



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 8th September

51st Pellon Scouts - Summer Camp

We have had a very busy summer this year!

The school stayed open and the 51st Pellon Scouts delivered an amazing Healthy Holidays Programme for the children of Calderdale. They did many activities from fencing and rounders to boxing and archery. They ended the week with a sports day where the children had the opportunity to win a trophy.

They even had a special visit from MP, Holly Lynch.

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the 51st Pellon Scouts for providing such a wonderful experience for the children.



Holly Lynch MP
@HollyLynch5

Thanks to Zaheer and all the team at @51stpellon @scouts for inviting me to the awards ceremony for their Healthy Holidays programme today. Lovely to present awards to Ayaan and Alayna, just two of the 150 kids taking part at Beech Hill school 🥳



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Attendance

Beech Hill School is committed to ensuring that children receive an education that they are entitled to. In order to make this happen, we have exceptionally high standards when it comes to attendance and punctuality and fully expect parents/carers to support the school in making sure that all children arrive in school every day and on time.

As a school, we celebrate children's successful attendance through assemblies and giving certificates for high attendance and improving attendance. Children are rewarded with treats and trips throughout the academic year.

If your child is unwell, please contact the school office on **01422 345004** before **9.00am**, providing a reason for absence. If we do not hear from you, we will send a text message requesting you contact us by telephone or text message.

Please note that it is essential you contact the school on the first day and every subsequent day of absence. Failure to do so will result in a home-visit by the school Attendance Officer or welfare check by the Police.

Every effort should be made to ensure that children are in school for the start of the school day (8.35am). Should there be an occasion that your child is going to be late in school, please contact the main office via telephone to explain the reason for your child's lateness. When arriving at school, please report to the main office, providing a reason and clarification as to why your child is late. Please provide any evidence (i.e. medical/ appointment). Without supporting evidence, any absence through lateness will be marked as unauthorised and will affect your child's attendance record.

Leave of absence taken during term impacts negatively on pupils' attainment and progress both academically and socially. We cannot stress the importance of children attending school regularly if they are to achieve their true potential. Please ensure you do not take any leave of absence during term time. There are sufficient opportunities for family holidays, trips abroad to be taken during the school holidays. Leave of absences taken during term time will not be authorised and will be referred to the Local Authority and action will be taken.

We understand children do genuinely have childhood illness and this is taken into consideration when authorising absences due to illness/medical appointments. If your child's attendance is categorised as a Persistent Absentee, then we will refer our concerns to the Education Welfare Services who investigate the matter. Should it be found that there is a criminal case for prosecution, then a fine may be issued or the matter may proceed through the Magistrates' Court. If a conviction is secured then the parent may be fined up to £2500 and/or 3 months in prison.

Who should I contact if I have any concerns regarding attendance?

Should you have any questions regarding attendance then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Farhat Hussain, Attendance and Office Manager, who will be happy to discuss your child's attendance with you.



Beech Hill Values

This year at Beech Hill, we will be focusing on 8 core values.

These values are something that we feel our pupils need to learn and demonstrate throughout all aspects of life.



Each half term, we will have a focus value and we will be rewarding children for demonstrating excellence in each value. We encourage you to help your children to demonstrate these values at home and in the wider community. Please see below each half term's focus value.

Autumn 1 - **Honesty**

Autumn 2 - **Tolerance and Respect**

Spring 1 - **Determination and Perseverance**

Spring 2 - **Appreciation**

Summer 1- **Friendship**

Summer 2 - **Kindness**

This half term's value is:

Honesty

Dates for your Diary

w/c 11th Sep - Rights Respecting Council Nomination Week

Friday afternoon clubs start

w/c Mon 18th Sep - Rights Respecting Council Election Week

Monday to Thursday Clubs Start

Thu 21st Sep - Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting

Tue 26th Sep - Y4 Sports Day

Wed 27th Sep - Y2 Sports Day

Thu 28th Sep - Y3 Sports Day

Y1 Phonics Parent Meeting

Y4 Trip to Cromwell Bottom

Thu 12th Oct - Y1 Trip to Manor Heath

Mon 16th & Tue 17th Oct - Reception Trip to Copley Woods

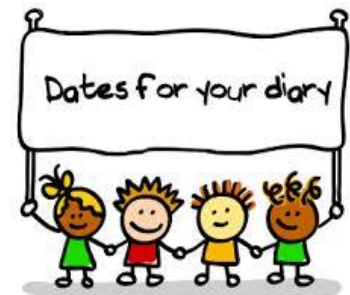
Tue 17th & Thu 19th Oct - Y1 Parent Lunch

Wed 18th Oct - Y2 Trip to Shibden Park

Fri 20th Oct - School closing at 1:10pm to all children due to staff training

Fri 27th Oct - Values Awards Assembly

School closes for half term



School Counselling Service

The School Counselling service can now be accessed by parents, via the school website.

Please go to the school web page, click on the personal development tab and scroll down to School Counselling.

Here you will be able to explore what service we offer and how you can contact the School Counsellor directly.



Do you want to be a School Councillor this year?

Do you want to make the school a better place?

If so, this is your chance! You could write a speech, make a poster or be as creative as you like. Please bring them in by next Friday, 15th September. Good luck!



Nut Free School

Now we are at the beginning of a new school year, we feel it is vitally important to remind all of our children and their parents that we are a nut free school.

We have a number of children with severe nut allergies so it is extremely important that we keep the environment safe and nut free.

Before buying items for your child's packed lunch/snack, please check the ingredients carefully to ensure they do not contain nuts.

Some common food items that we see in school are as follows: Nutella/ chocolate spread sandwiches, Kinder bars with hazelnut fillings, peanuts, nutty yoghurt drinks. All of these items are strictly forbidden as they could cause another child to have a potentially fatal reaction.



Thank you for your continued support!

“Quote
of
the Week”

“Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure.”

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 11th September

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5	Chicken Curry 3	Full English Breakfast Sausage 5 or Quorn Sausage 5	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12 Gravy	Pizza 5, 10
	Fishcakes 2, 5	Naan Bread 5		Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10	Homemade Vegetable Biryani 3
Vegetables	Vege Nuggets 5	Roast Vegetable Paninis 5, 10, 14	Omelette 10, 12 Hash Browns 5, 10, 12	Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14	
Vegetables	Curly Fries 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Ziggy Fries Mixed Veg	Beans Tomatoes	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Cauliflower	Chips Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps				
Dessert	American Pancakes 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Choc Orange Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Swirls 10	Crispy Buns 4, 5, 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Chocolate Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

AGE RESTRICTION

13+
16+ 18+

Age varies by platform

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDING

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared. In some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain anything at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them all, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

Meet Our Expert

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