

BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week Beginning - 31st January 2022



Attendance & Punctuality

The *minimum expected attendance at school is 96%*. Well done to Holly Class who had the highest attendance last week. Due to Covid, attendance across the school has dropped significantly. Please remember that the new guidance means that children can return to school once they have had a negative LFT on days 5 and 6. If it is still positive, keep testing until there are two consecutive negative tests or Day 10 (whichever is sooner).

School **starts at 8.45am** so children need to be in their classrooms before this time. There are lots of children arriving between 8.52am and 9.00am each morning and all of these sessions are being marked as 'late' by the safeguarding lead. Please try and help your child to be punctual each day.

Beechwood School Minibus

The school have recently purchased a school mini bus from school funds. Hopefully, this will help to make educational visits cheaper to fund and allow pupils to gain more experiences outside of the classroom. Your child will be bringing a consent slip home which needs to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Office Hours

The office will only be manned and telephone calls answered between 8.30 am and 4.30pm. The absence messaging service will still be available but can you please leave a clear message which includes your child's full name, class and the reason for their absence.

Staffing Changes

There are a few staffing changes over the next few weeks. Mrs Jones (Hazel Class) is leaving the school to pursue a new career and Mrs Lightfoot (Nursery) will be leaving us this week to go maternity leave. After half term, we will be joined by Miss Foley (Hazel Class), Miss Little (Year 3) and Mr Lambert (Forest Schools).

Dropping Off/Collecting Children

Can parents and carers please continue to be aware of social distancing as Covid numbers in the area are still high. Please try to maintain social distancing and leave space for children to enter their classrooms easily. Remember that the side gate is also open in the morning to help the flow of people out of the school yard.

Junior Bake Off

I have recently been approached by Channel 4 to say that applications for the 8th series of Junior Bake Off have opened. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old and applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022. Filming would take place from July 2022.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Diary Dates

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE/INFORMATION</u>
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 8 th February	All Day	All pupils will be completing extra work to do with online safety.
Times Tables Rock Star Day	Wednesday 16 th February	All Day	Come to school dressed as your favourite pop or rock star.
End of Term	Thursday 17 th February	3.15pm	School finishes for 1 week.
INSET Days	Friday 18 th February Monday 28 th February	8.40am	Monday 3 rd January is a bank holiday
Spring Term 2 Stars	Tuesday 1 st March	8.40am	Return after half term.

Mrs. Harper x