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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2015!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year, it's great to be back in school and see all the children ready to learn! From talking to the children, it seems everyone had a lovely break.

We have been lucky enough to have received a grant from the Department of Education so that we can have the rest of our roof repaired and replace all of the old windows. The work will be starting at half term and will finish around the beginning of May. You will receive more information soon.

Best Wishes

Sue Rees

Well done

City Catering!

City Catering held its annual Staff Excellence Awards on 27th November 2014 where a very

delighted Ann Travers, became the Winner of "Going the Extra Mile" award and Sue Shetler became winner of "Employee of the Year".

A huge Beechwood congratulations and well done for being acknowledged for all their hard work and effort here at our school.



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It has been mentioned about adults smoking around the school site before and after school. If I could ask that if you are smoking, you do so when children are not around. I have attached some information from the NHS website about the effects of passive smoking.

Is passive smoking harmful?

Yes. Breathing in someone else's cigarette smoke (passive smoking or secondhand smoking) can increase your risk of cancer and other health problems. It is also particularly harmful for children.

Smoke stays in the air

When someone smokes a cigarette, the smoke from the burning tip is released into the air. So is the smoke they breathe out. Smoke can stay in the air for up to two and a half hours, even with a window open. It may still be there even if you can't see it or smell it.

This also applies in small enclosed places, such as cars. Smoke may still be present in large amounts even after the person has stopped smoking.

Risks of passive smoking

Passive smoking can damage your body because secondhand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals, many of which are irritants and toxins, and some of which are known to cause cancer. Passive smoking from all forms of tobacco is harmful, including:

cigarettes , cigars , pipe tobacco, hand-rolling tobacco, shisha pipes
(also called hookahs or waterpipes)

Frequent exposure to other people's smoke can increase your risk of lung cancer, even if you're a non-smoker. Passive smoking also increases your risk of coronary heart disease. Coronary heart disease can cause a heart attack, angina (chest pain) and heart failure. It also increases your risk of stroke.

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Give them your time...
Your love...
Your attention...

...Not your addiction.



Please Don't Smoke
Around Kids.

Children and passive smoking

Breathing in secondhand smoke is particularly harmful for children. Children who breathe in secondhand smoke have an increased risk of:

Cot Death (sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS) – this is twice as likely in babies whose mothers smoke

Developing asthma – smoking can also trigger asthma attacks in children who already have the condition

Serious respiratory (breathing) conditions such as bronchitis and pneumonia – younger children are also much more likely to be admitted to hospital for a serious respiratory infection

Meningitis

Coughs and colds

Middle ear infection (otitis media), which can cause hearing loss

Children who grow up with a parent or family member who smokes are three times as likely to start smoking themselves. If you're a parent who smokes, it will be hard to explain to your children why they shouldn't start smoking. Try to lead by example and quit. As well as improving your health and theirs, your children may be less likely to start smoking later in life.

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Attendance Matters!

Below are the attendance figures for Autumn 2 last year that ran from 3rd November until 19th December.

Remember that 97% is the school's goal! Recent bad weather and local road-works has meant that the roads have become considerably congested so the number of children arriving late to school has increased.

Could we ask that parents who need to travel to school by car allow a little extra time on these days.



Lower School

3R = 95.59%

3G = 97.46%

3W = 97.35%

4T = 97.40%

4W = 96.67%

Upper School

5A = 96.64%

5H = 96.02%

6C = 96.15%

6D = 97.79%

As always we have a busy term ahead of us and many things to look forward to. Curriculum booklets, which outline all events and learning within your child's Year group, will shortly be sent home. In addition they can be accessed on our website and also you can keep up to date with what's been happening in school via our blogs:

<http://www.beechwoodjuniorschool.co.uk/category/news/> These are updated at least monthly and summarise what's been going on in school.



