Beechwood Bulletin

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Reopening—Monday 8th March

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you will be aware, the Government has announced that primary schools will be reopening to all pupils on Monday 8th March. We are delighted to be welcoming all children back into school once again.

On 8th March we will be reverting back to the model we had in school before Christmas. This will mean:

- From Monday 8th March, school will be mandatory for all children. All children except those who have been medically advised to shield are expected to attend.
- All children should come to school in their full Beechwood school uniform - apart from on their PE day where they should come to school in their PE kit for the day. (We understand you may have difficulties sourcing some school uniform items, please do not worry too much. We would just ask that you please do the best you can in the first few weeks.
- There will be a 20 minute drop off window (8.30-8.50am) and collection window (3.10-3.30pm) each day.
- Children will be in year group bubbles but will be in smaller class bubbles whenever possible.
- We will avoid contact between groups/bubbles
- From Year 2 upwards, classrooms will be arranged in rows with forward facing desks.
- Children will have their own individual filled pencil cases to use in school.
- Rolling start and finish times (8.30—8.50am and 3.10 - 3.30pm via Hall door and Main Gate)
- Staggered break times and lunchtimes – to ensure year group bubbles are not mixing.
- Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children should come into school via the hall door.
- FS, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children should come into school via the main gate.
- All children will be collected from their external classroom door via the main gate.
- All parents/ guardians will need to wear a face covering (unless exempt) when coming onto the school site. We will have a one-way system in place on the walk way around the outside of the building for moving around the school site, but ask you to wait for your child in the allocated areas and not on the walkway.
- Please can we also ask that you ensure good social distancing at all times.
- Handwashing and hand sanitising will be a high priority and will be planned in throughout the school day.

We will be following the government guidance which includes a number of <u>essential measures</u>;

- Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school – children and staff.
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene - promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach and lots of hand washing and hand sanitising.
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements including cleaning frequently touched surfaces regularly.
- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace.
- Minimising contact between individuals and maintaining social distancing wherever possible.
- Minimising the potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

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School Lunches

You are very welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch from home, but if you wish your child to have a school hot packed lunch we would encourage you to order this in advance via Parent Pay (children can still order their lunch in school, as long as there is credit on their Parent Pay account). As previously advised you will now only be able to pay for school dinners online (through Parent Pay). We are not able to accept cash in school.

Illness

Please do not send your child into school if they are unwell or display any Covid19 symptoms. As always please also ensure you inform the school if your child displays any Covid19 symptoms, even if these develop whilst your child is at home. Parents are expected to engage in the NHS Test and Trace and inform the school of the outcome of the test when you receive it.

Please could we also ask that you inform the school office if you and your child are quarantining for any reason.

We really do look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th March.

Kind regards

Miss S E Hunter, Headteacher

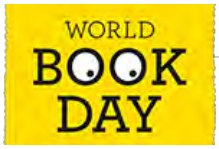
NOTICEBOARD

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy We wrote to parents before half term with regards to proposed changes to the RSE policy. A reminder that the consultation period ends on Friday 26th February. More information and a link to the documents, supporting letter and questionnaire can be found on our website via the following link: https://beechwoodprimaryschool.com/category/news/

New Gate System You may already be aware that over the half term break we have had a new gate system installed. This is part of our commitment to improving safeguarding and safety on the school site. This project is not yet complete and will continue with the addition of new pedestrian gates as well as secure fencing around the edging of the car park. May we remind parents that no stopping or parking is permitted along Ambleside Close. The car park is for staff only, parents may only park in an emergency situation or under special circumstances agreed in advance with Miss Hunter. Access to disabled parking bays for Blue Badge holders remain unchanged (please be patient whilst waiting at the barrier, it may take a little longer than usual to answer the buzzer and also for the gates to open, thank you).

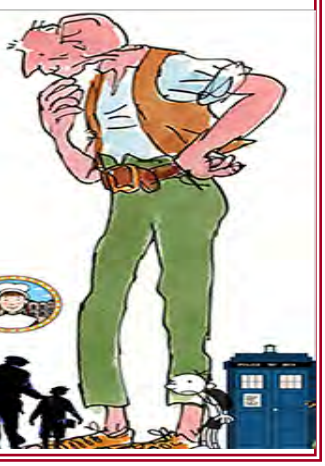
Breakfast/Handy Club will reopen on Monday 8th March (for all sessions apart from Friday after school when Handy Club is closed), priority will be given to keyworker families, Breakfast and Supper will be served during the sessions. Please book via Parent Pay as soon as possible.

Nut Free School a reminder that the whole school is a completely nut free zone, please do check ingredients carefully, especially for any lunchbox snack bars. Thank you.



Friday 5th March

This years World Book Day will be a little different to normal as most of the children will be at home. However, Miss Mills is arranging lots of activities to make the day fun, from a special assembly to entertaining challenges, all which will be shared via Google Classrooms. Children may like to dress up as their favourite book character to attend the daily class Zoom or school. Please do send your pictures of your children reading, we would like to share as many as possible! All children will receive a £1 book voucher which can be swapped for one of WBD's exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or used to get **£1 off** any full price book or audiobook instead (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99).



Picture News at Home

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What's going on this week?

Egyptian authorities have recently completed a 22-mile (36km) wall around the tourist resort of Sharm El-Sheikh. Anyone entering the city by road will now have to pass through one of four gates equipped with cameras and scanners. The government believe it will help protect tourism at the Red Sea resort, which has faced many challenges over the past 10 years meaning fewer holiday-makers have been visiting the resort.

Things to talk about at home…

- Can you make a list of as many different types of walls as you can? Where can you find them and what are they used for? For each of the examples, what do you think might happen if there wasn't a wall in place?
- Can you think of any famous walls throughout history? What were their purposes?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here…

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