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Beech Class Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Welcome to a new school year in Beech Class!

It is such a pleasure to be welcoming all your children into Beech Class this year. We are sure that this is an incredibly exciting time for your child, returning back to school, reuniting with their friends, and re-establishing a familiar routine. However, we are sure that there will be some worries and a period of adjustment to life in Year 1. We want you to know that the happiness and well-being of your child is paramount to a successful year in school so please do get in contact if you have any concerns.

If we haven't had chance to introduce ourselves or speak to you yet, hopefully we can do so over the coming weeks!

Our working days are:

Mrs Caulfield (**Monday & Tuesday**)

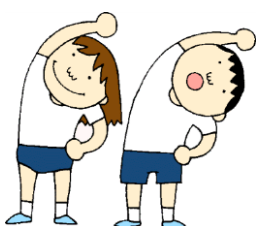
Mrs Leonard: (**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.**)

Curriculum

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

Reading Books

The children will be bringing home a reading book which has been matched to include sounds that they are familiar with to practise their decoding skills. They will also bring home a couple of 'Love to Read' books, with the intention of sharing and discussing those stories with you to develop their comprehension skills. Please listen to your child read regularly (at least three times per week) - 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 back into school every morning.



P.E.

P.E. will take place on Monday and Wednesday, but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for both indoor and outdoor P.E. (jumper, sports trousers and trainers).

Homework

The suggested activities can be found on the Beech Class page of the school 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.

Spelling homework will be given out on a **Friday** in preparation for the following week.

Teaching Assistants

We are incredibly fortunate to have the very talented Miss Tolley working every day in Beech Class. This will be Miss Tolley's second year at Chesterton and she brings a wealth of experience to Year 1.

Important Dates

w/c Monday 16th September 2024- NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe

Wednesday 25th September 2024- School Photographer

Tuesday 1st October 2024 - Harvest Festival (pupils only)

Thursday 3rd October - Open classroom (3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.)

Monday 14th October – Beech Class Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm) * Please note different date to the rest of the school

Tuesday 15th October 2024 - Climate Action Day

Wednesday 16th October 2024 – Warwick Castle trip

Wednesday 23rd October – Beech Class Parents' Evening (3.30-7.00pm) * Please note different date to the rest of the school

Thursday 24th October 2024 - Flu Vaccinations

Friday 25th October – End of Autumn Term 1

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

Monday 1st November 2024 - Children return to school & South Africa Week

W/B Monday 11th November 2024 – Anti-Bullying Week

W/B Monday 18th November 2024 – Maths Week

Friday 15th November 2024- Children in Need

W/B Monday 18th November 2024 - Maths Week

Tuesday 10th December & Wednesday 11th December 2024 - Key Stage 1 Nativity

Tuesday 17th December 2024 - Christmas Church Service and Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December 2024 - Singing Around the Tree & Christmas Jumper Day

*****Christmas Holidays*****

Contact with the class teachers

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, we 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.
- Emails should 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 3 working days.

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.
- 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 can we request that **all** items of clothing are clearly named.



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

Best wishes,
Mrs Caulfield and Mrs Leonard



Below are reminder sheets to help encourage independence in your child. You could put it on the fridge or your child's bedroom door so they can ensure they have everything they need each day.

Term 1

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	
Wednesday	Homework book Reading Record Water Bottle	Homework due in
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Spelling Assessment
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Homework books handed back

Term 2

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	
Wednesday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Homework due in
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record Water Bottle	Spelling Assessment
Friday	PE Kit Homework Book Reading Record Water Bottle	Homework books handed back