



# Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

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## Newsletter 1 – 8 September 2023

### Key Dates/ Reminders:

<b>Monday 11 Sept</b>	Clubs Start 9:00 Year 4 Welcome meeting
<b>Tues 12 Sept</b>	9:00 Year 3 Welcome meeting
<b>Wed 13 Sept</b>	13:00 Reading with your child in Reception Meeting for Parents with childcare available in the Reception classroom
<b>Thurs 14 Sept</b>	14:50 Sharing Assembly
<b>Mon 18 Sept</b>	Year 6 Kingswood Trip
<b>17th October -</b>	<b>OPEN AFTERNOON FOR ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES - COME AND SEE THE SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD IN ACTION</b>
<b>8th Nov -</b>	<b>Open afternoon (1.30-2.30pm) for prospective Reception Parents.</b> Tour & Headteacher talk (ring office to book a place)
<b>9th Nov -</b>	<b>Open Morning (9.15-10.15am) for prospective Reception Parents.</b> Tour & Headteacher talk (ring office to book a place)

### DATE/TIME CHANGES FROM PUBLISHED TERM DATES

- 'Reading with your child in Reception' Meeting for Parents with childcare available in the Reception classroom. **Now starts at 13.00 NOT 15.30.**
- Coffee Morning Thurs 28th Sept, 9am. **For SEND Parents** (Ms Thomas/Mrs Shore)
- **New Event - BHA Coffee Morning Fri 29th Sept, 9am. All Welcome** (Ms Thomas/BHA)
- Harvest Festival - 5th October. **Now starts at 11am NOT 14.50.**

Dear Parents/ Carers

It gives me great pleasure to write to you in this first newsletter of the new school year. All the children have come back eager to learn and embrace the opportunities in the year ahead. The school has had an overhaul of electrics and pipe work to improve water quality - upgrades to our building that improves it for the future. In addition, as you will have seen, the playground has been resurfaced and (half) painted! Thankyou for your patience with the difficulties in site access this has presented but I'm sure you will agree it is a great improvement!

We have big plans and high aspirations for our pupils this year and know you share these. It was lovely to see parents and families at welcome meetings and sharing assembly this week. We hope you will join us for these weekly celebrations in the future, and also for coffee mornings and curriculum based meetings.

We welcome new members of staff to the Beech Hyde family this year - Miss Freeman as Year 4 class teacher, Mrs Connolly as a teacher in Year 3, 4 and Reception and Mrs Farrell Early Years Practitioner in Reception. In addition, we are delighted that Mrs Shore is taking on the role of SENCo and will be working with children and parents to ensure the very best for all our pupils.

I look forward to another fun packed and successful year, in the meantime if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [head@beechhyde.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@beechhyde.herts.sch.uk).

With best wishes

Karen Thomas  
Headteacher

Attendance of the Week Rec/KS1 = Year 1 93.3%

Attendance of the Week KS2 = Year 3 96.8%

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends every day. Good attendance at school is intrinsically linked to a child's happiness and success in school.

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## Healthy Schools and Beech Hyde Food Policy



All schools are called upon to adhere to a Healthy Schools programme and Beech Hyde is no exception. Our caterers, Aspens, ensure that all meals served have the correct nutritional balance and do not contain unhealthy amounts of sugar or additives.

We have food and drink rules for items bought into school in order to compliment this healthy schools policy and to protect those children who suffer from allergies. **Beech Hyde is a nut free school and no items containing nuts should be brought into school at any time.**

A healthy snack should be brought into school for breaktime. Fruit is ideal.

Water can be consumed in water bottles during the school day and juice can be part of a packed lunch, however, it is not healthy for children to consume any type of juice all day and it should not be brought in water bottles. Whilst many children prefer juice and say they will not drink water at home, they often will at school and this is a very good habit to get into. We would ask for your support in this as juice in water bottles will be disposed of if seen.

In order to protect children who may suffer from food allergies we would ask that no items are brought into school for sharing - all packed lunches/ snacks should be the child's own, eaten with parent knowledge.

**This includes anything brought in to celebrate a birthday or other event, and we would ask that you do not bring in food/sweets for the class to share. We know this may seem disappointing but the safety of our pupils is our top priority.**

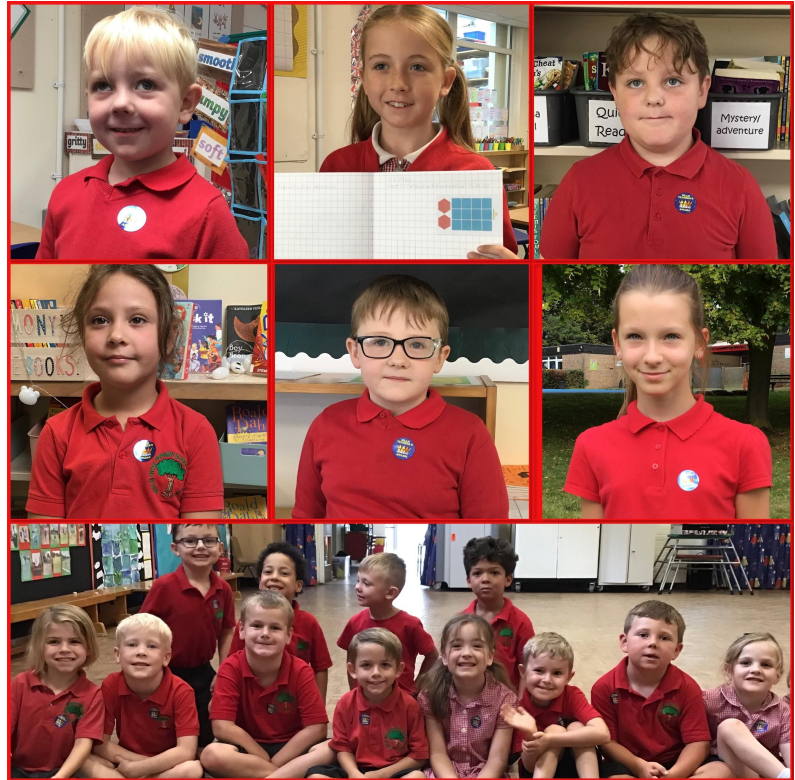
Our full Food Policy can be found on our website  
<https://www.beechhyde.herts.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2727&type=pdf>

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Work of the Week

Alessia Jones  
Hunter Palmer  
Everyone!  
Jaxson Palmer  
Melisa Todaj  
Poppy-May Stevens  
Cayden Palmer  
Sasha Tymoshchuk



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