



# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have settled in really well after the summer holidays. They are already working hard and showing a love for learning. I have shown prospective parents around this week and they have all commented on the lovely atmosphere in the school and the great behaviour of the children.

Thank you very much for your support with ensuring everyone is looking smart and wearing the correct school uniform. The children are really taking pride in themselves, their behaviour and their work.

We are continuing with our focus on reading daily so please can you help your child by listening to them read and signing their reading records. I have included some tips for hearing children read in this newsletter.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Jackson

## SEPTEMBER 2021

Just a reminder that we are keeping the one way system in place for school drop off and pick up as well as staggered start times. All information can be found on the school website in the Parent Information/School Hours section.

## SWIMMING FOR Y5

Swimming lessons for Y5 start next Wednesday, 15th September. Please make sure they bring everything they need to school in the morning.

## PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS

These are taking place in the Bungalow on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you in person instead of on Zoom!

Alison Hayward, Pastoral Team Leader

## NURSERY PLACES

There are a few places in our Nursery class for this academic year. If you, or anyone you know may be interested, please contact the school office.

10th September 2021

## SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION MEETINGS

On Tuesday 21st September, we will be holding the following meetings:

At 1pm: Zoom meeting for parents in Year 4 and 5 about the secondary transfer process. Please see the log in details below:

Time: Sep 21, 2021 01:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/92665398551?](https://zoom.us/j/92665398551?pwd=bU1BT3NpbS8yT0RkdVdGTHRxdGVHUT09)

[pwd=bU1BT3NpbS8yT0RkdVdGTHRxdGVHUT09](https://zoom.us/j/92665398551?pwd=bU1BT3NpbS8yT0RkdVdGTHRxdGVHUT09)

Meeting ID: 926 6539 8551

Passcode: ZEuB99

At 2pm: 10 minute slots for Year 6 parents to come into school and talk with Lisa Stiltoe about transition to secondary school. Please email the school office at [admin@beechfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beechfield.herts.sch.uk) if you would like to attend.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - DATES

Applications for children due to start secondary or upper school in September 2022 are now open. Don't miss out on attending school open events to help you make an informed decision before you apply.

Information is available on the online school directory at <http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory>.

1 September 2021: Online application system opens.

September and October: Secondary and upper schools hold their open events.

31 October 2021: Deadline for applications.

## CHARTWELLS VACANCIES

Chartwells, our school caterers are currently recruiting for a variety of positions in their kitchens. Any interested applicants should email [julie.forrest@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:julie.forrest@compass-group.co.uk) or call 07557215378. Thank you.

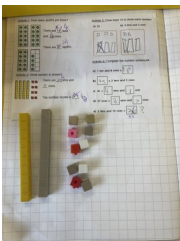


## BE KIND



Y3 had a great time meeting Mr Nibbles today.

## WORK HARD



Mrs Mohran was really proud of her students this week. "Perseverance leads to success!"



## TIPS FOR HEARING CHILDREN READ

All children from Reception onwards should read and share books at home every day and record this in their reading record. Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 may also have specific words to practise related to the phonics they are working on. Parents can help their children at home by using these strategies:

- sounding out the word
- looking at the pictures to help with reading an unknown word
- looking for words within words
- finding 'special friends' e.g. sh, ea, ay
- discussing the book to check that the child has understood what has been read
- fostering a love of reading.

Key Stage 2 children should be reading for at least 20 minutes each day, either to themselves if they are a proficient reader, or to an adult. The children are responsible for filling in their reading record every day and making sure it is in school. Parents can help their children at home by using these strategies:

- talking about the story, the characters and any new vocabulary even if they read alone
- discussing why the author chose to use specific words
- identifying what the author is suggesting even though it may not be written literally
- encouraging children to read all types of texts including non-fiction
- fostering a love of reading.

## LOVE LEARNING

Y5 were so excited to welcome the local PCSOs into school this afternoon for the first session of their Mini Police Programme!



## PARENT VOICE MEETINGS

You are warmly invited to join our Parent Voice meetings this year. They will be held on the following dates in the Bungalow:

20th October 2021  
8th December 2021  
2nd February 2022  
23rd March 2022  
11th May 2022  
6th July 2022

Parent Councils have an important role to play in school improvement by ensuring that the parental perspective is represented and taken into account. Please email Alison Hayward at [alison.hayward@beechfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:alison.hayward@beechfield.herts.sch.uk) if you are interested.



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