

YEAR 6 START AND END OF DAY

Thank you for bearing with us as we work to make sure the start and end of day procedures are as efficient and safe as they can be. A couple of things we need to clarify about Year 6:

Many of you, understandably, trust your Year 6 children to come to school and go home alone. We support this; it is an important part of growing up and taking responsibility for themselves. Likewise, some of them are ready to take responsibility for collecting younger siblings. A few issues have arisen though. Please note:

- Some Year 6 children have arrived late on occasions, having visited the shop before coming into school.
- Children who go home alone have been asked to leave the site immediately, rather than wait with their friends who are collecting siblings. This is to avoid congestion when Year 4 come out five minutes later.
- Children who do have to collect siblings are asked to wait quietly and sensibly on the playground.
- Year 6 children shouldn't arrive before 8.50am. If lots of them arrive earlier than that, it creates congestion and makes social distancing difficult, with lots of infant parents and children, as well as our Year 5s, coming in around that time.

If any of the above become an issue for your child, we will be in touch, and it's possible we may have to ask you to bring your child to school/collect them at the end of the day. However, at the moment, the vast majority of children are co-operating well. Please discuss these matters with your child so that they are clear that you have the same high expectations of them as the school does.

ICY WEATHER

On icy mornings, we feel that the Sandy Lane entrance will be too steep to use safely. Therefore, on such days, we will send a text message to inform you that every child has to come in via the Beeches Road gate. This isn't ideal, but with the staggered start times, we feel it will be the safest option. In the past, any ice has always cleared long before the end of the school day, so we don't anticipate our one-way system being a problem after school.

CONSENT FORMS

This is a last call for consent forms to be sent back in. We can no longer chase these forms, so if your assembly consent form is not sent back, regrettably, your child will be unable to take part in our live Zoom assembly when they win an award. If we haven't received your forms, we will text you and send replacement forms.

ANTI-RACISM WEEK

Next week is Anti-Racism Week! As part of that, we will be sending home more information on Monday about what the week will involve and about our long-term anti-racism strategy. For now, the key bits of information you need are that we are collecting all week for the Stephen Lawrence Foundation (the children will be learning about Stephen next week) and that we have a non-uniform day next Friday. On Friday, we encourage children to wear something that symbolises anti-racism for them. They could, for example, wear a t-shirt with an anti-racist slogan on it, or they could wear clothes with cultural significance for them, such as traditional African or Asian clothing. Many children (and staff) support football teams with a multi-ethnic make up - feel free to wear a football shirt and come in and tell us why you are proud of your club's multi-cultural approach and who your favourite BAME footballers are. We are looking forward to a fantastic week of learning, reflection and commitment!

MR. ALI'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I've had conversations with Sir Elton John, Sachin Tendulkar, John Barnes and Thomas the Tank Engine. I've travelled to America, India, Barbados and Narnia. All without leaving my house. All because of books." - Mr Smart

DIARY DATES

Mon 19 - Fri 23 Oct	<i>Anti-Racism Week</i>
Fri 23 Oct	<i>Break up for half term</i>
Mon 2 Nov	<i>School reopens</i>
Tue 10 Nov	<i>Photographer in school</i>
Mon 16 Nov	<i>Teacher Day - School closed</i>

THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1	Team Malala (Yellow)	693
2	Team Cadbury (Red)	606
3	Team Zephaniah (Green)	580
4	Team Lewis (Blue)	470

PEN LICENCES THIS WEEK

Dolten (4CP) & Aurora (5M)

GENRE AWARD THIS WEEK

Bronze: Ayat (5S)

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Jahmari (3P)	Year 5: Shia (5L)
Year 4: Dequan (4CP)	Year 6: Riley (6SA)

BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Last week's winner: Inaya (6LA)
This week's title: Black History Month

ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 93.5%
This Year So Far: 88.9%

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3L: Ayana	4CP: Max	6IS: Logan
3P: Zak	4KP: Alicia	6KA: Olli
3W: James	5L: Jaya	5S: Abir
4AP: Jehan	5M: Joban	6LA: Lillygrace
		6SA: Charley

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