



## BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 12th September 2018

### **Early closure Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September And Staff Training (INSET) Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September**

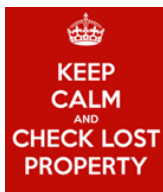
Please be advised that school will end for all pupils and students at **12.15pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018** due to the Prospective Parents Evening taking place later that day. There will be no hot lunches but alternative food will be available for pupils during the morning breaks.

Please note that **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018** has been designated as a Staff Training Day (Inset) and pupils and students are not required to attend school that day. **School will re-open at 8.25am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**Mr K Mann**  
Assistant Headmaster

### **Lost Property**

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. Please ensure all items are clearly named.



### **Emergency Contact Numbers**

Due to the new Keeping Children Safe in Education document, we must have two emergency contact numbers for each pupil.

Please ensure that you have complied with this new directive. We will be checking our records and contacting you if we need a further contact number.

**Mr K Mann**  
Assistant Headmaster

### **Calendar**

#### **Wednesday 12 September**

7A to Tir-y-Cwm

#### **Friday 14 September**

7A return from Tir-y-Cwm

#### **Monday 17 September**

7N to Tir-y-Cwm

#### **Tuesday 18 September**

Prospective Parents Evening—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS AT 12.15

#### **Wednesday 19 September**

INSET day—SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils

7N return from Tir-y-Cwm

7O to Tir-y-Cwm

#### **Thursday 20 September**

Montpellier Exchange info evening 17.30 Main Hall

Montpellier 6th Form info evening 18.30 L1

L6th trip to Cambridge

#### **Friday 21 September**

L6th trip to Cambridge

Yr 7 shooting session 15.30

## Music



### Exams

Further to last week's announcements we have now received some more results.

Congratulations to the following pupils and sixth form students who passed music exams in the summer:

Harvey G (U6 last year): Trumpet, Grade VIII

Ollie L (U6 last year): Saxophone, Grade VI

Gabe W – U6: Voice, Grade VII (Distinction)

Sam B- Yr 10: Saxophone, Grade IV (Merit)

Harry L – Yr 9: Trumpet, Grade V

Gabriel B T- Yr 9: Saxophone, Grade III Jazz (Merit)

### Music Lessons

Instrumental lessons are now up and running. The timetables will be displayed in the music centre by Friday Lunchtime and they will also be posted on the website. Please encourage your son/daughter to check the times and arrive on time for lessons. Due to technical problems last week, some pupils have not been 'administered' yet, but please bear with us while we sort out the backlog. Pupils in year 7 who are at T-Y-C will have their lesson rescheduled at a later date.

### Headphones

We would be grateful if pupils in years 7-9 could bring a set of headphones with a mini jack to all class music lessons throughout the year. Please note that boys will only be allowed to use them during the lesson and must keep them out of sight at other times.

### Piano Concert- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 7pm. St Lukes Church.

Details regarding the concert will appear in the next few weeks. If you son/daughter would like to perform in the concert (on a very nice grand piano!) please email [music@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:music@beechencliff.org.uk)

**Mr P E Calvert**  
**Head of Music**

**Privacy Notices**—please be reminded that privacy notices can be found on the school website under Privacy Notice for pupils at the following link [www.beechencliff.org.uk/about/policies](http://www.beechencliff.org.uk/about/policies)

## Literacy

### Reader of the week

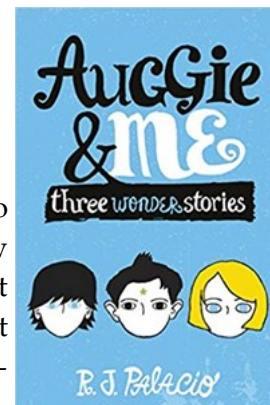
**Kierlun (Y7)** is our well deserved reader of the week for being a superbly eager reader in his first week of Beechen Cliff and reading 3 Captain Underpants books in one day!! Keep up the good work Kierlun!

### Book Recommendation

**AUGGIE & ME** by R.J.Palacio

#### *Synopsis*

**AUGGIE & ME** is a new side to the **WONDER** story: three new chapters from three different characters - bully Julian, oldest friend Christopher and class-mate Charlotte - giving an insight into how Auggie has touched their own lives. Thought-provoking, surprising, infuriating, heart-breaking and heart-warming, **AUGGIE & ME** is a must-read for the thousands of readers who loved **WONDER**.



& if you haven't already read **WONDER** - it's a must!! Come into the library and pick up a copy!

