

COLLECTING FROM CLUBS

As the evenings get dark very early now, we do not feel it is appropriate for any child to be walking home alone after a club. Therefore, if your child is taking part in an after-school club, please ensure they are collected. Children in Years 5 and 6 are still permitted to walk home alone at 3.20pm as usual if we have written consent from you.

CHRISTMAS WINTER TRAIL

We are looking forward to our Christmas Winter Trail next Thursday! Thank you for all the items you have donated - this will help us to put smiles on lots of faces and it will also help us to raise money. This year, all the proceeds from the Christmas Fayre will be used to subsidise educational visits for all year groups. for the remainder of the year. A few things you need to know about the Christmas Winter Trail:

- At 3.20pm, school will finish as usual and your child must be collected unless they are going to Beeches Busy Kids Club.
- We will re-open the doors as soon as we are ready - we think that will be at about 3.30pm.
- All parts of the Christmas Winter Trail will be indoors. There will be stalls in the hall and in the Year 4 classrooms, and the Elves' Café will be in the staff room. The hall tends to become very busy at the start so you may wish to go to one of the other areas first.
- There will be a range of activities for children to have a go at, prizes to be won and food and drink to be bought. All sales are cash only - please bring change if you can.
- As you come in, you can collect a list of the different parts of the trail. Each time you visit an area, you will get a stamp on your map. If you collect all the stamps, you can be entered into a prize draw.
- Raffle tickets are on sale after school each day and during the trail. They are priced at £2 for a strip of 5 tickets. There are a number of prizes available including a bike and an air-fryer.
- The raffle will be drawn at approximately 4.45pm. If you are here and you are a winner, you will be able to choose your prize. If you are not here, a prize will be chosen for you. If your ticket is the first one pulled out and you are not here, you will win the bike.

GREAT BARR METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET

We have been asked to let you know about an event going on in the community next weekend. On Saturday 9th December from 3.00pm until 6.00pm, Great Barr Methodist Church will host the Christmas Market, with stalls, carol singing, face painting and more. It is £1 for adults to enter and 50p for children, and an extra £5 to visit Santa and receive a gift. The church is on Sundial Lane, B43 6PA. Please note, this is not a Beeches Junior School event and we make no guarantees about it but we are happy to let you know about it.

STAFFING NEWS

After fifteen years and one term at our school, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Wheatley at Christmas. Mr Wheatley has taught hundreds of children in his time here and he has had a huge impact on our school community. We will miss him greatly. We have a new teacher joining us in January by the name of Mrs Powers and she will become 5W's teacher. Mrs Powers will also be our English leader. We look forward to welcoming her to the team!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

As well as being our Christmas Winter Trail day, Thursday 7th December will be our Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. This is a non-uniform day for everyone and we encourage children to wear their best Christmas jumpers that day. We understand that not everyone will be able to donate, but please do if you are able to. Donation options from 50p to £5 have been set up on School Money.

BRING IT ON BRUM

This week, all families of children eligible for benefits-related free school meals should have received an email about activities and support on offer from the Local Authority over Christmas. Please let us know if you didn't receive this and think you should have.

DIARY DATES

Thu 7 Dec	Non-uniform - Christmas Jumper Day
Thu 7 Dec, 3.30pm	Christmas Winter Trail
Mon 11 Dec	Year 6 visit to Beaumanor
Tue 19 Dec, 9.00am & Wed 20 Dec, 2.30pm	Year 4 Christmas show
Thu 21 Dec	Christmas dinner
Fri 22 Dec	Last day of term
Tue 9 Jan 2024	School reopens

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3C: Awais	4B: Scarlett	5A: Talvyn	6IS: Scarlett
3L: Niamh	4F: Ibrahim	5P: Aahil	6MS: Jaydon
3P: Georgia	4L: Arianna	5W: Jessica	6SM: Eloise
3W: Mahdiya			

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Ripley (3W)
Year 4: Saairah (4F)
Year 5: Kristian (5A)
Year 6: Nasrin (6MS)

TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Cadbury	827
2.	Team Lewis	800
3.	Team Malala	739
4.	Team Zephaniah	702

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