

END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Waiting on the Playground

When you are collecting children, please make sure you wait on the playground and not in the area immediately outside the classrooms. We have particularly noticed older siblings from Arena waiting outside the classrooms along with younger siblings running round. If your child is collected by an older sibling, please make sure they are aware they must wait on the playground. Thank you.

Late Collections

Since we started tracking late collections, we are very pleased that there has been an improvement. However, a few children are still being collected late. We understand that occasionally things may happen that are beyond your control and you may be running late. If this happens, please call and let us know. However, this should not be a habit and, in accordance with NSPCC advice, this may need to be recorded as a safeguarding concern if it happens regularly. Please come and speak to us if you are struggling or if there is anything you think we need to know.

REPORTING ABSENCE

When calling to report your child's absence or their late arrival to school, we ask that you use option one on the call system and leave an answerphone message detailing your child's name, class and reason for absence. This enables the messages to come directly to the attendance team so absences can be recorded promptly. Please do not call through to the office as it not only causes delays in receiving the information, but it also creates unnecessary work for our very busy office team. Thank you for your co-operation.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

It has been a lengthy process but we are now in a position to share information about the new provider of our before and after school club. Please see on the next pages a letter from Central Education, a company we have worked with on many occasions. Please note that, although there is a price increase for some users, the only reason we haven't already increased our prices is that we knew we were not going to continue to be the provider. If we were carrying on, our prices would have to be higher than this. All payments for Beeches Busy Kids Club will need to be cleared by the end of this half term, before Central Education take over. As per our current policy, regretfully we will not be able to accept children into club if payment has not been made in advance. If you use a childcare voucher scheme, please ensure that you have made your claims to cover this period and forward the details to Mrs Gillespie – k.gillespie@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk.

SMART WATCHES

A reminder that our uniform policy states: *Smart watches and similar items, with capability for sending and receiving messages or taking photographs, are not permitted. Watches that count steps, such as "fitbits", are permitted, as long as they do not have the features of a Smart watch.*

SCHOOL MEALS

A reminder that, from Monday, other than in exceptional circumstances, the office team have been asked not to place any school meal orders for children. Please order online before the start of the school day. Thank you.

PARENT/CARER SURVEY

We have been asked to support some research into cultural diversity in schools and we have agreed to do so. This will involve pupil, staff and parent/carer questionnaires as well as conversations with school leaders. We would be grateful if you could find a few minutes to complete the parent/carer questionnaire. It is anonymous. Please note that by completing the questionnaire, you consent to your responses being used in the research. You can find the questionnaire here: <https://forms.office.com/e/qi7ydeUaCx> Alternatively, you can follow the QR code. Children will have an opportunity in school to complete their questionnaires. Many thanks in advance.



DIARY DATES

Tue 30 Apr	Year 5 gurdwara visit
Mon 6 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Wed 8 May	Year 5 parliament visit
Mon 13 - Thu 16 May	Year 6 SATs week
Fri 24 May	Break up for half term
Mon 3 Jun	School reopens
Mon 10 Jun (Tue 11 Jun)	Sports afternoon (Reserve sports afternoon)
Thu 13 Jun	Year 4 Mandir visit
Tue 25 Jun	Year 4 Black Country Living Museum visit
Tue 9 Jul	Summer Fayre

UNICEF RIGHT OF THE WEEK

Article 6: Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3C: Karim	4B: Demari	5A: Mustafa	6I: Ellie
3L: Franklin	4F: Darcey	5KP: Umaimah	6MS: Neveah
3P: Alice	4L: Elijah	5P: Alis	6SM: Ayra
3W: Joshua			

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: T'Jay (3P)
Year 4: Zayn (4L)
Year 5: Freya (5P)
Year 6: Holly (6SM)

TEAM POINTS

1.	Team Zephaniah	899
2.	Team Lewis	840
3.	Team Cadbury	825
4.	Team Malala	710

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Important changes to Before and After school club at Beeches Junior School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to inform you of some important changes regarding the before and after school club operating at Beeches Junior School.

As of after half term, Central Education will be taking over the management and operation of the club. Henceforth, the club will be referred to as "Central Out of School Club."

We understand that change can sometimes be challenging, but we want to assure you that while some aspects of the club will change, many things will remain the same:

Things that will remain the same:

Staffing: The dedicated and familiar staff members who have been providing excellent care and support to your children will remain with the club. They will continue to ensure the safety and well-being of your children.

Venue: The club will continue to operate from the same location within the school premises, providing a familiar environment for your children.

However, there will also be some changes to the club's operations:

Things that will change:

Booking: The process for booking sessions at the Central Out of School Club will be different. Parents will now be required to register on the new booking system and make their bookings in advance.

Payment: There will be changes to the payment process. Details on how to pay for sessions will be provided through the new booking system. In short, bookings need to be made two weeks in advance. Any bookings within this two week window is classed as an 'ad hoc' booking and will need to be booked by the setting manager, with an additional 25% admin charge.

Timings: There will be an addition of a short session (3:15 - 4:15) as well as the usual longer session (3:15 - 5:55) and usual breakfast club session (7:30 - 8:45). Please refer to the new booking system for updated timings.

Food: The provision of food will change to a mainly cold based menu. This will include things such as fruit, yogurts, sandwiches, and wraps, as well as toast with various toppings. Breakfast club will serve cereal and toast. The reason for this is it allows staff to spend more time with the children, rather than in the kitchen preparing food/cleaning. We also like to make the preparation of food an activity for the children where possible. Please note, the food served in after school club is meant as a healthy snack, not in place of their evening meal.

How to Book:

Register on the system (<https://centraleducation.ipalbookings.com/app>)

Add your child to your profile.

Select "Make a Booking" and select 'Before and After School Club'.

Select your child's name and the Beeches venue.

Select your dates and times.

Costs:

Before school club, 7:30 - 8:45: £4.62

After school club, 15:20 - 16:20: £5.50

After school club, 15:20 - 17:55: £10.45 (or £9.90 if booking a full week)

10% sibling discount applies (automatically added via the booking system)

Payment:

Payment is made via the online booking system via card, childcare vouchers or tax free childcare. To see a list of childcare voucher references for processing, please see page 15 of our parent/carer pack:

https://issuu.com/centraleducation/docs/e-bookcentraleducationparentpack?fbclid=IwAR1ij48Jmhdjl4kaXuBH_oFgKnap-lxFT1ZclrKTy9ko4NN2CgmtRH5RCRg

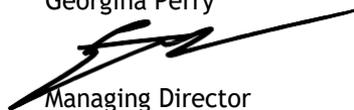
Full terms and conditions for booking can be viewed via the booking portal.

We understand that these changes may raise questions, and we are here to support you through this transition. If you have any concerns or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly on office@centraleducation.co.uk.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to ensure a smooth transition and continue to provide the best possible care for your children.

Kindest regards,

Georgina Perry



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