



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 14th January 2022

Dear Parents

We currently have a number of pupils across school isolating or testing positive for Covid. As you may be aware, rates in Calderdale are particularly high at present (see the graph below) and we have been issued with further guidance from Public Health which we shared with you earlier on in the week.

Our risk assessment is up to date on our website and we still have in place some of the measures that we had at this time last year when Covid rates were high.

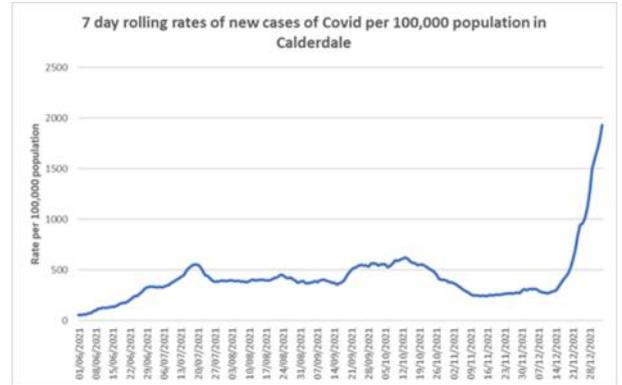
This includes trying to keep children in year groups throughout the day to minimise transmission. Windows are open to ensure our teaching areas are well ventilated, surfaces are regularly wiped down and children are washing their hands more frequently. However, we do need your support by ensuring your children are tested and kept at home if they are displaying symptoms or someone in the household has tested positive. This will help us minimise transmission.

Please inform your child's teacher or the school office with information if your child is self-isolating awaiting test results. As parents, you have the advantage of using Seesaw to keep in contact with school and I would encourage you to use this. It is important we work together to reduce transmission and protect our school community.

Teachers will continue to update Seesaw with work for your children if they are well enough to complete it and parents in receipt of benefits-related free school meals will receive vouchers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please take care of yourselves and help us protect our school community.

Mrs Hussain



Starting School
September 2022

How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start primary school in September 2022.

To apply for a school place you must apply online by 15 January 2022 at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2021.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2022, including oversubscription criteria, is available at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions.

The application process opens on 19 November 2021 and the close date is 15 January 2022.

Offers of school places will be made on 19 April 2022.



School Place Application Deadline

Please all be aware that the deadline for applying for a Reception School Place for September 2022 is **Saturday 15th January**.

You can apply for your child's place by visiting...

www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions

Beech Hill School
Mount Pleasant Avenue
Halifax
HX1 5TN
Tel: 01422 345004

Website: www.beechhillschool.co.uk
Email: admin@beechhillschool.co.uk



Healthy School

Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles

One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment which means their immune system is suppressed. This puts the pupil at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

The best way to protect a pupil from measles is for all pupils to be immunised against measles. Please discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your child is not already vaccinated. If you suspect your child has measles you should let the school know immediately.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. Please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child has chicken pox. It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.

Our pupil is at greater risk from diarrhoea and vomiting infections, may we please remind you not to send your child back into school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours. This is for everyone's benefit, including staff.

Your own child is not at risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our pupil who has a suppressed immune system may be at serious risk. We depend on the cooperation of all parents and know that we can rely on your help.

House Points

These children have all been awarded a bronze certificate for receiving 50 House Points.
Well done!

Isha Noor
Alex Greenwood
Aleena Khanum
Eesa Bashir
Abdullah Rafiq
Zakariyya Hussain
Danyal Ali
Khadija Chisti
Mustafa Ali
Naihall Ahmadi



Laukya Chaurasia
Dima Mohamedy
Pranav Patil
Anjumah Rahman
Ayaan Sheraz
Farukh Thoseef
Noor Iman
Anastacia Anghelinei
Bilal Khalid

Reading Books

Please can all families take care of the school reading books when they have been taken home by the children.

One has been found with ripped pages and pen on it.

Thank you.



TT Rockstars Weekly Top Scorers

These are the TT Rockstars top scorers for this week:

Year 2 - Justin Obhielo

Year 3 - Sai Podapati

Year 4 - Lamia Sulayman Tola

Year 5 - Pranav Patil

Year 6 - Jannathe Mushtaq



Overall top scorer this week - Jannathe Mushtaq

Times Tables Competition Alert!

Next week, years 2-6 will be taking part in a Times Tables Rock Star competition against children at Dean Field School. There will be chance for everyone to take part and every correct answer counts! The competitions will be between each year group at both schools. The competition will begin on Monday. Make sure you take part and answer as many questions as you can!



