



BEECH HILL NEWS



Thursday 12th February 2015

Health and Safety

To ensure the safety of everyone (including pupils) when entering and exiting the school please remember/abide by the following rules -

1. Avoid driving down Mount Pleasant Avenue if you can.
2. If you do come down Mount Pleasant Avenue, then drive slowly and carefully ensuring the safety of the pedestrians.
3. Do not reverse at the school entrance.



We have also been advised that some children are not being strapped into their car seats when leaving the school. Please ensure that all seatbelts are in place and secure before driving off.

Many thanks in your co-operation in both of the above mentioned issues.

Holidays in Term Time

So far this year we have had 12 children who have gone on unauthorised holidays and subsequently been fined by the Local Authority.

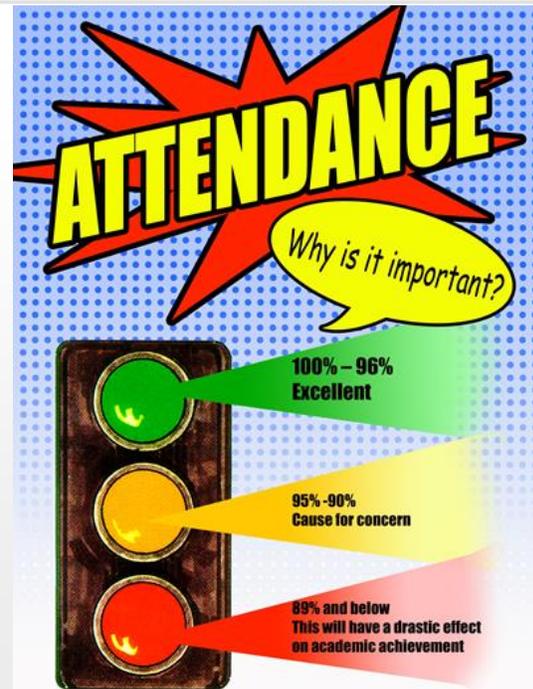
The fine is £60 per parent per child with this doubling if the fine is unpaid within 21 days.

Additionally, we have so far taken 2 families to court for non-payment of fines.

The impact of holidays in term time is huge both on children's learning and the class as a whole when teachers and teaching assistants have to spend more time ensuring that child catches up on missed learning. A 2 week holiday is the equivalent of 50 hours of lost learning.

At Beech Hill we want the best outcomes for all of our children so will not authorise any holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstance. I hope that you will support us and your child by booking holidays outside of term time within the ample school holiday periods.

If a holiday is unavoidable you must complete a leave of absence form and discuss your request with Miss Davison (Attendance Officer) in the first instance. A decision will then be made and you will be informed by letter. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



School closes tomorrow (Friday 13th February) for half term and will re open on Monday 23rd.

8.45am on time - Ready to learn!



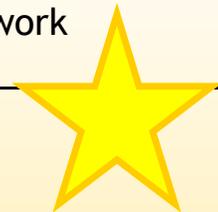
Last Week's Attendance

CLASS	% Attendance
3	96.3
4	96.8
5	82.7
6	97.9
7	98.6
8	95.5
9	92.4
10	95.3
11	95.7
12	95.7

13	97.8
14	95.2
15	97.3
16	96.6
17	97.4
18	95.8
19	99.1
20	98.4
21	97.5
Whole school	96.6

263 children from reception upwards have achieved 100% attendance.

Well done and keep up the good work



Well done to Class 4 our Foundation Stage winner with 96.8%.

Well done to Classes 7 KS1 Winners with an attendance of 98.6%. Fantastic keep it up.

Well done to Class 19 our KS2 winners with a fantastic attendance of 99.1%. This is the highest attendance across the school and they are setting a great example.

What a fantastic week I'm so impressed with the improvement well done to everyone and keep up the good work.

Attendance is back over 96% and hopefully this will continue to rise.

Thank you Miss Davison, Attendance Officer

World Book Week 2015...coming soon!

This year World Book Week starts on Monday 2nd March. Our student teachers, Miss Broadbent, Mrs King and Miss Gledhill have planned a range of exciting events based on the children's classic, Harry Potter!

During this week, your child will learn more about the author, J K Rowling, and delve deeper into the Harry Potter novels. Each year group, from Foundation Stage to Year 6, will complete assigned tasks based on these infamous books and a surprise visitor will add to the sheer magic of the week. So that your child truly embraces the theme, we ask that they dress up as characters from the book throughout the week. You might like to spend half term familiarising your child with the Harry Potter books and films.

It is set to be Beech Hill's best World Book Week, packed full of magical experiences for your child to remember.



Merit Badges



I am very pleased and proud to say we have over 350 children from years 1 to 6 receiving a Merit Badge this spring term

These children have consistently made the right choices and stayed on 'green' therefore as a half term treat they will be enjoying a film with their class mates

To our parents/carers I would like to thank you for your continued support with our behaviour system....at this rate I am going to need more badges!!

Mrs Lee



Coffee Morning

A big thank you to Ramzan, Adurus and Jazaib from Year 6 who showed our coffee morning ladies the skills they learned at Origami club. The mums were most impressed.

Coffee morning as usual tomorrow 8.45am onwards