**Beeches Junior School Newsletter** 

16th September 2022

Issue 2

# **BANK HOLIDAY**

Monday 19th September is the day of Her Late Majesty's funeral and has been designated a Bank Holiday. School will be closed to all staff and pupils on Monday.

## **TERMLY INFORMATION SHEETS**

On the back of this newsletter you will find the Termly Information Sheet for your child's year group. This is the sort of thing to stick on a fridge or a pinboard at home as you may wish to refer back to it during the term.

# **HOMEWORK**

This week will be introducing weekly English and maths homework. Tasks will be stuck into exercise books for children to take home on Fridays and bring back the following Wednesday. We understand that sometimes, homework tasks can be difficult to complete due to other commitments so we will be offering homework clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during school time to support any pupils that may need it. We strongly encourage children to complete homework weekly as research shows it is an effective way to consolidate and embed learning. We will always support parents and pupils in any way we can and do not want this to be a burden on families. Please help us by reminding your child to complete tasks and bring their homework in when it is due. Your support in this is vital and, as always, is much appreciated.

# **JOB VACANCY**

We currently have a vacancy for a gate attendant to work at the start and end of the day. The closing date is Monday 26th September. You can find more details here: <a href="https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies">https://www.beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies</a>

# SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

It is now possible for parents and carers to apply for secondary school places for their children who are currently in Year 6. The submission deadline for this is 31st October 2022.

#### **CONDOVER**

Year 5 and 6 children have been given a letter about Condover visits in 2023. Please take up this excellent opportunity if you can.

# **ART COMPETITION**

A reminder that we are running a competition to design the wall in our quiet area, opposite the fantastic reading mural. We want the design to show something that is important to us here at Beeches. The closing date is Wednesday 21st September and we have some excellent prizes to give out.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Your child should come home today with an important letter regarding school attendance. It is a legal obligation for all children to be in school unless they are too poorly to attend, and the letter outlines information about how we can work together to ensure all children are provided with the education they are entitled to. It will also be displayed on our website if you wish to refer to it in the future. If you have any concerns regarding this letter or your child's ability to attend school, please contact Mrs. Liddington.

#### READING RECORD

Each child has been given a new reading record. This should be brought into school everyday along with their home reader. Children are required to read five times per week between Friday and the following Thursday. After reading, the children should write a short summary about what they have read to ensure they have understood the text. If a child reads and records a comment five times, they will be entered into our weekly Beeches Brilliant Reader raffle and be in with a chance of winning a brand-new book of their choice. Please encourage your child to read!

#### MAIN ENTRANCE

We have noticed an increase in children being brought to/collected from school via the main office entrance, causing congestion. We are a shared site, and it gets very busy with pupils requiring access to the other buildings using this entrance and we must do all we can to keep it safe for them. Congestion also causes a safeguarding concern for our children, as that entrance is not staffed, and children could enter the building without being seen by a member of staff. As of Tuesday, all children will need to be brought to/collected from school via the Beeches Road gate, unless there are extenuating circumstances or your child is attending a booster group, in which case they should be in at 8:30am prompt. If you attempt to bring your child through the main entrance, please do not be offended when you are sent to use the Beeches Road entrance.

If you believe you have extenuating circumstances and need to use the main entrance, please email Mrs. Frances (e.frances@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk), even where previous permission has been granted. Without this, access through the main entrance will not be permitted.

# **DIARY DATES**

Mon 19 Sept Bank holiday - school closed
Thu 29 Sept, 9.00am Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thu 13 Oct, 9.00am Year 4 parents' workshop
Tue 18 & Wed 19 Oct Parents' evenings

# **TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK**

1	Team Cadbury (Red)	456
2	Team Malala (Yellow)	440
3	Team Zephaniah (Green)	377
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	306

#### **BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS**

Year 3: Ibrahim (3P)	Year 4: Melayah (4AS)
Year 5: Nico (5A)	Year 6: Ria (6M)

# **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

3JW: Willow 4AS: Amaya 5A: Sadie 6A: Lilly-May 3P: Sanjog 4L: Dhanvi 5L: Luca 6M: Humera 3RW: Kaian 4P: Jasmine 5P: Ayaan 6S: Sofia

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# **Beeches Junior School**

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# Termly Information Sheet – Autumn 2022 Year 3

The Year 3 staff would like to welcome you all to the start of this academic year and we hope you all had a good summer. Here at Beeches Junior School, we will do everything we can to ensure your child has a positive and successful year and we look forward to working with you as your child strives to achieve their full potential.

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3JW: Miss. Weston J.weston@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk	Mrs. McLaren

**Timings -** Our doors open at 8.45am and children **must** be in by 8.55am. School finishes at 3.20pm.

**Snacks** - Please send your child to school each day with a healthy snack (e.g. fruit or a cereal bar) for morning break.

## P.E. days this term:

3RW: Mondays and Fridays. 3P & 3JW: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On PE days children can wear their PE kit to school but must wear their school jumper/cardigan over the top. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will be outside even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any earrings or watches, this is at your own

**Key Dates:** 

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Diwali Assembly**: Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

October

School photographer: Thursday

10<sup>th</sup> November

**Homework:** The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to **read with someone every day**, learn their **weekly spellings** and they continue **to learn the times tables**.