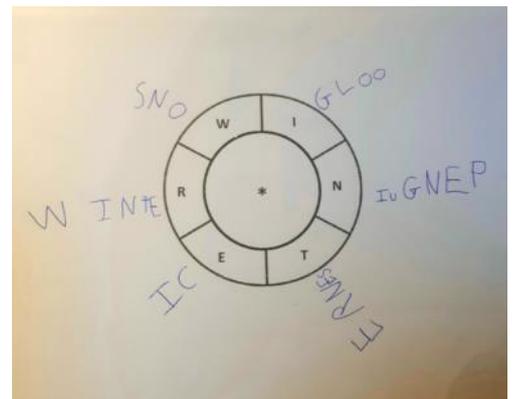
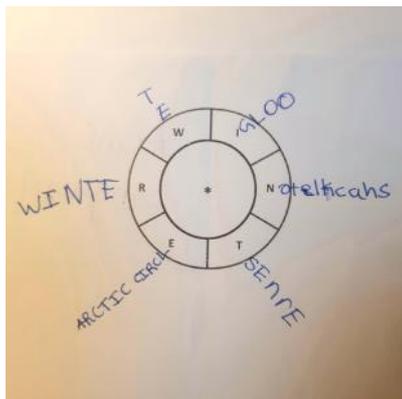
"Victory is always possible for the person who refuses to stop fighting."

~Napoleon Hill

Good luck, Mrs Creighton

Year 4 Antarctica Poetry Session

This week our creative writing journey started in year 4 as we began to explore our 'Antarctica topic'. In our first lesson together, we made a whistle stop tour of punctuation and 'grew' snowflake image poems, made of words we connected, to snow and ice and some of these were transferred to the classroom windows using liquid chalk pens. Along the way, we enriched our snow and ice vocabulary and are all really looking forward to continuing our work together!

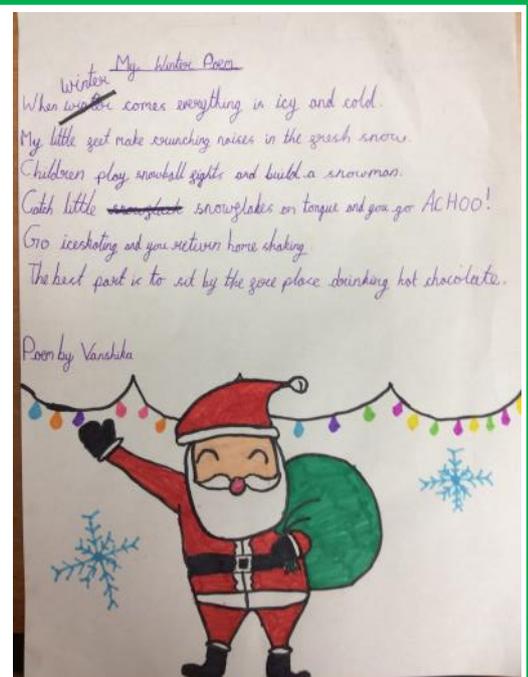


Family Challenge - Poetry Competition

The winner of the winter poem as part of the family challenge is **Vanshika Thatikonda** in class Australia!

Mr Winston was impressed by the incorporation of the different senses.

Well done!



Flat Stan First Aid Course

On Monday 10th January the Year 4 and 5 children had a wonderful afternoon completing the Flat Stan First Aid Course. The training was very valuable and has helped the children to gain vital lifesaving and self-preservation skills.

We looked at what to do in an emergency, how to give CPR and how to help someone who is choking by doing the Heimlich Manoeuvre. All the children had the opportunity to practise these skills on a model person. The session did highlight how important it is for the children to know the emergency number and to know their address.

It would be lovely if you could discuss what they were taught and they could even practise these skills further by trying to teach them to the other people that live in their household.

The children were extremely well behaved and enthusiastic, with the course leader commenting on how much he enjoyed his day at Beech Hill School. He was also very impressed with our staff participation.



Simon Ferris @FlatStan1stAid · 23h

What a FANTASTIC day with children from @beechhillsch . Great questions, great answers and great techniques. #lifeskills #calderdaleschools @CalderdaleSGO



Door Wraps

We have had new door wraps fitted this week throughout the School.

The new door wraps highlight Beech Hill's 8 core values that we encourage the children to demonstrate at school and at home.

We think you will all agree that the new door wraps look fantastic.

Thank you to **The Print Bureau** for providing us with them.



Dinner Menu w/c Monday 17th January

3 Halal	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	 Southern Asia Day	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 4, 5	Sausages Gravy 5, 8	Fish Fingers 2, 5	Mick's Chicken Curry Naan Bread Curry 3, 8 Naan 5	Pizza 5, 8, 10
	Tomato Pasta 5, 10	Quorn Burger in a Bun Ketchup Burger 5, 10, 12 Bun 4, 5 Ketchup 8	Ange's Cheese and Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Samosas Savoury Rice 5	Vegetable and Cheese Bakes 5, 10
Vegetables	Spicy Wedges 5, 8 Sweetcorn Spaghetti 5, 8	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots	Herbies 5 Peas Sweetcorn	Skinny Fries Mixed Veg	Chips Beans
Served Every day	Jacket Potatoes				
Desert	Sandwiches				
	Chocolate Sponge and Custard 5, 8, 10, 12	Carrot Cake 4, 5, 10, 12	Blueberry Muffins 5, 10, 12	Jam Shortcake and Custard 5, 8, 10, 12	Multi-coloured Cupcakes 5, 10, 12
	Crispy Buns 10	Swirled Chocolate and Vanilla Mousse 10	Homemade Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Ice Cream 10