

EASTER HOLIDAY

Today is the last day of term and we will be closing our doors for two weeks. We wish all of you a very pleasant break and hope that you enjoy lots of happy times together. Happy Easter, Ramadan Mubarak and Happy Vaisakhi to all those celebrating! We look forward to seeing you all on 17th April.

HOLIDAY CAMP

There are still places on the free Aspire holiday camp at our school next Monday to Thursday. For more details and to sign up, use this link: <https://www.aspire-sports.co.uk/active-camps/free-easter-activities>

STAY AND READ

Stay and Read continues on Tuesday mornings, with parents/carers from 3JW invited to stay with us for 20 minutes on 18th April. Please come to the hall at 8.45am.

PARKRUN

Well done to the 15 members of our school community who came to Parkrun on Saturday, including Esmay, Evan and Miss Lawley, who took on the challenge for the first time.

WOODLANDS

65 of our Year 4 children had their residential visit to Woodlands this week. Huge thanks are due to the staff who went with them: Mr Ali, Miss Bayliss, Mr Ellis, Mrs Harris, Miss Parsons, Miss Silvera and Mrs Wall. Jessica M (4AS) has written about what they got up to:

Woodlands was super fun! We all had the best time! When we first arrived, we had a tour of the place. We then chose our beds and went to our first activity, which was a team building task. We did lots of things, including getting a hoop round a circle without letting go of each other and getting a barrel onto the ground using only a rope. Then, we did the high ropes. We had to do a challenge: climb to the top of the tower and jump off it! Later, we sat around the fire and listened to some songs. On Tuesday, we did the zip-line, which we really enjoyed. We also had a go at canoeing and we had a race and a giant splash fight, and we jumped in the lake. We finished our final evening with a movie night.

YEAR 3 VISIT

Year 3 had an exciting day out this week and Karamveer and Sukhraj (3P) have written about it:

Yesterday, we went on a trip to the synagogue and we learned about Judaism. Did you know that Jewish people follow the Ten Commandments? And you can't touch the Torah scroll because the ink will rub out and it takes one year or one and a half years to make one scroll? Our favourite parts were looking at the scroll and the stained glass windows with the star of David. Geoff gave us a great tour! We also went to the Birmingham library and a lady came to talk about what we would see there. First, we went to the 9th floor which was the Shakespeare memorial all about a person named William Shakespeare who made very interesting, old books. Then, we went in the elevator to the 7th floor that was a secret garden. It was so high that we saw people, cars, buildings and even the BT tower. Lastly, we checked out some books to read.

BIRMINGHAM PRIDE/LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

We are making plans for LGBTQ+ History Month in June, including an Equality Week starting on June 19th. Before that, though, we would like our school community to be represented at the Birmingham Pride parade on 27th May 2023. Some members of staff will be meeting in Birmingham City Centre at 11am to celebrate and watch the parade which is full of wonderful things to see, and we would love for you to join us. An exciting opportunity has arisen in that if you are interested in being a part of the Birmingham Pride Parade, there are limited spaces for you and your child to walk with our staff taking part in the parade. This is a rare opportunity and hope some of you take the chance to be a part of the parade with us! If you feel this is something you would like to do with the school or if you have any questions, please message Mrs Frances on ClassDojo or email her: e.frances@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk

Please specify if you would like to watch or be a part of the parade so we can go through the details. Please let us know **by 21st April** at the latest.

FOOTBALL SHIRT FRIDAY

This year we will once again support Football Shirt Friday, in aid of the Bobby Moore Fund, which is run in memory of the legendary England captain and funds research into bowel cancer. Friday 21st April will be a non-uniform day, and children are encouraged to wear football shirts. Don't worry if they don't have one - any sporty top will do, or just general non-uniform. We ask for a minimum £1 donation to the Bobby Moore Fund via School Money.

DIARY DATES

Mon 17 Apr	School reopens
Tue 18 Apr, 8.45am	3JW Stay and Read
Wed 19 Apr	Team Cadbury Wibly Wobbly's trip
Thu 20 Apr	Year 5 Wonderdome
Fri 21 Apr	Football Shirt Friday
Tue 25 Apr, 8.45am	3P Stay and Read
Tue 25 Apr, 9.15am	Year 3 reading/spelling workshop
Wed 26 Apr, 9.05am	Year 4 reading workshop
Thu 27 Apr	Year 4 Mandir visit
Mon 1 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 2 May, 8.45am	3RW Stay and Read
Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tue 9 - Fri 12 May	Year 6 SATs week
Tue 9 May	Year 3 visit to Botanical Gardens
Tue 16 May, 8.45am	6M Stay and Read
Thu 18 May	Fire service visiting Year 4
Fri 26 May	Break up for half term
Mon 5 Jun	School reopens

TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to spring term winners **Team Cadbury!** They will be visiting Wibly Wobbly's on Wednesday 19th April.

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Abbie (3JW)	Year 4: Ziya (4AS)
Year 5: Max (5A)	Year 6: Sophia (6M)

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STARS AWARDS

Thank you to everyone who came to our Stars assemblies this week, and well done to all our winners. Here is a full list of this half-term's Stars:

3JW: Charlie, Mikey, Alfie, Jordan, Neha, Zoya

3P: Amrit, Anaya, Alexis, Taylan, Alex, Jacob

3RW: Eshan, Arianna, Jeeya, Michael, Alicia, Sienna-Rose

4AS: Fletcher, Melayah, Noah, Savannah, Shyam, Maksym

4L: Hamida, Gracie, Jessica, Jayden, Arjun, Talvyn

4P: Dani, Aalaya, Christos, Jaivon, Issa, Ethan

5A: Alpha, Logan, Neveah, Solange, Esmay, Cassius

5L: Ella, Liam, Dhillon, Kaejan, Holly, Maya

5P: Khaerat, Nabid, Richmond, Eli, Max, Jamie

6A: Umid, Henry, Areej, Mason, Taiya, Izzie

6M: Asad, Justin, Driya, Sophia, Michaela, Ezekial

6S: Maira, Lottie, Tyler M, Aqsa, Tyler B, Iona