

Beeches Green Pages

WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome to you all to our 2020/21 academic year. So much to say - it's hard to know where to start! Let's start with some enormous "thank yous". First of all, the biggest thank you goes to our children, including our lovely new Year 3s. They have all waited patiently for their opportunity to come back to school, and they have risen to the challenges this week superbly. Secondly, thank you to the staff team, who are working extremely hard to make sure the children have a great experience at school, and that things are as "normal" as possible. Finally, a huge thank you to you, the parents and carers. The children have been telling us about the great things you've done with them over the last few months. The fact that the children have come back so ready to learn is a credit to you. Thank you also for your patience and flexibility, especially with the changing arrangements this week. We seem to have found arrangements for the start and end of the day that are working, so we'll stick with it as it is for now and tweak things if we see any improvements we can make. Finally on the "thank yous", some of you have been working on the front line in the NHS and other health-related roles over the last few months. You have put yourselves in harm's way for the benefit of all of us, and for that, we are forever indebted.

TEXT MESSAGES

As you will have noticed this week, sometimes we need to contact you by text message. As one parent said this week, "Thank you for keeping us informed, but can you please keep it to one message at a time and not 14?" Fair enough! We will try. It is vital that we have an up-to-date number for you so that you get our messages, especially in the midst of the pandemic, where we might need to change things at short notice. If you haven't been receiving our messages this week, please contact the office urgently with your mobile number so we can add this to the system.

PARKING

We know that it is very difficult to find a parking space around school, and we understand that mornings can be hectic, with multiple drop-offs for some of you on the way to work. However, we must ask you to drive and park responsibly and to be respectful to our neighbours. We do receive complaints from local residents from time to time. Please consider allowing enough time to walk to school, or to park away from the school and walk up. Not only will this help the congestion, it will also encourage healthy habits in your child. Many thanks for your co-operation.

NEW FACES

As well as our new Year 3 children, we are also very pleased to welcome some new (or returning) members of staff. First up, Miss Parmar has joined our team permanently as a teacher, and she is working in Year 4. Mrs. Khatun and Mrs. Cartmell have joined the team as teaching assistants, working in Year 5 and Year 6 respectively. Miss Parmar, Mrs. Khatun and Mrs. Cartmell all had temporary roles with us last year, and it's great to have them back. In other news, Mrs. Doherty and Miss Weston have changed roles and are both now working as teachers. They will be working with a range of classes across the school.



Mrs. Cartmell
Teaching
Assistant



Mrs. Khatun
Teaching
Assistant



Miss Parmar
Teacher

BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Usually in the newsletter, we will bring you news of the "Pupil of the Week" from each class and the winners of various other awards. One of these is "Beeches Brilliant Writers". We give the children a title to write about, and then they can write any genre - a story, a poem, a newspaper report, a diary entry, a set of instructions, a playscript, a letter - whatever their imagination conjures up. There is one winner each week, and they get a badge and certificate. One problem though... we don't have any titles decided for this year! Therefore, this week, we don't have a Beeches Brilliant Writers title. Instead, we are asking the children to come up with possible future titles. The children can bring their ideas for titles into school, or they can be emailed to m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk Some of them will be used as our weekly titles throughout the year. Let your imaginations flow!

CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

The behaviour of our children is mostly excellent, most of the time! Now more than ever, we need children to behave well and follow instructions; this is vital, both to safety and to the learning catch-up effort. Of course, we all make mistakes, and we understand that children will get it wrong sometimes. If we are having repeated difficulties, we will be in contact with you. Please support us and work with us for the benefit of your child. We understand that no-one likes to receive "that" phone call, but we don't make judgments, and nobody needs to feel ashamed; we just know that the best chance of success is when home and school work together in harmony.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please send a request to: m.smart@beechesjnr@bham.sch.uk We will still continue to send home a paper copy.

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