



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Message from the Headmaster

You will be aware that we have a very large team of Ofsted inspectors with us at the moment. They have, I believe, enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of the boys and Sixth Form students. The report, when completed, will be published in due course, although I hope to be able to pass on some of my initial thoughts on the findings very shortly. Thank you to all the parents who responded to the parent summary on the Ofsted site. Your input is much appreciated.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

Friday 25th May

Year 7 Science Trip to 'We the Curious'

Year 8 History Trip to the Big Pit

Half Term Starts at end of day

Monday 4th June

Term 6 Begins

Year 9 Exams week

Thursday 7th June

Normandy Information Evening @ 17.00

Yr 10 Quantocks Trip

Friday 8th June

Yr 10 Quantocks Trip

Monday 11 June

Yr 10 Exams week

KS3 Catalonia trip departs

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 4th June** is:

Monday: Chicken wrapped in Bacon with a tomato and basil sauce, Braised Beef with a red wine and mushroom sauce, Vegetable pasta bake

Tuesday: Chicken Tikka with minted yogurt, Beef and vegetable pie, Mozzarella and tomato tart

Wednesday: Roast Beef with a Yorkshire pudding, Chicken with a tarragon cream sauce, Stuffed Aubergine with Spiced Chick peas

Thursday: Spicy chicken and tomato risotto, Soy and ginger pork, Squash and feta pie

Friday: Fish of the week, Chicken Fajitas, Mixed bean and cheddar wrap

Please be advised that any of the above can be subject to change

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

Attendance

Reporting Pupil Absences



Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting any absences from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments.

Lower School Pupils

To report a Lower School absence please call the Attendance Office direct on **01225 485222**, or you can email attendance@beechencliff.org.uk

Sixth Form Students

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on **01225 485221**.

Theme of the Week 21st–25th May

The Theme of the Week this week is **Driverless Cars** - in particular, the morality of this type of technology which may be widely used in the future. Autonomous car technology is already being developed by the likes of Lexus, BMW and Mercedes, and even Tesla's driverless Autopilot system has been tested on UK roads. Across the Atlantic, Google is developing its automated technology in the wild, and Apple is rumoured to be working with BMW on its own – probably automated – car. Fully-driverless tech is still at an advanced testing stage, but partially automated technology has been around for the last few years. Executive saloons like the BMW 7 Series feature automated parking, and can even be controlled remotely.

The morality of driverless cars. Imagine you are driving down the street when two people – one child and one adult – step onto the road. Hitting one of them is unavoidable. You have a terrible choice. What do you do? Now imagine that the car is driverless. What happens then? Should the car decide? Hopefully this topic will raise some interesting ethical conversations at Tutor time.

Miss P Netto

PSHE Co-ordinator

Literacy

Reader of the Week is awarded to **Mason (7ML5)** who has been incredibly focused, consistent and has made great improvements this term. Mason has most recently read **Mr Stink** by David Walliams and passed his accelerated reader quiz with a fantastic 90%. Great news!

Book Recommendation

This week **Oskar (7ML4)** recommends reading 'Enders Game' by Orson Scott Card. "I recommend this book because it is a gripping sci-fi, set in the future in a war against aliens and all is not as it seems....."

The human race faces annihilation.

An alien threat is on the horizon, ready to strike. And if humanity is to be defended, the government must create the greatest military commander in history.

The brilliant young Ender Wiggin is their last hope. But first he must survive the rigours of a brutal military training program - to prove that he can be the leader of all leaders.

A saviour for mankind must be produced, through whatever means possible. But are they creating a hero or a monster?



Millionaires

We have a new millionaire this week - **Oliver (7BY3)** has now read 1,003,504 words in total and has been added to the millionaires board in the library. Welcome to the club!



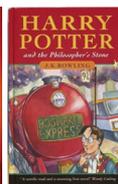
TERM 5

Top Quizzers

Rufus (8KP4)	36 quizzes
Isaac (7BY7)	35 quizzes
Otto (7ML7)	33 quizzes
Noah (7CH8)	29 quizzes
Benjamin (7ML5)	29 quizzes

Word Count Totals

1 st Place Milton	4,748,043
2 nd Place Kipling	3,786,528
3 rd Place Chaucer	2,870,088
4 th Place Byron	2,389,155
5 th Place Shakespeare	2,021,305



TERM 5's MOST QUIZZED BOOKS Our next book order will be on **Monday 4th June** so please do pop in and let one of the librarians know if there is a book that you think the library is missing or a book that you have recently read and would recommend to others! We are always happy to keep the library stocked with current favourites!

Mrs H Dunn

Accelerated Reader Coordinator

YEARS 7-10



2018 Young Musician Competition

FIRST round auditions to take place After half term
Entries should be made to the Music Department with
**YOUR NAME, TUTOR GROUP, INSTRUMENT AND
NAME/COMPOSER OF PIECE YOU ARE**

PERFORMING.

Or you can apply by email to

music@beechencliff.org.uk

Closing date is

FRIDAY 8th June

Get practising and good luck!

Word of the Week

Filibuster

A verb – to filibuster

= to act in an obstructive manner in a legislative assembly, especially by speaking at excessive length

= a delaying tactic; a long speech given in order to delay progress or the making of a decision

= to obstruct (e.g. legislation) with a filibuster (*noun*)

Do you **know** it?

Can you **spell** it?

Can you **use** it correctly in your work this week?

Use it:

The **filibuster** took so long that everyone left the Senate.

Ed began to **filibuster**, crushing any hope of reaching a vote by the end of the day.

The **filibustering** was considered poor form, but as she had not broken any rules it was hard to counter.

Spell it:

Fil – i –buster

obstruct; block; go on and on!...

Be Tick aware

At this stage of the year through various outdoor activities many students will be in areas where they could pick up ticks. These insects are in great abundance this year. They are parasitic and take blood from their host. They are normally easy to remove with tweezers and are quite common. However they can carry Lyme disease, which if untreated is extremely de-habilitating. The incidence of this disease is on the rise so here is some advice on what to look out for. Further details are available by following the links from the Outdoor Education section of the school website or directly from : <http://www.lymediseaseaction.org.uk/about-ticks/>



Approximately 50% of patients may get a rash with Lyme disease, but only 9% get the classic bull's eye rash. Symptoms may occur days or months after a tick bite. General early Lyme disease symptoms and signs may include: Erythema Migrans (EM rash), the Bull's Eye rash (a subset of EM rash), or no rash. The EM rash may appear on other places on your body other than the bite site (Disseminated disease). It may begin as a single circular red mark that spreads outwards. As it disseminates over the skin, sometimes it becomes lighter in the area nearer to the centre of the bite--this central clearing is what distinguishes a Bull's eye rash from other EM rashes. In people of colour, the rash may appear more like a bruise. The rash is usually not itchy.

Since Lyme disease is a multi-systemic illness there are a multitude of Lyme disease symptoms including:

- Flu-like illness
- Fever
- History of Tick Bite (Not all patients recall a bite)
- Headache
- Extreme Fatigue
- EM Rash, Other Rashes (Only found in 50% of patients)
- Malar Flush, Red Ear Lobes
- TMJ/TMJ D Jaw Pain (Temporomandibular joint dysfunction)
- Neck & Back Pain

The rash is very distinctive and looks like a target or dart board. Please consult your doctor if you see this.

Mr D Brewer
Head of Humanities



MESSAGES FROM THE PTA

CURRY AND QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 22nd June

7.00-10.30 pm in the refectory

£10 a head and available on ParentPay, bar and raffle with great prizes !!

Save the date, and get your teams of 6 together, for what should be a great end-of-year night out.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you have any uniform that you no longer need please bring this bagged and hand in at the

School Office at any time.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Every year we hold a Summer raffle during the Year 7/8 Cricket festival scheduled this year for Tuesday 19th June 9am- 1pm.

All donations will go towards Cancer Research in support of any pupils at the school who have been affected by this illness.

We are always in need of prizes, however small. Successful prizes in the past have been:

- boxes of biscuits, chocolates, toiletries, plants, flowers, gift vouchers, a cheese platter, wine (for adults only of course!).... If you have a suitable prize that would be FANTASTIC!

Please contact Mrs de Glanville (yolandadeglanville@beechencliff.org.uk) or bring it to the school or maths office via your child by June 8th.

Raffle tickets will be available via the School Office, ParentPay, Mrs de Glanville and Mrs Stapleford during the week commencing and on the day of the raffle at £1 a ticket.

Mrs Y de Glanville
Maths Teacher



SPORTS

Sporting Fixtures—The details below are correct at the time of publication. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.

Day	Kick off / start	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish / Return
Thursday 24 May	14.00	Cricket 1st XI v Monkton (A)	12.45	MB	20.00
Wednesday 6 June	14.00	Cricket U13A v Millfield (A)	12.00	Coach 12.15	17.30
	14.15	Cricket U12A, U12B v Monkton (A)	13.30	MB	17.30
	14.30	Tennis U13A Yr 8 v Clifton College (A)	13.30	MB	17.30
	15.15	Cricket U15A v St Laurence (A)	14.30	MB	18.30

Sporting Results for week commencing 14th May

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Monday 14 May	U15 cricket v Kingswood	Bristol Schools Cup	Lost	By 23 runs
Tuesday 15 May	U13 tennis v KES	League	Won	10-2
	U13b cricket v Chew Valley U14a	Friendly	Lost	By 12 runs
Wednesday 16 May	U12b cricket v Chew Valley U12a	Friendly	Lost	By 3 wickets
	U13a football v Writhlington	B&NES final	Won	6-2
Thursday 17 May	U12a cricket v Wellsway	Friendly	Won	By 38 runs

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport