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## **Beech Class Newsletter – Autumn 2018**

**Welcome to a new school year in Beech Class!** I have been very impressed with how well the children have settled into the new term. They are all showing great attitudes to learning and we are all looking forward to the exciting year ahead! Thank you to all parents for all your support so far this year. You have all been very welcoming and I am looking forward to working with you all over the year!

### **Curriculum**

This term we will be exploring our topic of 'An Italian Adventure.' For more information, please view our Topic Web on the school website.

### **Reading Books**

Children will bring home their reading diary and a reading book. Please listen to your child read regularly - talking about the story and helping them with new and unfamiliar words and understanding. Children will need to bring their book bags and reading books into school every day. We will be encouraging the children to use their independence in changing and choosing their own books, but if you feel that they need support with selecting reading material at the right level, please don't hesitate to contact me.



### **PE**

PE will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for both indoor (shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls/indoor trainers) and outdoor PE (jumper, sports trousers and trainers). Please make sure that all kit and uniform is named.

### **Homework**

The suggested activities can be found on the Beech Class page of the website. The children should hand in any work that they have done at home on a **Wednesday**, to allow time for marking, before being given back on a **Friday**. Please help your child to complete homework tasks if they need it, but as far as possible let the work be their own.

## Important Dates

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Race For Life & Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**- Harvest Festival (11.15am)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** - Roman workshop

**Wednesday/Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November**- Parents' Evening

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**- Beech Class sharing worship

## Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email direct on the following email address: [zphillips@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:zphillips@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk). Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school as I am often busy with classroom duties or teaching earlier in the day. In all cases, I will endeavour to reply to you within 3 working days. Obviously, if the matter is more urgent, for example about attendance or changes to the routine of collecting your child, then you should contact the school office or speak to me at the start or end of the day.

## Reminders

- Water bottles – Please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note, the children should only have water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- Outdoor shoes – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies, and a warm waterproof coat in school.



Many Thanks,

Miss Phillips

