



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 4th July 2018

### Message from the Headmaster

I suspect that parents have probably heard enough from me over the last few days and thought I would keep my input to a minimum.

Your incredible support for the school over the last two days has been a huge morale booster for all staff at the school and I did want to thank you for that. We are all determined to move forward with improvements required and to see the change in judgement on our school come around as quickly as possible. With the support of the whole school community this should be easily achievable.

Thank you again.

Mr A Davies  
Headmaster

### Calendar

#### Thursday 5th July

19.00 –21.00 Celebration of Achievement Main Hall

#### Friday 6th July

Centurion Challenge

#### Tuesday 10th July

Sports Day

#### Wednesday 11th July

TedX event 19.00–21.00 Main Hall

Wicked West End Trip

#### Friday 13 July

End of term assembly – **pupils dismissed at 12.30**

#### Monday 3rd September

Pupils/Students return to school—staggered start

### Lost Property

#### Clothing/shoes

We have received a large amount of Lost Property that has yet to be claimed. If your son has lost an item of uniform or sports kit, please encourage him to visit the school nurse during a break or lunch time to see if the item is there.

#### Mobiles/kindles/watches/house keys

Over the year we also have received some more valuable items that have not been collected—for these, please visit the Pastoral Office during breaks or lunch time. Proof of ownership/identifiable marks will be required. Also there will be one day before the end of term where the pastoral secretaries will be in the refectory for any items left to be checked. Again, proof of ownership will be required.



## TED<sup>x</sup> BeechenCliffSchool

x = independently organized TED event

There are still some tickets left for our TEDx event being held in the Main Hall on the 11th of July! The theme is 'Frontiers' and our speakers include the previous Head of the European Space Agency and also one of the producers from the Blue Planet TV series who will be sharing important ideas under this theme.

The event starts at 7pm and should be finished by 9pm. Adults £8, students £6. Finger food and drinks are included in the ticket price.

The event is open to all year 10 students and above, and the invitation also extends to friends and family (they don't have to go to Beechen Cliff!). If you would like to attend please email [hannah.fisher@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:hannah.fisher@beechencliff.org.uk) with the number of adult/student tickets you would like to apply for.

It should be a brilliant evening! **This event will be rearranged if England reach the World Cup Semi Final.**

## Theme of the Week

This week's theme of the week is a celebration of School Diversity Week 2018. It is organised every year



by Just Like Us, the LGBT+ charity for young people, which was founded for a simple reason: growing up LGBT+ is still one of the most challenging experiences young people can face.

The organisation train LGBT+ university students as relatable role models who visit schools to share their personal stories; tackle homophobic, biphobic and trans phobic bullying; challenge stereotypes and champion LGBT+ equality. The ambassadors have worked directly with more than 23,000 schoolchildren this academic year.

Growing up remains unacceptably tough for LGBT+ young people: 86% of them hear homophobic remarks and 45% experience bullying. These negative experiences have a detrimental impact on their wellbeing and school attainment:

- 40% contemplate suicide
- 50% self harm
- 70% say homophobia affects their school work
- 40% skip school because of it

In the workplace, LGBT+ young people often lack the confidence to be themselves, with 35% of 18-29 year old LGBT+ people not out to any colleagues.

School Diversity Week is an initiative to empower school students and teachers to take ownership of celebrating LGBT+ equality in their own schools and colleges. After the success of School Diversity Week 2017 there have more than 550 schools signed up this year.

Prime Minister Theresa May is a supporter of the event: **"... I want to congratulate Just Like Us for running School Diversity Week. Thanks to the tireless work of campaigners, attitudes in this country have come a long way... The truth is that we all do better and our whole country is enriched when we are free to be ourselves."**

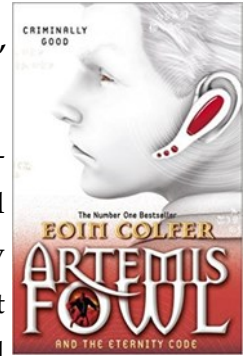
Miss P Netto  
PSHE Co-ordinator

## Literacy

Reader of the Week goes to **George (7CH7)** who has now read a total of 25 books this year and has passed all of his Accelerated Reader quizzes, earning a fabulous 282 points for his house! Great work! George has most recently read:

*'Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code'*  
by Eoin Colfer

Thirteen-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl has constructed a supercomputer from stolen fairy technology. In the wrong hands it could be fatal for humans and



fairies alike. But no need to worry, Artemis has a brilliant plan. He's not going to use the computer; he's just going to show it to a ruthless American businessman with Mafia connections. His bodyguard, Butler, will be with him. What could possibly go wrong...?

## Millionaires

**Oliver (7BY3)** has joined the millionaires club this week. Oliver has read a total 14 books this academic year making up a total of 1,003,504 words. In addition, **Thomas (8SH2)** and **James (7ML2)** have now both read more than 2 million words each – a great achievement just before the end of term! Well done to you all.



*Don't forget to pop into the library before the end of term to grab yourself a book to read over the summer holidays – we have a great selection to choose from!*

Mrs H Dunn  
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

## Word of the Week

### **Unequivocal**

An adjective to describe

= leaving no doubt; unambiguous

= total; expressed in a clear and certain way

#### Use it:

The Prime Minister had the party's **unequivocal** support.

The decision was **unequivocal**.

"My answer is an **unequivocal** 'Yes'."

He stated **unequivocally** that he intended to

keep his promise.

#### Spell it:

Un – equi – vocal

It would seem likely that unequivocal means NOT ('un') of 'equal' 'voice'.

## 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.

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/TMJJD Jaw Pain (Temporomandibular joint dysfunction)
- Neck & Back Pain



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 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. The rash is usually not itchy.

Mr D Brewer  
Head of Humanities

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

## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA

### Quiz night

Many thanks to those of you who attended the recent PTA quiz night. The night made a profit of £1800 with special thanks going to Hilary, Dan, Katina, Tracey, Jacqui, Mandy and Anna for all their help, and to our fantastic quizmaster Richard Bullard and able assistant Clare.



### Year 7 Disco

A big thank you to the large team of parents, teachers and sixth formers who helped make the Yr 7 joint Hayesfield / Beechen disco such a success. The night was very well attended and raised £360 for the PTA.

## 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. Please include the name, Tutor group, year and reason for any absence of the pupil in any message left.



**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**.

**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
Wednesday 4th July	14.00	U13 Tennis v Clifton Prep (A)	12.30	MB	17.30
Wednesday 4th July	11.30	Cricket 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Marylebone Cricket Club (A)	10.15	MB	18.30

**Sporting Results for week commencing 25th June 2018**

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
25 <sup>th</sup> June	U13a Cricket vs. Taunton Prep	County Cup Final	Won	By 7 wickets
26 <sup>th</sup> June	U18a Tennis vs. St Peter's High School	Regional Knockout	Lost	12-0

Mr P Macdonald  
Director of Sport