



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

We are changing the way we do our celebration assemblies, partly in response to feedback from parents and carers who need the assembly to be as short as possible so they can get off to work. Starting next week, we will be announcing team points and celebrating individual achievements on a Monday. We will continue to celebrate our Pupils of the Week and our Beeches Brilliant Readers in Friday assemblies, and you will still be invited to join us when your child is Pupil of the Week. If your child has **recently** been awarded a certificate, medal, trophy, belt, Blue Peter badge or anything else because of something brilliant they've done outside school, we would love to celebrate that with them - please get them to bring their award into school on a Monday morning.

BRING IT ON BRUM!

There is once again a vast programme of activities aimed at free school meal-eligible children during half term. The huge range of activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music as well as information and advice for the whole family. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but each will be serving a free nutritious lunch. (You must book in advance to receive your free lunch.) To book your place at one of our sessions or to find out more about the Bring It On Brum! programme visit www.bringitonbrum.co.uk. Bookings are open now. There are also food festivals for families eligible for free school meals, and details of these are on the same website. There is a poster on the next page with a QR code you can scan to access the website.

Bookings are open now, so don't miss out - if you are wondering how your child will fill their time during half term, there are some excellent options here.

NUMBER DAY

We've enjoyed Number Day today, supporting the NSPCC. If you are able to, please donate £1 to the NSPCC via School Money.

FOOTBALL BOOTS

Please note that football boots, including those with moulded studs and "blades" are not appropriate footwear for school, including on PE days and non-uniform days. If your child is playing in a football match after school and you have been told they need their boots, they should bring their boots separately.

PARKRUN (OR PARKWALK!)

A reminder that there will be a group of staff at Perry Hall Parkrun on Saturday 11th February, and we would love to see some of you there. For full details, please see last week's newsletter. The main thing is it's 5km, it's free, it starts at 9.00am, it's for everyone, no matter your level of fitness, you can run, walk or anything in between! Children under 11 need to stay with an adult throughout the run/walk. School staff will encourage and support you, but you are responsible for your child at all times. We really hope to see some of our families there, and it could become something that we do regularly. More information here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/perryhall/>

SICKNESS ABSENCE

We have reviewed our policy on children returning from sickness absences. Starting on Monday 6th February, we will be insisting that children stay off school for a minimum of 48 hours after their last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea. We appreciate that most families recognise the importance of attendance and are keen to get children back into school as quickly as possible, and so are we, but given the way sickness bugs have gone through the school in recent times, we feel it necessary to insist on 48 hours. This brings us into line with other schools we have consulted with, and with government guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infectious-diseases-schools-and-other-childcare-settings/how-long-should-you-keep-your-child-off-school-checklist-poster-text-version>

"CAT PAC" COURSE

A reminder that you can still book onto our CAT PAC (Communication and Autism Team Parent Awareness Course) by emailing Mr Ellis: s.ellis@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk. This is a six week course, running on Thursdays in school from 9.15am to 10.45am, starting on 16th February.

YEAR 4 VIHARA VISITS

4L and 4P have visited a Buddhist temple this week. (4AS are going in two weeks.) Maddison (4P) has written about it: *On Friday 3rd February, 4P went to visit a Buddhist temple called a Vihara. When we arrived, we were greeted by a Buddhist monk who told us about his life as a monk, all about other monks and their way of life. We learned about the important teachings for Buddhist monks and they showed us a video about the life of the Buddha. The monk who was teaching us was very hospitable and answered all of our questions and we had a great time learning.*

DIARY DATES

Tue 7 Feb, 9.05am	Year 5 parents' spelling workshop
Sat 11 Feb, 8.50am	Perry Hall Parkrun
Mon 13 & Wed 15 Feb	Parents' evenings
Tue 14 Feb	Year 3 synagogue & library visit
Tue 14 Feb	6S parents' evening
Fri 17 Feb am	4AS vihara visit
Fri 17 Feb pm	Wisdom dental check-ups
Fri 17 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 27 Feb	School reopens
Thu 16 Mar, pm	Mother's Day event

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Syed (3RW)	Year 4: Jessica (4L)
Year 5: Ayaan (5P)	Year 6: Mubarak (6M)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3JW: Ava	4AS: Shyam	5A: Kyan	6A: Lily
3P: Jacob	4L: Bonnie	5L: Holly	6M: Diarra
3RW: Elijah	4P: Jaivon	5P: Amarii	6S: Dolten

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COME AND TRY BRING IT ON BRUM!



Suitable for children & young people aged 4-16
eligible for free school meals.

Young people and their families are encouraged to join us this
half-term at one of our **FREE** taster sessions, to learn all about
Birmingham's **FREE** Holiday Activity & Food Programme.

- Activity tasters including, Arts & Crafts, Cooking & Sports
- Signposting to further cost-of-living support services
- And much more!



**DON'T MISS OUT
THIS HALF-TERM!**

BOOK IN ADVANCE TO GET A FREE LUNCH WHEN YOU ATTEND

**TO BOOK A PLACE AT YOUR LOCAL
VENUE AND TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO:**

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