



# The Beechwood Bulletin

Issue 7 – Summer Term 2017

## Hello everyone,

It's been very busy since the half term break so let's get straight on with the news.

### Building Work Set to Start on 19 June 2017

We have a meeting with planners, architects and "Morris and Blunt" the builder next week to finalise plans. With fencing in place already on the small playground it will become very congested and we will expect parents and children to take care over the next year. The plan is for the first phase of building, the new foundation stage department, to be completed by 22 September 2017.

### What an Advert by our Senior Pupils

We have been looking far and wide for teacher replacements and have used our very best pupils in an attempt, we are still in the market for a year 6 teacher and a year 6 booster teacher. Do have a look on our website, Facebook or YouTube to see their impressive performance.

### Staffing News

Nine new teachers are to join us in September to offset the loss of 8 and it has been a huge task to replace the teachers who are leaving. We as a school have found ourselves in an extraordinary situation this year and we have recruited well, bringing in many experienced teachers. We shall announce who is departing and more importantly who will be joining us in the coming weeks after we have finalised our assessments of the children.

***Once the new team is announced we shall be holding a question and answer session for parents on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July to answer any concerns that you may have.***

### School Security/Safety

I must reiterate the rule that ***no parent can enter the building from the rear, at home time, until all the children have exited the building.***

The doors along the corridor will now be locked until 3.15pm. Children should be released by 3.20pm or thereafter and not until 3.25pm can a parent/carer enter the building to talk to the teachers.

The number of people congregating at the back gate in the mornings has long presented us with a problem and we are considering as to how the children should enter the school grounds to ensure that this potential hazard is reduced.

### Woodley Carnival

Beechwood entered a 'Walking Float' into the carnival procession this year. The theme was planes, trains and automobiles and all the children taking part looked fantastic. Thank you to all parents and staff's support with clothing and artwork!



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**New Head Boy/Girl, Deputy Head Boy/Girl and Senior Prefect 2017/18.** These children have deserved this accolade and privilege to represent their school.

- **Head Boy:** Pavan Sandhu
- **Head Girl:** Rayhan Oubihi
- **Deputy Head Boy:** Abhigyan Sharma
- **Deputy Head Girl:** Bethany Rooke
- **Senior Prefect** (for the first time): Oliver Giles

They were voted in by this year's set of senior prefects and staff.

### Sports News

**Woodley Sports Week** opened on *Monday 22 May* with our dance troop performing to a song from Hairspray (viewable on our website, Facebook page and YouTube). In the afternoon, our year 5/6 boys cricket team competed in the annual kwik cricket tournament.



On *Tuesday 23 May*, all of the year 3's travelled to Bulmershe to get involved with Paralympic sports.



*Wednesday 24 May* was a big day for the swimming squad, who were trying to win for the second year running. In a closely fought contest Beechwood were to finish a close second to the winners Earley St Peter's. In the afternoon, our sports leaders ran the year 1 multi skills event for year 1 children and what a great job they did!

On *Thursday 25 May*, the year 2's boosted their water confidence with aqua splash fun and games at Bulmershe pool.

The week concluded on *Friday 26 May* with the year 4's trying new sports like ultimate Frisbee, all ran by the Bulmershe students.

**Tennis:** Year 3/4 tennis team qualified to the District Tournament. The year 5/6 tennis squad easily saw off Lambs Lane in a match on Friday

**Forest Walk:** 28 children had a wonderful time walking in the Chilterns on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.



### Beechwood Business Hub

I make no secret that I do not believe in asking parents to make regular contributions towards staff wages or school equipment because we are short of money and in a deficit situation (like many other schools). Instead, I am going to ask interested parents who are in business to an open meeting on Thursday 29 June to discuss the possibility of setting up a Beechwood Business Hub. An invitation will go out to all parents shortly

### Possibility of More Year 2 Pupils for September

We have applied to the local authority to take 15 more year 2 pupils to increase our funding to reverse our current deficit by at least £45,000. Currently we have 45 children in year 2, so taking 15 more would increase our numbers to 60 (2 classes of 30 children).

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## **Reminders...**

### **Swimming money**

Please could **ALL** parents ensure that they donate the weekly £3 contribution towards the heating of the swimming pool.

Please can any money be brought into school in a named envelope for trips/swimming/clubs etc.

### **Volunteer to help us**

If anyone has any spare time to help us with our gardens, painting of murals or garden furniture then please do contact the school with your offer.

### **Car Parking**

Please be reminded we are unable to let parents park in the car park to drop off children or forgotten items.

Yours sincerely

**Gordon Davies**

**Head Teacher**

## Dates for the Diary

|                                 |   |
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| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June  | KS1 Music Festival (pm)   |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June    | Year 1/2 Marwell Zoo Trip   |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June  | Self Help Day 9.30am – 2.00pm   |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June    | Year 6 – Rookesbury Park Residential (All week)   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June   | Year 3-5 Forest Walk 1.00-7.00pm (parents invited to join us)   |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June | Language Day – Whole School<br>Transition Meeting – New foundation Stage 6.00pm – 7.00pm                              |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June    | PTA AGM – 7.30pm  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Wokingham Secondary School Transition Day   |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June  | Yr6 Cycling Transition Morning<br>Year 3/4 Dinton Pastures Trip<br>Promotions Meeting – Beechwood Business Hub 7.00pm |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July   | Self Help Day 9.30am – 2.00pm   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July    | Art Celebration Day   |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July  | Year 5 Fishbowl Day @ Bulmershe   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July     | 1/2J – Class Assembly 11.30am<br>Reports Issued to parents  |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July    | Year 5/6 Production Dress Rehearsal<br>Head and Deputy Head Forum - Teaching Team Q&A- 3.00-3.30pm                    |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July   | FSN Trip to Bucklebury Farm<br>Year 5/6 Production – 7.00pm   |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July | Report Evening – 3.30-4.00pm<br>Year 5/6 Production – 7.00pm  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July    | Year 5/6 Forest Walk – 1.00-7.00pm (parents invited to join us)   |
| Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July  | Self Help Day 9.30am – 2.00pm   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July    | Moving up Morning   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July   | FSR Trip to Bucklebury Farm<br>Year 6 Leavers Disco 7.00pm - 9.00pm   |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July | FS2/KS1 Sports Days 9.00am – 12.00pm<br>Headteachers Award Evening 7.00pm   |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July  | KS2 Sports Day – All Day  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July    | PTA School Disco 6.30pm – 9.00pm  |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July    | Leavers Assembly – 11.00am  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July   | End of Term – 1.15pm  |

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