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## **Beech Class Newsletter – Autumn 2023**

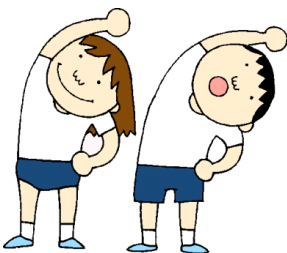
**Welcome to a new school year in Beech Class!** We have both been very impressed with how well the children have settled into the new term. They have shown how excited they are about learning and have been wonderfully resilient. The children are all showing positive attitudes and we are all looking forward to the exciting year ahead! Thank you to parents for all your support so far this year.

### **Curriculum**

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

### **Reading Books**

Reading diaries will be checked each week on a **Monday**. However, children should bring home their reading diary and a reading book on a daily basis. Please listen to your child read regularly - talking about the text and helping them with new and unfamiliar words and understanding. Children will need to bring their book bags and reading books back into school every day. We will be encouraging the children to use their independence in changing and choosing their own colour-banded books, but if you feel that they need support with selecting reading material at the right level, please don't hesitate to contact us. As you know, we follow the Bug Club phonics scheme to teach phonics. The children will also have the opportunity to change these books weekly.



### **P.E.**

P.E. will take place on **Tuesday** and **Friday**, but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Children will get changed before the lesson and go home in their P.E. kit. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for both indoor (shorts, t-shirt and 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**

**WB Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Week

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – School Photographer

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – Race for Life

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Harvest Festival (in school - pupils only)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – School Association AGM

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Climate Action Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – School Association Discos.

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

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Kilvrough Sharing Workshop

**WB Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – South Africa Week

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November/Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents' Evenings

**WB Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Anti-bullying week

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Children In Need

**WB Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Maths week

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity (2.15pm)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Singing Around the Tree (am)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – School Association Film night

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Services (9.15/10.00)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas lunch

**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 clothing – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping **wellies** and a **warm, waterproof coat** in school.



**Contact with the class teacher/s**

If you wish to make contact with us, there are a number of ways that you can do this.

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you or pass on a message.
- Alternatively, I will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.
- As you will have seen in the recent communication from Mr Horner, emails should now be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to us if necessary, and you can expect a response within three working days.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Evans and Miss Phillips

