



BEECHEN CLIFF

Thursday 7th February 2019

Message from the Headmaster

I would like to bring your attention to the fact that we have made some minor amendments to the Home School Agreement, a document which all parents have read and signed upon their child's arrival at Beechen Cliff.

Any adjustments made are italicised and aim merely to unify points which parents would, we hope, anticipate are common practices within the school currently.

Mr A Davies
Headmaster

Calendar

Saturday 9th February

Ten Tors Training in Black Mountains

Monday 11th February

GCSE and A level Exam Entry Deadline (Internal)

Tuesday 12th February

Year 9 PSHE

Wednesday 13th February

Year 11 Revision Morning

Friday 15th February

End of Winter Term

Monday 25th February

Start of Easter Term

Wednesday 27th February

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 28th February

U6th Parents UCAS Information Evening

Saturday 2nd March

USA Ski Trip (Mar 2nd – Mar 10th)

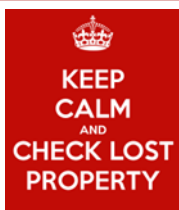
Ten Tors Training on Dartmoor (Mar 2nd – Mar 3rd)

Monday 4th March

Year 11 Additional Mock Exams (English 9:00/Maths 13:30)

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 that all items are clearly named.

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

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

Lower Sixth Parents Evening

Lower Sixth Parents Evening has been rescheduled to Tuesday 12th March.

All students have been asked to re-confirm the times that they are meeting with teachers.

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is 'Time to Talk Day'. This year's Time to Talk Day is on Thursday the 7th of February. The focus is all about bringing together the right ingredients, to have a conversation about mental health. Whether that's tea, biscuits and close friends or a room full of people challenging mental health stigma, the idea is to get talking.

Mental health problems affect one in four of us, yet people are still **afraid to talk about it**. Time to Talk Day encourages everyone to talk about mental health.

Having conversations about mental health helps **break down stereotypes, improve relationships, aid recovery** and **take the stigma out** of something that affects us all. There are lots of different ways to have a conversation about mental health. And you don't have to be an expert to talk.

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/personal-stories>

<https://www.time-to-change.org.uk/get-involved/timetotalkday2019>

We are the lead secondary school for Boys in Mind. The students will be seeing lots of work done on promoting positive mental health across the entire school.

Thank you,
Mrs A Wilmot
PSHE Co-ordinator

Spotters Easter Hockey Camp

The Spotters Hockey Easter 2019 Camp runs on 8th and 9th April at Beechen Cliff school from 9am - 2pm. The cost of places offers excellent value with 2 days costing just £45 if booked before the 3rd of March. The camp provides both skill based, technical aspects and game play coaching for all players aged 7-15 years old, with a high performance camp running at no extra cost for those aged 13 +.

Kookaburra Hockey prizes are also offered at the camp along with coaching from hockey players with international honours. Harry Brooking will also be part of the coaching line up, Cardiff Met 1st XI, England Player Performance Pathway Level 2 Coach and previous Beechen Cliff 1st team..

Fun based and full of enjoyment this camp is well worth attending - email Sally Potter on spottershockey@yahoo.co.uk for booking details (flyer also attached).



Literacy



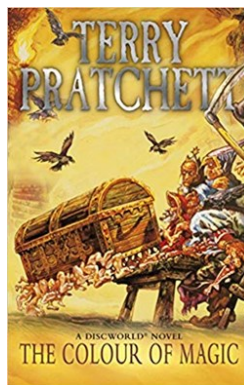
Well done to Jonty (7ML2) who was our reader of the week last week. Jonty has now taken a total of 17 accelerated reader quizzes, with a pass rate of 88% and has earned 50 points for his house - Milton. Great job Jonty!

Congratulations also goes to Michael (7KP6) who is this week's Accelerated Reader of the Week. Michael recently took his second Star Test and achieved great results – increasing his ZPD reading score. Keep up the good work Michael!

Millionaires of the Week

Congratulations goes to Rory (7CH2), Oliver (8KP4) and Oliver (7CH5) who are our millionaires of the week! You are now up on the millionaires board in the library! Well done.

Book Recommendation



The Colour of Magic by Terry Pratchett

Somewhere on the frontier between thought and reality exists the Discworld, a parallel time and place which might sound and smell very much like our own, but which looks completely different. Particularly as it's carried though space on the back of a giant turtle (sex unknown). It plays by different rules.

But then, some things are the same everywhere. The Disc's very existence is about to be threatened by a strange new blight: the world's first tourist, upon whose survival rests the peace and prosperity of the land. Unfortunately, the person charged with maintaining that survival in the face of robbers, mercenaries and, well, Death, is a spectacularly inept wizard...

Mrs Dunn
Accelerated Reader Coordinator

Quiz and Curry Night – Friday 26th April 2019

The school is organising another Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 26th April in the Refectory – it will include a selection of curries, a quiz and a raffle. Details to follow. Come along with family/friends in teams of 4-6.

All proceeds from the event will go to support the Sixth Form charity project work in Transylvania with People Against Poverty.

