest of us. But it is worth a try. We will let you know what happens, but please be prepared to pay £2.40 after Easter. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the office - your enquiry will be handled discreetly.

## DIARY DATES

Mon 4 - Wed 6 Apr	<i>Year 4 residential visit to Woodlands</i>
Tue 5 Apr	<i>Year 5 visit to Black Country Museum</i>
Fri 8 Apr	<i>Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens</i>
Fri 8 Apr	<i>Break up for Easter holiday</i>
Mon 25 Apr	<i>School reopens</i>
Mon 25 & Tue 26 Apr	<i>4AP parents' evenings</i>
Mon 2 May	<i>Bank Holiday - school closed</i>
Mon 9 - Thu 12 May	<i>Year 6 SATs</i>

## TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1=	Team Cadbury (Red)	637
1=	Team Malala (Yellow)	637
3	Team Zephaniah (Green)	577
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	543

## BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Latifa (3AL)	Year 4: Reegan (4AP)
Year 5: Max (5SM)	Year 6: Ayat (6KA)

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3AL: Jaivon	4AP: Scarlett	5CL: Amelia	6IS: Daisy
3AP: Tegan	4KP: Mustafa	5CS: Max	6KA: Ellie Mai
3SP: Ziya	4RW: Kaejan	5SM: Lola	6LA: Izzy

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# This Week's Times Table Rhymes

Where's my car? It's brand new...

4 times 8 is 32

This car is shiny blue...

8 times 4 is 32

Chicken tastes great, that's for sure...

7 times 12 is 84

Scrumptious chicken, I want more! ...

12 times 7 is 84

Is that the last train to Crewe?...

11 times 12 is 132

Before the train, let's grab a brew...

12 times 11 is 132