

# NEWSLETTER

8th October 2021

#### **WELCOME**

Dear Parents/Carers.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that with your support, and with the measures we have in place at school, we have not seen as many Covid cases in school this week. We all need to continue to work together to keep the transmission rates as low as we can.

We have decided to have this term's Parents' Evening on line. You are now able to book for a ten minute slot with your child's class teacher on Arbor. An online link will then be emailed to you nearer the time to log on for the meeting. Please log on at your allocated time as we want the meetings to run on time. If you feel that you need more than ten minutes then please contact the class teacher. I hope that you find these meetings informative and following them you will know exactly what you can do to support your child at home.

Next week on Tuesday there are two companies coming in to school to quote us for some playground equipment. Thank you for your continued support in helping us raise funds for this through non uniform days and the minimarathon event.

Have a good weekend. Mrs Jackson

#### HARVEST CELEBRATION

The children will be taking part in a Harvest Celebration at Christ Church on Friday 22nd October. All classes from Reception to Year 6 will take part. This year we will not be inviting parents to attend as we want the children to be able to sit in their year groups with a distance between them. We are going to talk with the Church about the possibility of streaming it so that parents can log in online and watch should they wish to do so.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

• 15th October: Mini Marathon in School (see over)

• 18th October: Y2 Trip to Christ Church

 19th & 21st October: Parents Evenings (book via Arbor)

· 20th October: Parent Voice Meeting

• 22nd October: Harvest Festival

• 25th-29th October: Half Term

• 10th November: Individual School Photos

• 12th November: Children in Need

• 22nd November: Flu vaccinations

· 8th December: Parent Voice Meeting

• 17th December: End of Term

# TOUR DATES for Reception and Nursery intake September 2022

School tour dates for Reception and Nursery intake in September 2022 will be taking place shortly. To register your interest on a selected dated, please click go to the Admissions page on the school website.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

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 <a href="http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory">http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory</a>

1 September 2021: Online application system opens. September and October: Secondary and upper schools hold their open events.

31 October 2021: Deadline for applications.

#### SUSSEX ROAD GATE

This entrance will be closed from November 1st. This is after half term. It is getting very muddy and we do not have the money to pave it at the moment. We will reopen it when the better weather comes in the spring. Please park considerately if you are using this entrance.

#### PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS

These are taking place in the Bungalow on Wednesday mornings from 9-10am.
Alison Hayward, Pastoral Team Leader

#### TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS RETURNS!

The IMAT's Inter-School TTRS competition is back! Please encourage your children to play! We will be reporting the scores on Twitter and in our next newsletter. Let's go Beechfield!

Mrs Essex, Maths Lead



#### **MATHS WORKSHOPS**

Mrs Essex is going to be running some Maths workshops so that parents know how to support their children. This will be for all parents of children in Y1-6. Mrs Essex will be going through the Key Facts that children need to know in each year as well as the school's calculation policy. Mrs Essex will be explaining to the parents how we teach Maths to promote mastery and a deep understanding of the structure behind it. Please see the zoom meeting details below. These will also be emailed to parents.

Parents Maths Zoom at 10am on the 2nd of November.

Topic: Jessica Essex's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/7815651496?

pwd=bXNQenVIZEIVSzFoN3NUT05TM2x0Zz09

Meeting ID: 781 565 1496

Passcode: 1eXyZ7

### **HALLOWEEN**

One of our parents has suggested children dressing up for Halloween and taking part in a pumpkin carving competition. School is aware that not everyone partakes in Halloween. However, if you do, and would like to tweet school about what you have been doing then feel free to do so. We will then share the tweets in assembly when we return after half term.

## **HALF TERM FUN!**



### **FUNDRAISING FUN!**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the fundraiser for playground equipment last Friday,1st October; the money is still coming in, so we will let you know how much was raised in our next newsletter.

Today, we had Hello Yellow Day supporting World Mental Health Day. There were lots of activities for the children to take part in at school and a cake sale at the end of the day. Thank you again for all your support. Mrs Hayward.

Next Friday, 15th October, children can come into school in sports clothes to take part in our Mini Marathon (for a donation of 50p). Children and staff will be running/walking 2.6 miles to raise money for our school. The idea behind this is to promote physical activity as it can be a great benefit to children's mental health and well-being. It also links in nicely with our commitment to the daily mile. Miss Morgan

#### **CREATE A LOGO COMPETITION!**

As October is the month we mark World Mental Health Day, Mental Health Support Teams in schools are asking our pupils to help create a logo for the service. The winning logo will be chosen based on what the teams think best represents the service, in the most eyecatching and appealing way for other young people. There will be a well-being pack prize for the winner. The winning logo (or an adaptation of the concept) will be used on all communications for the service.

Entries should be submitted to our Mental Health Lead: alison.hayward@beechfield.herts.sch.uk, and should include the pupil's name, school year group and contact details please.

Closing date for submissions is Friday 29 October 2021





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