The children enjoy our home reading scheme and we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child's reading book and reading record come to school every day. Please make a note in their reading record each time your child reads. The children will be given a homework task every Friday and this is due back the following Wednesday. There are homework clubs that children can attend, if they need support, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Concerns: Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually, the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor team of Mrs. Liddington and Mrs. Frances are here to help. Please contact the school office to arrange a meeting.

**Curriculum Overview -** Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:

**English** - This term, we will be focusing on developing an understanding of various types of writing genres. Writing learning journeys will be based as much as possible on our topic of the Stone Age. We will cover a range of writing skills including the use of adjectives, conjunctions, a range of punctuation and appropriate vocabulary choices.

**Computing** - Pupils will be learning how to use animation software to create time-lapse videos and PowerPoint to present information.

**Maths** - A range of topics, focusing this term on a secure understanding of place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also be learning about different types of measure and how to calculate with money. As mentioned above, there will be a big focus on rapid recall of times tables and corresponding division facts. Children are expected to learn these for a weekly test to take place every Wednesday.

**P.E.** – In Outdoor PE, pupils will be learning a range of invasion games skills in order to implement these in rugby. We will be learning team building and problem solving in our outdoor adventure activities.

**Science** - Our topic in Science this term is 'Let it Shine' where we will be learning about light and shadows. We will learn how to conduct tests and how to ensure these are fair.

**Topic (inc. Geography and History)** – In History, we will be learning about changes in Britain from the time of the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Our Geography study will revolve around map work and being able to locate continents, countries and cities. We will also be looking at different human and natural features within landscapes.

**P.S.H.E.** – In PSHE, we will be learning about ourselves and aiming to develop an understanding of who we are as individuals, what drives us and how to express ourselves in positive ways.

**R.E.** – We will be learning about Hinduism where there will be a focus on the celebration of Diwali.

Music – We will be learning about how songs are composed using beats and rhythms. 3RW will be learning the cello. (3P & 3JW later this year)

**Art** – Our learning in Art will be based on charcoal drawings with a link to Stone Age cave drawings. We will also be learning about the artist Joel Daniel Phillips.

**Design & Technology** – We will be learning how to make simple structures and how to carefully select appropriate materials to do so.

**French** – Pupils will be learning simple words such as numbers, colours, days of the week and greeting phrases.



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# **Termly Information Sheet – Autumn 2022** Year 4

All of the staff in the year group would like to give you a warm welcome to Year 4 and we hope you had a lovely summer. We are delighted to have the children back with us and look forward to a very productive year. Even though they are in the same corridor, many of the children have already made the step up to Year 4 expectations and we couldn't be prouder. If you have any queries at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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**Timings -** Our doors open at 8.45am and children **must be** in by 8.55am. School finishes at 3.20pm.

Snacks - Please send your child to school each day with a healthy snack (e.g. fruit or a cereal bar) for morning break.

# P.E. days this term:

4AS - Outdoor PE will be on Thursdays and Indoor PE will be on Fridays. 4L - Outdoor PE will be on Fridays and Indoor PE will be on Thursdays.

4P - Outdoor PE will be on Fridays and Indoor PE will be on Mondays. On PE days, children can wear their PE kit to school but must wear their October school jumper/cardigan over the top. Please ensure your child has Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry Wednesday 19th October we will be outside even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If November your child does bring in any earrings or watches, this is at your own risk.

# **Key Dates:**

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thursday 26th September

Parent Times Table Workshop: Thursday 13th

**Diwali Assembly**: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October School photographer: Thursday 10th

#### Homework:

The main things that we ask are your child has an opportunity to read with someone every day, learn their weekly spellings and they continue to learn the times tables.

The children enjoy our home reading scheme and we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child's reading book and bookmark come to school every day. Please make a note on the bookmark each time your child reads. Children will be given homework every Friday and this is due back the following Wednesday. There are homework clubs that children can attend if they need support on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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#### Concerns:

Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor team of Mrs. Liddington and Mrs. Frances are here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

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Curriculum Overview - Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:

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port 'live' from a volcano.	
P.E. – Outdoor PE will be based	
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otball. Indoor PE will be dance	
ked to our topic of the Romans.	
Geography and History)- We will	
ncient Roman civilisation and its	
Britain.	
E. – Focusing on Buddhism, with	
e key question: Is it possible for	
eryone to be happy?	
ench – We will be learning	
cabulary and phrases including	



# Termly Information Sheet – Autumn 2022 Year 5

The Year 5 staff would like to welcome you all to the start of Year 5 and we hope you all had a good summer. Here at Beeches Junior School, we will do everything we can to ensure your child has a positive and successful year and we look forward to working with you as your child strives to achieve their full potential.

#### **Staff Team**

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**Timings** - Our doors open at 8.45am and children **must be in by 8.55am.** School finishes at **3.20pm.** 

**Snacks** - Please send your child to school each day with a healthy snack (e.g. fruit or a cereal bar) for morning break.

## P.E. days this term

All classes: Outdoor - Monday Swimming - Tuesday On PE days, children can wear their PE kit to school but must wear their school jumper/cardigan over the top. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor activities. If the weather is dry, we will be outside even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits & sweat tops are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves. If your child does bring in any earrings or watches, this is at your own risk.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thursday

26<sup>th</sup> September

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 18th &

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Diwali Assembly**: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October **School photographer**: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

November

# Homework

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The children enjoy our home reading scheme and we ask for your support by ensuring that books are well looked after and that your child's reading book and record come to school every day. Please make a note in the record each time your child reads.

Children will be given homework every Friday and this is due back the following Wednesday. There are homework clubs that children can attend if they need support on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday.

# Concerns

Do you have any concerns about your child? Usually, the best person to speak to in the first instance is the class teacher. If your child is falling behind in their learning or having a specific difficulty, you may wish to speak to Mr. Ellis, our Inclusion Leader. If your child is experiencing emotional difficulties or friendship issues, or if you are experiencing any problems as a family, our Learning Mentor team of Mrs. Liddington and Mrs. Frances are here to help. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

# **Curriculum Overview**

Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:

English A non-fiction information text based on Ancient Greece. Later in the term, we will be looking at a narrative and some persuasive writing.	Computing Making videos to re-tell Ancient Greek Myths.
Maths Throughout this term, we will look at a range of topics such as: place value, number bonds, addition and subtraction, percentages and geometry. In addition, we will focus on the children being able to recall the times tables, including corresponding division facts.	P.E. Outdoor – Netball Indoor - Swimming

Science	Topic (inc. Geography and History)
'Marvellous Materials' – Finding out about the	A Greek Odyssey – finding out about Greece and Ancient
properties of materials and their uses.	Greece
properties of materials and their uses.	Greece

P.S.H.E. 'Being Me'	R.E. Sikhism (Belief into action.)	<b>Music</b> Folk Music.
Art Sketching and Painting linked to Ancient Greece. We will explore water colours and patterns.	Design & Technology Designing and creating a sandal linked to Ancient Greece.	French Conversation and numbers up to 10



# **Beeches Junior School**

# Termly Information Sheet – Autumn 2022 Year 6

# Aspire, Believe, Strive, Achieve

The Year 6 team would like to welcome parents and children back. We are all thrilled with the start the children have made so far and look forward to facing together the challenges that this year brings.

As we all know, Year 6 can bring added pressure for the children. We all want our children to succeed and be the best that they can be and, together, we will endeavour to build on their emotional intelligence and independence to ensure that they reach their full potential. As always, parental support is vital and we look forward to working closely with you.

The deadline for selecting your child's secondary school is **31st October** and this should be completed online via the Birmingham City Council website. If you have any issues completing the form, please contact the school office. To avoid disappointment, it is advised that you use all six of your selections; otherwise the Local Authority may choose a school for you if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a placement at your preferred choice.

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**Timings:** Our doors open at 8.45am and children **must** be in by 8.55am. School finishes at 3.20pm.

**Snacks** - Please send your child to school each day with a healthy snack (e.g. fruit or a cereal bar) for morning break.

# P.E. days this term:

Wednesday and Thursday will be our P.E days which will alternate between indoor and outdoor.

Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for outdoor activities. If the weather is dry we will usually be outside, even if it is a bit cold, so tracksuits are appropriate. Jewellery must not be worn for P.E. and if children are wearing earrings, they must be able to remove these by themselves.

# **Key Dates:**

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thursday 26th

September

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 18th & Wednesday

19<sup>th</sup> October

**Diwali Assembly**: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October

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#### Homework:

Science

To prepare your child for secondary school and ensure a smooth transition, homework is strongly encouraged in Year 6. This is an important year and continuous provision at home is a powerful tool that can accelerate your child's progress. We will be sending home Maths and Reading boosters weekly on Friday to be returned on Wednesday to go through as a class. In addition to this, the children are expected to read five times a week for 20 minutes to be entered into the Beeches Brilliant Reader draw. The date and comment about what they have read should be recorded in their reading record and will be checked and signed by their teacher. Children will be directed to homework club if they did not have an opportunity to complete their work at home. Thank you in advance for your support!

'As long as teachers and parents work together as allies, the sky is the limit for our children.'

# Concerns:

Topic (inc. Geography and History)

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# **Curriculum Overview** Here is a summary of the main learning your child will be doing this term:

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English	Computing
Throughout the Autumn term, we will be completing several exciting learning	Digital literacy/desktop
journeys including links to our topics.	publishing: creating a brochure
Maths	P.E.
There will be a heavy focus on arithmetic, including: place value, four operations,	Gym, dance and invasion games
fractions, decimals and measurement.	

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"Light and how we see" and "We are evolving"		World War Two and Crime and Punishment			
P.S.H.E. Art R.E.			Music		
	Being me	Sketching and creating	- How does a Muslim show commitment to God?		Composing
		backgrounds	- Do Christmas celebratio	ns and traditions help Christians	repetitive patterns

			understand who Jesus was and why He was born?	
Design & Technology		nology	French	
	Air raid shelters		Developing understanding basic words and phrases	
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