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Beech Class Newsletter – Autumn 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a new school year in Beech Class!

We are excited to welcome your children back to this new school year, reuniting with their friends and establishing a familiar routine. The children have enjoyed being able to play with the older children on the playground and field and going in to the hall for WHOLE school worship. These simple pleasures have made children and adults smile widely! We want you to know that the happiness and well-being of your children is paramount to their return to school so please do get in contact if you have any concerns. If I haven't had chance to introduce myself or speak to you yet, hopefully I can do so over the coming weeks!

Curriculum

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

Homework

Homework activities can be found on the Beech Class page of the website. On a **Wednesday**, the children should hand in any work that they have done at home to allow time for marking, before it is 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. Spelling homework will be given out on a **Thursday** in preparation for the following week.

Reading Books

Children have already brought 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 begin by changing their books with them on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday until they are ready to choose and change their books independently.





P.E.

P.E. will take place on Monday and Thursday, but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for outdoor P.E. (jumper, sports trousers and trainers), as for the time being, most P.E. lessons will take place outside. This is in order to maximise the opportunity to work outside as much as possible and allow

children to have plenty of space and fresh air.

Home/School Mascot



Super Sloth is our home/school mascot who will spend a week with each child. He will go home on a Friday to be returned by the following Friday for the next child to borrow. The idea is that Super Sloth fits in with the children's home activities and comes back to school with some pictures and/or writing about what he got up to in the diary. This gives children the chance to stand up and tell their friends about their experiences, building confidence and speaking and listening skills, as well as making that important link between home and school.

Teaching Assistants

During the Autumn term, we are incredibly lucky to have Miss Faulkner with us all day as well as Mr Field who is training to become a teacher. We also have Mrs Bowkett and Miss Aston supporting our teaching and learning at different stages throughout the week.

Important Dates

Wednesday 15th September- Individual pupil photos

Thursday 30th September- Race for life

Tuesday 5th October- Harvest Festival

Tuesday 12th October – Whole School Flu nasal spray

Thursday 21st October- Break up for Half Term

Friday 22nd October- INSET day, pupils NOT in school

*****October Half Term*****

Monday 1st November- Children return to school & South Africa Week

Monday 15th November- Anti-bullying week

Friday 17th December- Break up for Christmas holidays at 3:15 p.m.

Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email me directly on the following email address:

kholdenwhite@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk

Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school. In all cases, I will endeavour to reply to you within three working days. 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.

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.
- **Bags** - Please can you be mindful on the size of the rucksack/bag you provide your child with as space is incredibly limited in the cloakroom. Furthermore, large attachments such as key rings or cuddly toys are discouraged.
- **Labelled clothing**- Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named or initialled.



We wish you all a very happy and healthy start to the new academic year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Holden-White and Miss Phillips.

