



Beeches Green Pages

YEAR 3 PUNCTUALITY

It is vital that children come to school on time, every day. When children come in late, they may miss the vital teaching element of the first lesson and then find that they struggle to catch up. We have noticed that there are a large number of children in Year 3 in particular who are frequently arriving late. Perhaps this is because the gate stays open, and the Year 4 children are queuing to come in; a reminder that **Year 3's start time is 8.45am** and children should be in school by this time. Allowing them to come late has the potential to teach children that punctuality doesn't matter, but it really does - in their school careers and their working lives beyond, arriving on time is a very important habit for them to develop. Of course, we can all have unexpected things happen that cause us to be late on rare occasions, but if you are in the habit of arriving late, please make it a New Year's Resolution to adapt your routines to ensure your child is on time every day. If you have other children in Years 4 or 6, we can support you by letting them in early too - please contact Miss Lodge to arrange this. The infant school will also try to help if there are timing issues. Thank you for your support - this really is important.

END OF TERM

Hopefully you have seen our letter, sent out on Wednesday, explaining that term will now finish on Thursday 17th December. There is an optional early finish on Thursday - the gates will be open from 1.15pm to 1.45pm for children to be collected. If your child is not collected by 1.45pm, they will have to stay for the full day. The full letter is available on the Covid-19 section of our website.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Our Christmas Dinner is taking place on Tuesday 15th December, and this is available to book on School Grid. This is open to all children, including those that normally bring a packed lunch. If you have no access to School Grid, please contact the office staff who will be happy to help you.

RETURNING BOOKS

Please can we ask that **all** reading books belonging to the school are **returned by Wednesday 16th December at the very latest**. This includes any books taken from the BAME bookcase. It is vital that we have all books back so we can rotate them between the classes. Although we are happy to spend money on reading books, we cannot afford to lose any as doing so causes significant cost to the school. Thank you for your support with this.

MR. ALI'S QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You are never isolated when you have a book as a companion." Mr. Ali

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will remain on sale after school on Monday and Tuesday next week, charged at £2 for a strip of 5. We will make the draw on Wednesday morning. We have some excellent prizes, including a bike, a Kindle Fire, some board games and some hampers. All proceeds of the raffle will go into School Fund, which is all used to buy nice things for the children. Thank you, as always, for your help and support.

END OF TERM TEAM TREAT

Congratulations to Team Malala (our Yellow Team) on winning this term's Team Treat. On Monday afternoon, they will enjoy a film and some snacks (all socially distant, of course). Don't worry, Year 4 members of Team Malala - we will sort something out for you when you come back. The scores are all reset at the start of the new term, so it's all to play for - keep working hard for those team points!

COVID-19 NOTIFICATION

Please notify the school immediately, including via email at the weekend, if your child tests positive for Covid-19. During the Christmas holiday, please notify us up to and including Wednesday 23rd December if your child tests positive, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school. To notify us by email, please use m.smart@beechesjnr.bham.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Mon 14 Dec	<i>Team reward afternoon</i>
Tue 15 Dec	<i>Christmas Dinner</i>
Tue 15 Dec	<i>Carols by Candlelight</i>
Wed 16 Dec	<i>Raffle draw</i>
Thu 17 Dec	<i>Last day of term</i>
Mon 4 Jan 2021	<i>Teacher Day - school closed</i>
Tue 5 Jan	<i>School reopens</i>

THIS WEEK'S TEAM POINTS

1	Team Malala (Yellow)	360
2	Team Cadbury (Red)	345
3	Team Lewis (Blue)	345
4	Team Zephaniah (Green)	342

THIS WEEK'S ACT OF KINDNESS AWARD

Cassius (3W)

BEECHES BRILLIANT READERS

Year 3: Shiv (3P) Year 5: Kayci (5L)
Year 6: Ziela (6IS) We will have extra winners in Year 4 when they return.

BEECHES BRILLIANT WRITERS

Beeches Brilliant Writers will return in January.

ATTENDANCE

Whole School This Week: 78.9%
This Year So Far: 87.6%

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

3L: Max	4CP: Malika	6IS: Jordan
3P: Ellie	4KP: Sahej	6KA: Ryan
3W: Logan	5L: Kayci	6LA: Jubran
4AP: Vinay	5M: Tianna	6SA: Alya
	5S: Shuaib	

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