



Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school looking so smart in their uniforms. Our new Nursery and Reception children have settled in really well and they have had a great start to life at Beech Hill.

As we start the new school year may I remind you of a few Beech Hill uniform rules.

Shoes: Your child must wear black or blue school shoes. Trainers or other sports shoes are not permitted as substitutes for shoes. Children may bring training shoes to change in to at playtimes but they must change back into shoes on return to the classroom.

Hair: Dyed hair or extreme haircuts are not permitted in school. Long hair should be tied back.

Jewellery: Earrings must be removed for PE. If your child is unable to remove his/her earrings, please ensure that he/she arrives at school without earrings on PE days. Please make sure that your child’s uniform and PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion.

Would you like to be more involved at Beech Hill?

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting at school on Wednesday morning. During the



meeting we talked about the possibility of setting up a ‘Friends of Beech Hill’ group. A ‘Friends’ group is made up of people that have a vested interest in the school and have a collective desire to work together to improve the school, through fund raising and community events. There will be a further meeting on Tuesday 10th October at 9:15 to discuss the next steps in establishing the group and all are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please pop in to the office, where there is a sign-up sheet. In the meantime, further information on setting up a PTA can be found at ; <https://www.pta.org.uk/PTAs/Start-a-PTA>



Roll of Honour 2016-2017

Congratulations to the following children who didn’t miss a single school session last year. Having 100% attendance is a fantastic achievement and the children should be very proud of themselves. Well done every one of you.

**Connor Berry
Layton Disley
Maddison Marston**

**Ellie Booth
Josie Else
Blake Wood**

**Jack Booth
Paddy Johnson
Jaeden Matthews**

**Harvey Bushell
Kieron Long**

**Daniel Dean
Owen Lythgoe**

**Aiden Disley
Sasha Stout**

Statistics show that attendance has a direct impact on children’s attainment and progress in learning and any child whose attendance falls below 95% will raise a cause for concern to the school. We are obliged to inform the Local Authority once attendance falls below 90%. This is when children are classed as persistently absent from school. We will monitor each child’s attendance and send a letter to inform you if attendance falls below 95%. Please help us help your children with their learning by bringing them into school, ready to come into class by 8.55am, when lessons begin. Arriving on time gets the children into good habits and reduces children’s levels of anxiety as they are eased into the school day. Many thanks for your support.

Days Absent By End of Year.	Equal to Absence Percentage	Overall Attendance Percentage by the End of Year
1	0.5%	99.50%
5	2.5%	97.50%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS AND CARERS

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

The application process for admission to Secondary School in September 2018 is now open. Parents can either submit the form online or fill in a hard copy which can either be returned to school or to School Organisation Team, People Directorate, Wigan Council, PO Box 100, WN1 3DS

The closing date for applications is October 31st 2017

If you would like any support in completing the application, feel free to come in to school and we will be happy to help.



After Care Provision at Beech Hill

Several parents have spoken to me since the start of the school year about the possibility of after school care. I am aware that the lack of out of school provision is a problem for some of our working parents in terms of picking up children at the end of the day and I am keen to investigate whether an after care service is something which we would be viable at Beech Hill. After care could potentially run from the end of the school day to 5:30pm and there would be a charge for each session. Parents **would not** be required to use all five sessions each week, however, the cost of each session would be fixed regardless of pick-up time. The sessions would be run by Beech Hill staff and children would be provided with a snack. In order to find out whether this is feasible, we need to find out how many of our parents would be interested and an indication of how many sessions would be required per week for each family.

If you are a working parent who would like to see after care provision at the school, please e-mail the office with details of your child's name and the number of days each week you would expect your child to attend.



PARKING

Beech Hill is fortunate to have parking bays outside the front of the school for parents to drop off and pick up. There is, however, a clearly defined disabled parking bay near the new building which parents are using. Please be aware that parking in this space is causing great inconvenience for our children with disabilities. Please park with consideration for others.

Meet the Teacher

Many parents have already attended Meet the Teacher sessions this week. If you have not yet done so, please try to drop in to your child's new class to hear details of the topics your child will be studying and information about homework, PE and the expectations of your child as they move through the school.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to our best attending class - Week ending: 8th September 2017

2L - 98.3%

Any Questions?

If at any time during the school year you have any queries or concerns please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. Each phase also has a team leader and they are also available to answer any queries or concerns.

Phase leaders at Beech Hill are;

EYFS: Mrs Hobin

KS1: Mrs Lees

LKS2: Mrs Fitzpatrick (Assistant Headteacher)

UKS2: Mrs Baldry

Should you wish to discuss anything further please make an appointment to see either Mrs Saddington (Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Lead) or Mrs McCarthy (Headteacher)

Dates for your Diary

10th October— Friends of Beech Hill Meeting

11th October—Year 3 Sharing Assembly

20th October—KS1 Fancy dress disco (4-5:30pm)

20th October— Finish for Half Term Holiday

30th October—Return to school

31st October—Deadline for secondary school applications

w/b 6th November—Parent / Teacher conferences (details to follow)