Mr T Markall

Next Week's Refectory Menu

The planned menu for the coming week,
commencing Monday 11th February is:

Monday: Pasta Arabiatta (G), Honey and Mustard Chicken,
Spinach potato and Feta Bake

Tuesday: Sweet and Sour Pork, Beef vegetable and Stilton Pie
(G), Butternut Squash and Chickpea Tagine

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Game Casserole, Tomato red on-
ion and Pesto Tart (G)

Thursday: BBQ Pork Belly (G), Beef Stifado, Stuffed Pepper
with Olive and Coriander Cous Cous (G)

Friday: Fish of the Day, Beef Burger (G), Veggie Bean Burger
(G)

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

Mr D Keal
Head Chef

MESSAGES FROM THE PTA



Beechen Cliff Auction of Promises: Friday March 8th 2019

We've been delighted, surprised and are extremely grateful for the wonderful array of Promises we've been offered for our school fund-raising evening. Items to suit all budgets (from £10 upwards) and interests (sport, music, food, pampering, travel) with ALL proceeds going towards our new multi-use Club House.

New additions include a hockey coaching session with former GB and England Hockey Head Coach Bobby Crutchley, Maths tuition at Kip McGrath and a one to one session at local training studio Strength for Endurance. A full catalogue of Promises will be available before the evening so you can get planning!

Limited tickets* are now available on ParentPay at £12 per person, which includes a welcome drink and meal.

Book a table for 8 then please email the lead name of your table to kateabbey@hotmail.com or come as an individual, couple or smaller group and table share on the night. * Please note, no paper tickets will be issued, check-in list on the night.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lisa and Tracey,
On behalf of the Auction of Promises Team

Word of the Week

Multifaceted

An adjective - used to describe
Having many sides
Having many different aspects or features

Use it:

Marvel at the diamond's **multifaceted** surface.
He enjoyed reminiscing about his long and
multifaceted career.

The search engine uses a **multifaceted** analytics tool
which generates reports based on the client's criteria.

Origins:

From the Old French,
facette © facet (side, face)

PTA 50:50 Club Update

Thank you and welcome to all of you who have recently joined and signed up to the 50:50 club.

Latest winners

Congratulations to the latest Beechen Cliff PTA 50:50 Club winners for October, November and December 2018!

1 st Prize	£108.50	– number 365
2 nd Prize	£72.33	– number 206
3 rd Prize	£36.17	– number 569

Nov 2018

1 st Prize	£111.50	– number 453
2 nd Prize	£74.33	– number 450
3 rd Prize	£37.17	– number 069

Dec 2018

1 st Prize	£112.50	– number 175
2 nd Prize	£75.00	– number 247
3 rd Prize	£37.50	– number 429

How to sign up

The 50:50 club operates like a lottery, with members signing up to a small standing order each month (most people donate between £1 and £5) which buys numbers in the draw. We use a random number generator to select the numbers at our PTA meetings. The prize fund is 50% of the donations and is divided into first, second and third prizes. The other 50% goes to the PTA to help fund activities, equipment and opportunities for the students and each year, the 50:50 club raises over £2000 for the school.

As you can see, the monthly first prize is now over £100! If you would like to join in, **new members are welcome anytime and it is very simple to set up**. Please just contact me letting me know how many numbers you would like each month (£1 each) and I will give you details of how to set up the standing order.

Sarah Mitchard (parent and 50:50 co-ordinator)

beechen5050@gmail.com – Tel: 07909962272

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
Monday 11th February	15:30	U12a/U12b Hockey vs KES (a)	14:30	MB x2	17:15
	14:30	U14a Football vs The Blue School (h)	13:30	n/a	16:00
	15:30	U12c Hockey vs KES (h)	15:10	n/a	16:30
Tuesday 12th February	16:30	1st XI Hockey vs KES (a)	15:20	MB	18:00
	15:30	U14a Hockey vs Wellsway (a)	14:30	MB	17:30
	14:00	U18 Tennis vs Colstons (a)	12:45	MB	18:00
Wednesday 13th February	15:30	U13a/U13b Hockey vs Monkton (a)	14:30	MB x2	17:30
	15:30	U12a/U12b Hockey vs Monkton (h)	14:45	n/a	16:45
Thursday 14th February	14:30	1st/2nd XI Hockey vs BGS (a)	13:00	MB x2	17:00
	14:30	2nd/3rd Football vs Kingswood (h)	13:30	n/a	16:00
	14:30	1st/2nd Netball vs Colstons (a)	12:45	Coach - 29 seats (leaves at 13:00)	17:30
	16:30	U14a Hockey vs KES (a)	15:20	MB	18:00
	14:35	Cross Country @ Kingswood	13:30	9 seater	18:00

Sporting Results for week commencing 28th January 2019

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
28 th Jan	U13a Hockey vs KES	Friendly	Lost	5-0
28 th Jan	U13b Hockey vs KES	Friendly	Lost	5-0
29 th Jan	1 st XI Hockey vs Dauntsey's	Friendly	Lost	4-2
29 th Jan	2 nd XI Hockey vs Dauntsey's	Friendly	Lost	4-0
29 th Jan	U14a Hockey vs Kingswood	Friendly	Lost	7-1
30 th Jan	U16a Basketball vs Prior Park	Friendly	Won	65-32
31 st Jan	U16a Football vs Norton Hill	Count Cup 2 nd Round	Won	5-0
31 st Jan	County Championship	Regionals	Lost	n/a
31 st Jan	U18a Netball vs Monkton Combe	Friendly	Lost	28-25
31 st Jan	U18b Netball vs Monkton Combe	Friendly	Lost	14-7
31 st Jan	U18a Tennis vs Stanwell	LTA Schools Cup	Won	7-6

Mr M Walker
Fixtures Co-ordinator