

WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome to 2023 at Beeches Junior School - happy new year to you all! We hope you've had a fun and restful break, and a very happy Christmas for those who were celebrating. We look forward to working with you throughout this year and, as usual, there will be lots of special events we will be inviting you to. We are acutely aware of the difficulties many people are facing financially at the moment, and we are trying to strike the right balance between doing lots of exciting things for our children and keeping the costs manageable for you and for us. Sometimes we do have to ask for money - there are three messages in this newsletter asking for money! - but please come and speak to us if this is a problem. We don't want any children to miss out and we don't want to add to family stresses.

AUTISM WORKSHOP

On Thursday 12th January in the morning there will be a workshop for parents and carers at school, led by Dawn Fisher from the Communication and Autism Team looking at how to support young people with autism. A number of parents and carers have already signed up, but there is room for more! The session will run from 9.10am until approximately 11.00am. Please contact Mr Ellis for more information or to register your interest: s.ellis@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

We are looking forward to our residential visits with the children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Please make sure you keep up-to-date with payments, which are due as follows:
Year 4 Woodlands last payment by 10th February.
Year 5 Condover 2nd payment by 20th January.
Year 6 Condover 2nd payment by 20th January.
If you have any difficulties with this, please let Mr Ellis or Mrs Barker know as soon as possible; the sooner we know, the more likely it is we can make arrangements to help.

PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

Please make sure that you keep up with payments for school trips on SchoolMoney (<https://tinyurl.com/yh5pxp4f>). We set up the payment plan to help spread the cost of school trips over the year. Without your payments, we may have to cancel the planned trips. Please speak to us if you have any difficulties in making payments.

RECEPTION AND YEAR 2-3 ADMISSIONS

If you or someone you know has a child who is due to start Reception or Year 3 in September 2023, please note the following from Birmingham City Council:

The final closing date for Reception and Year 2-3 admissions for entry in September 2023 is **11.59 pm on Sunday, 15 January 2023**. Applications can be made online through the Birmingham City Council website:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Please can you help raise awareness of the process as parents who apply late are less likely to be offered one of their preferred schools. All the information parents need to support with making their preferences is available on our website: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

More advice and support is also available from Children's Services on **0121 303 1888**. Finally, please note that primary national offer day will fall on **Monday, 17 April 2023**.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS DAY

A reminder that next Wednesday is our TT Rockstars Day and children are invited to come to school dressed as their TT Rockstar's avatar, or as a famous or made-up rockstar. Please ensure your child uses TT Rockstars regularly - you can access it using this QR code. If you don't know your child's login details, please message their teacher on ClassDojo.



MATHS MOMENTS

Each half term, the whole school will have a maths focus to be shared with you at home and different ways you can support your child. Please see ClassDojo for each post to help you with supporting your child with the focus. We will start this next week. Posts will be put on the school story by Monday afternoon each week by our Maths Lead Mrs Strickland. If you have any questions at any point about the Maths Moment, please feel free to email her with your questions; m.strickland@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk
This half term's Maths Moment will be 'time.'

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Our latest wave of after-school clubs is starting next week, and by now you should have been notified if your child has a place in one of the clubs. Payments are now due. Most of our clubs are over-subscribed, so if payment isn't received, we may offer your child's place to someone else.

DIARY DATES

Wed 11 Jan	TTRS launch day
Thu 12 Jan	Autism parents' workshop
Thu 12 Jan	Y6 visit to Steelhouse Lane
Thu 19 Jan	Year 6 Maths workshop
Tue 24 Jan am	4P vihara visit
Thu 26 Jan am	4AS vihara visit
Tue 31 Jan	Year 5 Cadbury World visit
Thu 2 Feb am	4L vihara visit
Tue 14 Feb	Year 3 synagogue visit
Fri 17 Feb	Break up for half term

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

1	Team Lewis (Blue)	384
2	Team Malala (Yellow)	376
3	Team Cadbury (Red)	322
4	Team Zephaniah (Green)	303

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Ibrahim (3P)	Year 4: Savannah (4AS)
Year 5: Alfie (5L)	Year 6: Max (6A)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3JW: Neha	4AS: Dominic	5A: Mustafa	6A: Chloe
3P: Karamveer	4L: Harry	5L: Evelyn	6M: Asad
3RW: Louie	4P: Thawsif	5P: Olivia H	6S: Malika

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