



# Beechfield News

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## HEADLINES

*Together Everyone Achieves More*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer break and feel ready and rested for the new school term. We were very fortunate during the holidays as I organised Mothercare's finance team to come and do a day of voluntary work at our school. They did many jobs for us including painting the entrance hall, dining room and one of our Reception classrooms. They cleared rubbish from the woodland and cut back some of the bushes. I am very grateful for all they did and would like to say a huge thank you to them.

I have really enjoyed my first week at Beechfield. It has been great meeting all of the staff, children and parents/carers. Mrs Connell, Miss Mortlock and myself have enjoyed greeting you every morning and afternoon. I am really keen to promote good links between parents and the school, so if you have any ideas about improving this further, please let me know. The children have all looked very smart in their uniform this week. Thank you for the effort you have taken to ensure they have worn the correct clothing and black footwear.

On Wednesday we had a whole school assembly. I was able to introduce my 3 core values to the school: Be kind, work hard and love learning. We talked about how these linked to the 5 keys to wellbeing. We will be continuing to talk about these on a daily basis. We are also having a focus on good manners.

All of the staff have been doing a lot of planning and preparation for the new term and I would like to thank them for this. I have been into all of the classes this week and the children are settling in well. General behaviour on the playground at break and lunchtime, and the children's attitude to learning has been good. One of our Year 4 children said "I think we can all get the best out of everybody if we all work together." A statement I fully agree with.

From now on we will only be sending the newsletter by email to do our bit to save the planet! However, if you would like a paper copy, there will be a few available outside the school office.

Mrs Jackson, Headteacher

### Hertfordshire Secondary School Transfer 2019 (for current Y6)

Information leaflets from HCC were given out to the current Y6 students at the end of last term and further information has been distributed this week. All information can also be found on the following website:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

**Key dates for parents:** Online application system opens: **3rd September 2018**. Deadline for applications: **31st October 2018**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**  
**BEECHFIELD GOES NUT FREE!** We politely request no nut or coconut products are brought into school in children's lunchboxes. We have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies, including allergies to coconuts and coconut oil. Thank you for your support with this.

### Activity Clubs

Activity clubs begin next week. Details of the free clubs can be found on the website. Please book via the School Gateway. For Apex Clubs, please go to their website [www.apex360.co.uk](http://www.apex360.co.uk). Copies of Apex letter are available from the school office.

### New Website

We hope you will take a moment or two to take a look at our new website. Teachers' tweets will be linked to their year group pages so you will be able to see how your children are enjoying school. Term dates can be found in the Parents section and events in the school calendar.

### New Term—New Topics

Please take a look at the Year Group pages on the school website which are currently being updated with Topic information for this term. There are so many exciting things for the students to learn about and will inspire them to love learning.



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