#### *Synopsis*

Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He *feels* ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.

Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

**Mrs H Dunn**  
**Accelerated Reader Coordinator**

## Word of the Week

### **Intrepid**

An adjective to describe  
= fearless; adventurous

= extremely brave and showing no fear of dangerous situations

Often used for humorous or rhetorical effect

#### Use it:

There is no doubting the **intrepid** and daring nature of the volunteers, who begin their 100-mile trek this weekend. "And now over to our **intrepid** reporter, who joins us live from the harbourside."

Meanwhile, the **intrepid** Florentine traveller Marco Polo had been to China and had brought back with him a noodle dish that became Italian pasta.

#### Spell it:

In – trepid

From the Latin 'in' (not) + 'trepidus' (alarmed)

## **Next Week's Refectory Menu**

The planned menu for the coming week, commencing **Monday 17th September** is:

Weekly menu starting 10<sup>th</sup> September

**Monday:** Beef Goulash, Lemon and Herb Chicken, Sweet potato and spinach curry

**Tuesday:** No Lunch

**Wednesday:** No Lunch

**Thursday:** Roast Pork, Chicken and Mushroom Pie( G), Lentil Cottage pie,

**Friday:** Fish Pie (G), Chicken Rogan Josh, Stuffed Pepper with olive and coriander cous cous (G)

Please be advised that any of the above can be subject to change (G=contains gluten)

## **Free School Meals**

Pupils/Students who are entitled to a free school meal can spend their entitlement at lunch time only.

They are able to spend it on whatever food and drink they require as long as it does not exceed the allowance of £2.50 per lunchtime.

They are able to purchase other food and drinks throughout the school day but to do this money must be on their account.

**Mr D Keal**  
Head Chef

## Attendance and Reporting Pupil Absences



All absence must be reported to school daily. Tell us about illness, appointments or late arrivals. A message can be left if you ring when school is closed.

For years 7–11 please call **01225 485222** or e-mail [attendance@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:attendance@beechencliff.org.uk)

and for the Sixth Form please call **01225 485221**

## **Final call for Sponsorship The Three Peaks Challenge 2018 The Centurion Challenge 2018**

If you took part in these two challenges this summer then it is time to collect and pay in your sponsorship if you have not already done so.

The Sponsorship page on Parent Pay will close in the next few weeks, so could you please pay in via Parent Pay any remaining sponsorship monies. If you have cash please take it to the Finance office. Our Just Giving web page set up for the Centurion Challenge will also accept funds but its best to use the school Parent Pay system if possible as there are less fees involved.

Some of you have raised money for specific charities and have donated directly. If this is the case can you email me at the school – [richard.stewart@beechencliff.org.uk](mailto:richard.stewart@beechencliff.org.uk) so that I may keep track of all your fund raising efforts and so that we can acknowledge your efforts and celebrate together.

The photo books to celebrate this year's challenges are in the planning stages, as too is the video to show the achievements of the participants. When completed the videos will be shown in the assemblies.

There will be some limited edition 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hoodies for purchase in the coming weeks too and when available they will be displayed in the school entrance.

**Mr R Stewart**

**Mr D Brewer**

**Extra-Curricular Activities Organisers**

## MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



### **Save the Date!**

The PTA are running a Ceilidh on Friday night November 16th - all parents and carers welcome. Please put the date in your diaries, details to follow!

Many thanks

**Annie, Kate and Clare**

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

<b>Day</b>	<b>Kick off /start</b>	<b>Fixture</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Finish / Return</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th</b>	14.30	1st XV Rugby v Truro (A)	08.00	Coach 08.00	21.00
	14.30	U13A, U13B, U12A, U12B v Prior Park (A)	13.20	MB	16.30
<b>Monday 17th</b>	15.45	Football U13A v Norton Hill School (A)	14.30	MB	18.00
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	14.00	Rugby 1 <sup>st</sup> XV v The Henley College (H)	14.00	N/A	15.30
<b>Thursday 20th</b>	14.30	Rugby U16A v Prior Park College (A)	13.20	MB	16.30
	14.45	Rugby 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV, 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV v Prior Park College (H)	13.45	N/A	
	16.00	Rugby Union U13B v Writhlington School (A) <b>To Be Confirmed</b>	14.45	MB	18.00

**Sporting Results for week commencing 3rd September**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Fixture</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Score</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> September	SGS Filton	AASE League	Won	42-7

**Mr M Walker**

**Fixtures Co-ordinator**