



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 29th November 2017

CALENDAR

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers

A glance through the crowded end of term diary has reminded me that the Carol Service at Bath Abbey is almost upon us. As is traditional we will expect our Year 7 boys to attend and we extend an invitation to all our pupils and parents. It is often an opportunity to catch up with pupils who have recently left for university, as well as being a wonderful community event in the School Calendar. We do hope you will be able to join us at the Abbey on Thursday, 14th December at 7pm.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Forthcoming Immunisation for Year 9

Debi Chalke, Public Health Nurse for the School Nursing Service at Virgin Care requires parents of all **Year 9** pupils to complete Immunisation consents which are being sent home with pupils this week

Year 9 pupils are to have the two immunisations which are boosters from their childhood immunisations. One is Diphtheria Tetanus and Polio and one is Meningitis ACWY.

Please read the information which accompanies the consent forms. All forms need to be completed and returned to School, whether you are consenting or not.

If we do not receive a form we will be calling you to establish verbal consent.

The nurses will be attending School on;
Wednesday 10th January 2018 for the Year 9 Immunisations

All information and contact details accompany the forms.

Mrs D Chalke
School Nursing Service

Friday 1st December

Year 11 Trial Exams Results

Monday 4th December

Year 11 Parents Evening – 4.30pm – 8pm

Tuesday 5th December

House Cross Country Years 7 and 10

Friday 8th December

Upper Sixth Art Trip to Venice

House Cross Country Years 8 and 9

Christmas Sixth Form Debate @ 4.00pm – Wera
Hobhouse MP judging

Tuesday 12th December

Upper Sixth Parents Evening 4.30pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Carol Service at Bath Abbey 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Tuesday 19th December

End of Term Assembly and End of Term

Thursday 4th January

Spring Term (Term 3) commences

Monday 8th January

Upper Sixth Mock Exams Week
Year 7 -8 Star Test Week

School Christmas Lunch



The School Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 14th December, and will cost £2.60. A vegetarian option will be available.

Please can we request that your son/daughter's accounts are topped up so we are able to be as quick as possible on the tills.

Thank you!

Chef Dan Keal

Word of the Week: - Pronunciation

= the way in which a word is spoken out loud

= the accepted standard of the sounds and stress patterns of a syllable, word, phrase etc.

Use it:

What is the correct **pronunciation** of your name, please?

Her friend, a German native, congratulated her on her impressive **pronunciation**.

He struggled with his **pronunciation** of the word 'colonel' as he had only ever seen it written down before.

Spell it:

If the verb is 'to pronOunce', what happened to the second 'o' to make it prONUnciation?

The word pronunciation ultimately comes from the Latin verb pronuntiare. But, when the Latin Verb was taken into taken in to Anglo-French and later entered Middle English, that second vowel was sometimes rendered as -u- and sometimes rendered as -ou-. This meant that, from about the 1500s onward, both pronounciation and pronunciation were used. BUT! Eventually the noun standardised to pronunciation.

Just think of a **nun** with good **pronunciation**

Literacy

Accelerated Reader House Totals as of 26th November - based on average % correct of Quizzes taken:

1 st	KP	84% average correct over the House
2 nd	BY	80%
3 rd	CH	79%
4 th	SH	78%
5 th	ML	75%

Reader of the Week: Archie Dodd.



Archie has read 4 books since the start of the school year, totalling 77,833 words and gaining him 11.4 AR Points for his House. Most recently, he has read Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw.

Well done, Archie.

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Year 7 Art Competition – 'Design a new PTA Logo'

Year 7 pupils have been asked to design a new logo for Beechen Cliff's PTA (Parent Teachers Association).

Year 7s should have brought home a competition worksheet to complete which needs to be handed in by the deadline date of Friday, 1st December (that is this coming Friday!).

The Headmaster will be involved in judging the competition and the winner, who will receive a fantastic prize worth £25, will be announced during the last week of term.

Mrs H Rogers
PTA

Theme of the Week

Theme of the Week this week is about Stonewall, which is a charity dedicated to LGBT equality. It was set up in 1989 by a group of people campaigning for equal rights and treatment of LGB people. Stonewall became trans inclusive in 2015. Stonewall runs campaigns throughout the year, including the Rainbow Laces campaign, where National teams, leading clubs, top athletes, fans and grassroots players from across sport will show their support for LGBT people during: Rainbow Laces Week, 24th November – 3rd December 2017. Liverpool Football team players are due to wear their rainbow laces for their game against Chelsea on 25th November.



Beechen Cliff are proud to be a Stonewall Champion school, so we are dedicated to ensuring that all members of the school community are accepted without exception and that we foster an inclusive environment. We are also committed to raising awareness of diversity and equality, and challenge behaviour or language which is homophobic, biphobic or transphobic. The Beechen Cliff Equalities Team and Sixth Form students are working hard to raise awareness and support for Stonewall – more volunteers are always welcome!

The Powerpoint presentation which accompanies this newsletter includes a couple of video clips about the work of Stonewall. There will be Stonewall posters around school, and see if you can spot any sports players wearing rainbow laces in the next couple of weeks!

Miss P Netto
PSHE Co-ordinator

Homestay Places for Chinese Students



Hayesfield
GIRLS SCHOOL

Do you have a spare room?

We are looking for Homestay places in Bath for 30 Year 7 Chinese students (mixed sexes) for 8 weeks (away over Half term) during the Summer term 2018, from 28th April to 30th June. Dates may change depending on flight availability.

The students will be attending Beechen Cliff and Hayesfield in Year 7 and 8 lessons. They are here to improve their English and learn about our culture. As part of that we'd like them to also be part of a family life.

The students would be hosted individually or in pairs of the same sex within a home from home environment which provides daily home cooked meals, packed lunches and a bedroom with a study area. Ideally with an en-suite so they have their own privacy and space but sharing a bathroom is fine, if you can accommodate. Homes must ideally be within walking distance of both schools or be able to provide daily transport, if needed.



You do not need to have a son or daughter in Year 7 or 8 to offer a homestay placement, however, we would particularly welcome interest from families in those year groups and these will be given priority. If you can accommodate, to cover all living expenses including transport, we provide an allowance of £150 per person per week.

If you would like an application form or would like to find out more information then please contact Fiona Harrison or email international@hayesfield.com

All placements are subject to a home visit and DBS check.

Fiona Harrison

Wear your Christmas jumper to School - Thursday 14th December

On Thursday 14th December all pupils are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school in order to raise money for the sixth Form Project work with a Transylvanian orphanage.



Please support this worthwhile cause by wearing your Christmas jumper on 14th December and bring a minimum donation of £1, preferably £2, in on the day.

Please note that other than wearing a Christmas jumper, Thursday 14th December is a normal uniform day.

Mr P Watts
Deputy Headmaster

PTA: Raise Funds Whilst Eating Veg!

We have joined Riverford's "Veg Fund" - a new partnership scheme for schools which helps us to raise funds and raise awareness of healthy eating. Riverford's local team (who are parents at Beechen Cliff) will be making a £15 donation to the School for each new or existing customer connected to the School.



Riverford deliver seasonal, organic vegboxes to your door, so it is a really easy way to buy your vegetables. Boxes start at just £10.95 and they can be cheaper than buying the same veg at the supermarket. Delivery is free. There is no minimum commitment and you are in control of what you get and when.

Try a regular vegbox and get the donations rolling in the Beechen Cliff:

- If you are already a Riverford customer, please support the School by letting Alan and Vicki (the local team) know. Just email them at alanandvicki@riverfordhomedelivery.co.uk and quote our School ID code SCH1301
- If you are new to Riverford, go to www.riverford.co.uk/vegfund and choose the box that suits you, or call alan and Vicki on 01225 437438. Again you will need to quote our School ID code, SCH101, when you check out. Riverford will make the payment at the beginning of the term following your third delivery.

Beechen Cliff PTA

Lost Property

We still have a large number of **unnamed** items including coats currently in Lost Property.

If your son has mislaid any items, especially any which are unnamed, please can you encourage him to visit the lost property office as soon as possible and especially before the end of term. Lost Property Office is open each day from 9.30am – 3.00pm.



Mrs K Lothgren
School Nurse

Sports

Sports Fixtures

The details below are correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.

Day	Kick		Meeting	Transport	Finish/
Thurs 30 th	2.30pm	Football 1 st XI v Millfield @ Glasshouse	1.30pm	MB	4.00pm
	2.30pm	Rugby 1 st XV, 2 nd XV Colston's School (H)	1.15pm	n/a	4.00pm
Mon 4 th Dec	2.30pm	Rugby U14A, U14B v Sir Thomas Rich's School (H)	1.50pm	n/a	4.00pm
Tues 5 th Dec	12.00pm	Rugby U18 AASE XV v Myerscough College	8.30am	Coach 8.45am	5.00pm
	2.30pm	Rugby Union U13A, U13B v Sir Thomas Rich's School (A)	12.00pm	Coach 12.45pm	5.15pm
Weds 6 th Dec	2.00pm	Football 1 st XI v Clevedon Community School (A)	12.15pm	MB	4.30pm
	2.30pm	Rugby U15A, U15B v Sir Thomas Roch's School (A)	12.30pm	Coach	5.15pm
	2.30pm	Rugby 1 st XV v Ropyal Wootton Bassett Academy (H)	1.45pm	n/a	4.00pm

Sports Results for w/c 20th November

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 20 th Nov	U13a Football v Archway	ESFA round 4	Won	10-0
	U15a Football v Riddlesdown	Friendly	Won	3-0
	U15b Football v Riddlesdown	Friendly	Won	9-2
Tues 21 st Nov	U15a Football v Whitgift	Friendly	Won	8-0
	U15b Football v Whitgift	Friendly	Won	5-1
	U14 Rugby v Writhlington	League	Won	45-5
Weds 22 nd Nov	AASE v Filton	League	Won	22-18
	U13a Rugby v Prior	Friendly	Lost	10-15
	U13b Rugby v Prior	Friendly	Won	45-0
	U12a Rugby v Prior	Friendly	Lost	10-40
Thurs 23 rd Nov	U12b Rugby v Prior	Friendly	Drew	25-25
	Bristol Schools Swimming Championships	Finals	See website	
Sat 25 th Nov	1 st XV Rugby v QEH	Friendly	Won	22-5
	U16a Rugby v QEH	Friendly	Won	19-15
	U15a Rugby v QEH	Friendly	Won	36-32
	U14a Rugby v QEH	Friendly	Won	45-0
	U13a Rugby v QEH	Friendly	Won	25-20
	U13b Rugby v QEH	Friendly	Won	30-10
	U12a Rugby v QEH	Friendly	Lost	5-25
U12b Rugby v QEH	Friendly	Lost	10-30	

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport