



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

## Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents/Carers

My assemblies this week have been looking at the message from Sir David Attenborough on the imprint of plastics and their disposal. The challenge I am hoping we can take up is to make the School able to recycle 100% of the plastics that we consume, with a longer term view that we can reduce its use across the site. To this end we will be placing a number of recycling points across the School and looking to order only materials which can be easily recycled.

The pupils have been set the challenge of coming up with ideas that they might have which would impact positively on the environment and help us achieve our goals.

I am sure you will all be able to support this activity and encourage your sons and daughters to support us in reducing the burden we place upon the wider environment. There are, of course, other areas we can look to improve and these will be part of our future plans.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

## 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](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

### Sixth Form Students

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

## CALENDAR

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
Lower Sixth Exams (excluding BH Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
FLA Awards Ceremony – Main Hall

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
May Day Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 9 Summer Exams Assembly at 8.25am

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 11 GCSE Exam Briefing

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**  
Ten Tors Event

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May**  
GCSE Exams begin

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 7 Exams Week

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**  
FH- Making Technology Work 3.30pm in Main Hall

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 10 Summer Exams Assembly

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 10 Summer Exams Assembly during Tutor Time  
FH – British Technology - Dyson

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 8 Exams Week

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 7 Science Trip to @Bristol  
Year 8 Science to the Big Pit

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
Half Term Starts

## Year 11 GCSE Exam briefing

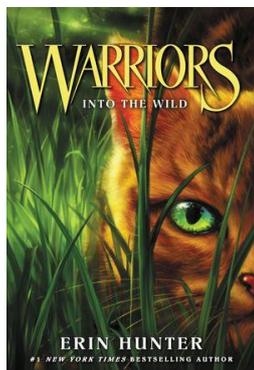
Year 11 GCSE Exam briefing will now take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Mr T D Markall  
Assistant Headmaster

## Literacy

### Reader of the Week:

**Luke de la Croix Vaubois CH3** has shown great resilience and determination whilst reading this week and therefore very much deserves RotW! Great job Luke!



Book Recommendation comes from **Dillan Geohegan (Year 7)** who recommends '**Warriors (Into The Wild)** by **Erin Hunter**.

Dillan says '*the book has loads of cool action and is full of great plots!*' and gives it an outstanding 5/5 stars. The library has ordered a copy of **Warriors** which should be with us by next week.

*Warriors into the Wild*.....for generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by their ancestors. But the warrior code has been threatened, and the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger. The sinister ShadowClan grows stronger every day. Noble warriors are dying—and some deaths are more mysterious than others.

In the midst of this turmoil appears an ordinary housecat named Rusty... who may turn out to be the bravest warrior of them all.

Mrs H Dunn  
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

## Word of the Week: - Ossify

A verb – to ossify

- = to turn into bone or bony tissue
- = to cease developing; to stagnate
- = to become rigid or inflexible in opinions or attitudes

- ✓ Do you **know** it?
- ✓ Can you **spell** it?
- ✓ Can you **use** it correctly in your work this week?

### Use it:

This type of arthritis causes the joints to **ossify** to the extent that they become immobile.

His views have begun to **ossify**; I know he won't change his mind now.

### Spell it:

Remember the double 's':  
**Ossify**

Start to Solidify

## Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the Refectory for the coming week, commencing **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** is:



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

Mr D Keal  
Head Chef

## Lego...Can you Help?

We are in need of Lego in order to assist students who struggle with social interaction and building better relationships with their peers.

Lego Therapy develops and reinforces play skills and social skills such as:

Verbal and non-verbal communication

- Joint attention
- Task focus
- Sharing and turn-taking
- Collaborative problem-solving

If you have any Lego that is no longer required and would be willing to donate it to the school, please hand it in to the main office.

Thank you

Mrs A Stapleford  
Assistant Teacher



## Theme of the Week

This week's Theme of the Week is about the UN International Day of Families. Although families all over the world have transformed greatly over the past decades in terms of their structure and as a result of global trends and demographic changes, the United Nations still recognizes the family as the basic unit of society. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them. It has inspired a series of awareness-raising events, including national family days. In many countries, this day is an opportunity to highlight different areas of interest and importance to families.



In 1993, the General Assembly decided in a resolution that 15 May of every year should be observed as **The International Day of Families**. This day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families. Activities include workshops and conferences, radio and television programmes, newspaper articles and cultural programmes highlighting relevant themes. On 25 September 2015, the 193 member states of the United Nations unanimously adopted the [Sustainable Development Goals](#), a set of 17 goals aiming to eliminate poverty, discrimination, abuse and preventable deaths, address environmental destruction, and usher in an era of development for all people, everywhere. Each goal has specific targets to be achieved over the next 15 years.

This year's observance of International Day of Families will explore the role of families and family policies in advancing [Sustainable Development Goal 16](#) in terms of promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels.

Part of the focus of International Day of Family is the recognition that families are structured differently around the world, but what unites them is an understanding and appreciation of the values and importance of family.

Attached to this newsletter is a powerpoint which explores the theme for this year's International Day of Families, and includes a link to a video called 'Love has no labels.' It is important to recognise that some people have difficult family lives, which can lead to problems with mental health. There is a slide signposting support with these issues - there is ALWAYS someone/somewhere to go for help, advice or support.

Miss P Netto  
PSHE Co-ordinator

## Forthcoming Future Horizon – Talks

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – A Talk by Nathan Baranowski MD of OJo Solutions

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – A Talk by Mark Urbanowski of Dyson

Both talks are being held at 3.30pm in the Main Hall, everyone is welcome!

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**OJo solutions**  
MAKING TECHNOLOGY WORK

A Talk by  
**Nathan Baranowski MD OJo Solutions**

OJo help organisations understand how to use technology to solve their business needs. They tie cutting-edge technology and processes together to make organisations more efficient and productive, and to improve the way they engage with customers, employees and supporters.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
3:30pm in the Main Hall

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
All welcome- No need to book

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**dyson**

A Talk by Mark **Urbanowski** of Dyson

Dyson Ltd is a British technology company established by James Dyson in 1987. It designs and manufactures household appliances such as vacuum cleaners, hand dryers, bladeless fans, heaters and hair dryers. Dyson employs more than 8,500 people worldwide.

He will be talking about everything from cars to hair dryers!  
A talk not to be missed.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
3:30pm in the Main Hall

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED  
Open to staff, pupils and the public - No need to book

## Bath IRON – Festival of Ironwork

Four Days of Blacksmithing Action for all the family!



A few Beechen Cliff pupils have already booked Have-a-Go forging sessions, so we would like to inform parents and families about this event which is running in Bath from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

## PTA – Second Hand Uniform Request

**BEECHEN CLIFF PTA**

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNIFORM THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED PLEASE BRING THIS BAGGED AND HAND IN AT THE SCHOOL RECEPTION.

MANY THANKS.

## SPORTS

### Spotters Hockey Half Term Camp 2018

**Spotters Hockey Half Term Camp** will be running 9am -2pm on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at Beechen Cliff School for hockey players ages between the ages of 7 and 15 years old. The camp provides high quality, fun and enjoyable coaching with skilled based sessions designed to improve your child's hockey skills whatever their ability. The camp utilises proven, research based techniques and treats your child as an individual, increasing their knowledge of hockey and boosting game awareness. Also running is the Spotters High Performance camp, attendance at which is free when booking on the main camp.



These camps are normally very popular and offer excellent coaching at a reasonably low cost; there is a discount if you book before 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018, with the discounted cost from just £22.50 per day; there are limited spaces on this occasion, so please book early to secure a place for your child.

For more details or to book your child's place please email [spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk) or see Mr Norton for further details.

A full size flyer is attached to this weeks Newsletter

### 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 Time	Fixture	Meeting Time	Transport	Finish/Return
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	14.00	Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> XI, v Dauntsey's School	12.00	MB	20.30
	14.00	Cricket U15A v Dauntsey's School	12.30	MB	19.00
	14.30	Cricket 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Kingswood School (A)	13.15	MB	18.00
	15.00	Tennis U13A Year 8, U13B Year 7 v Colston's School	14.00	MB	17.30
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY				
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> May	14.30	Cricket U14A v Monkton (A)	13.45	MB	18.00
	14.30	Cricket U13A v St Kathgerine's School (H)	13.45	n/a	17.30
	15.15	Tennis U13B Year 8 v Backwell School (H)	15.00	n/a	17.30
Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> May	14.00	Cricket U15A, U15B, U14A, U14B v Millfield (A)	12.15	Coach	18.15
	15.15	Tennis U15B Year 9/10 v Ralph Allen (H)	15.00	n/a	17.15

### Sport Results for Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	U12 Football v Chew Valley	Banes final	Won	11-1
	U13 Cricket v Kingswood	County cup	Lost	By 29
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Cricket v Prior	T20 league	Lost	By 38
	Swimming v Dauntseys	Friendly	No results	
	U13c Tennis v Writhlington	League	Won	10-2
	U15a Tennis v Writhlington	League	Won	12-0
	1 <sup>st</sup> VI Tennis v Prior	Friendly	Won	8-4
	2 <sup>nd</sup> VI Tennis v Prior	Friendly	Lost	4-8
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> I Cricket v Dauntseys	League	Lost	By 8
	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket v Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	By 2
	U13a Tennis v Colstons	League	Lost	2-10
	U13b Tennis v Colstons	League	Lost	0-12

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport