



BEECH HILL NEWS



Thursday 27th April 2017

**WELCOME
BACK**

Welcome back to a new term at Beech Hill.

Don't forget school starts at 8.45am.
Please be on time and ready to learn.



Will your child be aged 3-4 and in Nursery in September 2017? If so you may qualify for the '30 Hours free childcare'.

Parents will need to meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- They earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months.
- This equates to £120 per week (or c.£6,000 per year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 per week (or c.£5,000 per year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old.
- This applies whether you are in paid employment, self employed or on zero hours contract.
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start up period' (i.e. they are newly self employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.
- If a non EEA national, the parent must have resource to public funds.

If you would like to find out further information about accessing these additional hours please can you attend our information meeting on: **Wednesday 3rd May 9:00-10:00am** in the school hall, please bring your National Insurance Number with you.



Our Easter Fayre was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone who attended, Thank you to all stall holders and to everyone who helped organise the day.

Here's a picture from the Decorate an Egg Competition. Well done to everyone who entered on their creative work!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Raffle Winners!

1st - Aliza in Madagascar
2nd - Anaaya in New Zealand
3rd - Zainab in Peru

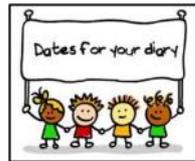


Spelling Bee class finalists will be chosen next Friday so it's your last chance to be practising the spellings in your Spelling Bee booklets! The finalists chosen next Friday will then be able to take part in the Spelling Bee Final which will take place in June. Good Luck!

The children had a good look at the memory boxes the coffee morning ladies had made last term with the help of donations from our children. A big thank you to everyone especially Mrs Barker's mother-in-law June who knitted 11 twiddlemuffs! The coffee morning ladies, school staff and children delivered the Memory boxes to the care home where they were gratefully received.



Dates for your diary



28th April : Parents Coffee Morning

1st May : **SCHOOL CLOSED**

3rd May : 30 Hours Free Childcare Meeting 9am-10am in the school hall.

11th May : Year 6 100% Attendance Treat at Electric Bowl Halifax



Please follow us on Twitter
[@beechnillsch](https://twitter.com/beechnillsch)

The Junior Street Wardens had a fantastic time meeting and searching for Easter eggs with pupils from Christ Church School, all arranged by the Community Street Wardens. Tanzania look forward to their next trip out as Junior Street Wardens this year.



E-Safety

Remember it is easy for anyone to lie about who they are online, so you can never really be sure about who you are talking to.



School Term Dates 2017/2018

			No. of School Days
2017 Autumn Term			
Half Term	Re Opens	Monday 4 th September	75
Christmas	Closes	Friday 27 th October	
	Re Opens	Monday 6 th November	
	Closes	Friday 22 nd December	
2018 Spring Term			
Half Term	Re Opens	Monday 8 th January	54
Easter	Closes	Friday 16 th February	
	Re Opens	Monday 26 th February	
	Closes	Thursday 29 th March	
2018 Summer Term			
May Day	Re Opens	Monday 16 th April	61+5 Training Days
Half Term/ Training Week	Closes	Monday 7 th May	
	Closes	Friday 25 th May	
Mid-Summer	Re Opens	Monday 11 th June	
	Closes	Tuesday 24 th July	
			195

Parking around school

Please can you be careful when driving and parking around school, in particular on Mount Pleasant Avenue.

There are a number of cars that are parking on the double yellow lines, this is prohibited and you risk receiving a parking ticket. It also is very dangerous as the entrances and exits to school are being blocked and children are having to walk into the road.

Under no circumstances should any cars be driving on the pathway. Please can you ensure that your children are well supervised around the school grounds to prevent any accidents from happening.

Thank you.

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
USA4	94.5	0.0	4.4	1.1	100.0	94.5
USA5	89.1	1.9	5.7	3.4	100.0	91.0
Portugal	95.8	0.0	2.9	1.3	100.0	95.8
New Zealand	95.8	0.1	2.9	1.2	100.0	95.9
Fiji	94.7	0.5	2.9	1.9	100.0	95.2
Brazil	95.9	0.4	2.3	1.0	100.0	96.3
Madagascar	95.7	0.8	2.7	0.9	100.0	96.5
Switzerland	96.6	0.0	2.6	0.8	100.0	96.6
Jordan	95.3	0.0	3.7	1.1	100.0	95.3
Canada	95.1	0.0	2.9	2.0	100.0	95.1
Morocco	96.8	0.0	2.6	0.6	100.0	96.8
Mexico	97.2	0.1	2.4	0.3	100.0	97.3
Qatar	97.2	0.0	2.1	0.7	100.0	97.2
Singapore	96.8	0.0	3.0	0.2	100.0	96.8
Tanzania	96.4	0.1	2.9	0.2	100.0	96.5
Nigeria	94.9	1.7	2.9	0.5	100.0	96.6
Peru	94.7	2.1	2.6	0.6	100.0	96.8
Denmark	94.2	1.5	3.4	0.6	100.0	95.7
Totals	95.4	0.5	3.0	1.0	100.0	95.9

I hope you all feel rested after the holiday and are ready to learn again!



Last half term we saw a rise in the number of families requesting leave of absence during term time and this has impacted on our overall school attendance negatively. We are now below the national average expectations. In order to achieve our end of year target we need our children to attend school every day and strongly advise no holidays/leave of absence is requested during term time until the end of the year. Not only do term time holidays/leave of absences affect attendance, they affect pupils attainment too. This half term is extremely important as year 2 and 6 will be preparing and taking their SATs tests.

Please continue to support your child with their learning by ensuring they attend school regularly.

Many Thanks

Farhat Hussain
Attendance Officer

Kitchen Menu

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Burger in a bun	Roast turkey + gravy	Crispy battered fish	Braised steak in gravy	Wholemeal margarita pizza
	Cheese + Onion Lattice Rolls	Cheese Tortellini	Vegetarian Meatballs	Cheese + onion pie	Salmon fishcakes
	Peas and chips	Fresh carrots Roast potatoes	Sweetcorn New potatoes	Cauliflower + creamed potatoes	Baked beans + chips
	Cheese + red onion with mayo sub roll	Tuna mayo sub roll	Egg mayo sub roll	Turkey sub roll	Sub roll assortment
	Jacket potatoes + selection of sandwiches				
	Rice pudding + Jam	Raspberry surprise + Custard	Chocolate sponge + Custard	Bakewell + Custard	Cheesecake + Mandarins
	Selection of cold desserts Fruit cocktail in juice Selection of fresh fruit Biscuit selection	Selection of cold desserts Fruit cocktail in juice Selection of fresh fruit Biscuit selection	Selection of cold desserts Fruit cocktail in juice Selection of fresh fruit Biscuit selection	Selection of cold desserts Fruit cocktail in juice Selection of fresh fruit Biscuit selection	Selection of cold desserts Fruit cocktail in juice Selection of fresh fruit Biscuit selection
	Fruit Yogurts				
	Salad Bar				