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After School Clubs

The following clubs will run for a half term only from January 5th 2015 until February 12th . Parents will have already received notification that their child has secured a place. New applications for the next set of clubs set to run from after the February half term will be sent out during the week beginning Monday 26th January. Please only apply if your child wishes to take part in the club and they don't have any other commitments on the same day.

PLEASE NOTE THAT HOMEWORK CLUB IS FOR AN ENTIRE TERM BUT NEVER RUNS ON THE FIRST OR LAST WEEK OF ANY TERM OR HALF TERM AS HOMEWORK WILL NOT HAVE BEEN SET.

DAY	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB	Time
MONDAYS		
	Homework Club Years 3 & 4 in Room 2	15:05 – 15:50
TUESDAYS		
	IXL Computer Club in the LSA Room	15:05 – 16:00
	Spanish Club in 3G	15:05 – 16:00
	Reading Club in 3R	15:05 – 16:00
WEDNESDAYS		
	Homework Club Years 5 & 6 in Room 2	15:05 – 15:50
	Netball Coaching Main Hall	15:05 – 16:00
	Multiskills Club in Upper Playground	15:05 – 16:00
	Guitar + Violin Clubs	15:05 – 16:00
THURSDAYS		
	Multisports Club Upper Playground	15:05 – 16:00
	Computer Club 6C	15:05 – 16:00
	Rock Challenge	15:05 – 16:30

Due to confidentiality and noise levels, those collecting a child are unable to wait inside the school building but must collect them promptly from outside of the main reception. If it is raining, please use the cover of the bicycle compound. Children will not be allowed to leave the building unless the club leader has seen the adult/parent waiting to collect them. It is not permitted to park your car in the Staff car park.

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Anyone with a missing lunchbox/lunchbag from over the Christmas holidays is invited to pop into school before tomorrow (Friday 16th January) to retrieve it from the black bags, where many have been kept since 19th December. We do advise wearing rubber gloves (we will provide them) before going through the bags. After tomorrow, the bags and their contents will be disposed of in our rubbish bins.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM/FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals please apply online or by requesting a form from the school office. By applying you may get subsidised clubs, trips and other benefits that you might normally have to pay for. Not only will you benefit if you are eligible, but also the school could receive further funding. If you have any queries, please speak to the office staff.



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KEEPING US UP TO DATE!

If you've been lucky enough to have a new phone over the Christmas period, or even to have moved home, please remember to let us know your new address and telephone numbers.

It's REALLY important that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

A glass of milk with a straw. The glass is white and has a yellow straw sticking out of the top. The background is dark.

Schools in England are now legally required to ensure milk is made available to all pupils who want it. We intend to ensure cartons of fresh semi-skimmed milk are available, to children who would like it, at break-times. It is a great energy boost and rehydrates the body as well as containing calcium and protein to help build strong healthy teeth and bones. Cartons of milk will be offered, costing 22p each, to all children who would like it. Children receiving free school meals will receive their milk free but parents will still need to complete the forms that will be sent home soon.

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Important dates

January

- 22/1/15 6D Class Assembly
- 26—30/1/15 Attendance and Open Week
- 28/1/15 Avon Tyrrell Parents Meeting 5pm—6pm
- 29/1/15 Year 3 Trip to Royal Victoria Country Park

February

- 2/2/15 INSET DAY—no school
- 3/2/15 Cartoon Workshop
- 5/2/15 5A Class Assembly
- 5/2/15 Greek Feast Yr 6 Parents welcome 2pm-3pm
- 10/2/15 Valentine Disco
- 11/2/15 In2Music Concert for Year 3 at 2.30pm
- 12/2/15 4W Class Assembly
- 16—20/2/15 HALF TERM

March

- 2/3/15 Year 5 visit to Butser Farm
- 5/3/15 Year 4 visit to the Sea City Museum
- Year 6 visit to the D-Day Museum
- 10/3/15 Year 3 trip to Bursledon Brickworks
- 12/3/15 Year 3 trip to Bursledon Brickworks
- 12/3/15 School reports out to parents
- 16/3/15 INSET DAY—no school