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## **Beech Class Newsletter – Autumn 2025**

### **Welcome to a new school year in Beech Class!**

It is such a pleasure to be welcoming all of your children into Beech Class this year. We are sure that this is an incredibly exciting time for your child, returning back to school, reuniting with their friends, and re-establishing a familiar routine. However, we are sure that there will be some worries and a period of adjustment. We want you to know that the happiness and well-being of your child is paramount to a successful year in school so please do get in contact if you have any concerns.

If we haven't had chance to introduce ourselves or speak to you yet, hopefully we can do so over the coming weeks! Our working hours are: Miss Chadwick (**Monday & Tuesday**)  
Mrs Leonard: (**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**)

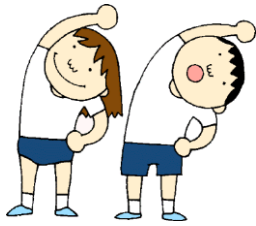
### **Curriculum**

This term, we will be exploring our topic of 'Castles, Kings and Queens'. For more information, please view our Topic Web on the school website.

### **Reading Books**

Children will bring home their reading diary and a reading book every afternoon. The children will be bringing home a '**Learn to Read**' **Bug Club book**, which has been matched to include sounds that they are familiar with to practise their decoding skills. They will also bring home a couple of '**Love to Read**' **books** and a **story book** from our class library (if they wish), with the intention of sharing and discussing those stories with you to develop their comprehension skills. Please listen to your child read regularly (at least three times per week) - talking about the story and helping them with new and unfamiliar words and understanding. Children will need to bring their book bags and reading books back into school every morning. We will be encouraging the children to use their independence in changing and choosing their own books every Friday, but if you feel that they need support with selecting reading material at the right level, please don't hesitate to contact us.





### **P.E.**

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, but it is essential that children have kit in school every day. Please make sure that children have suitable clothing for both indoor and outdoor P.E. (jumper, sports trousers and trainers).

### **Homework**

The suggested activities can be found on the Beech Class page of the website. The children should hand in any work that they have done at home on a **Wednesday**, to allow time for marking, before being given back on a **Friday**. Please help your child to complete homework tasks if they need it, but as far as possible let the work be their own.

A list of termly spelling homework has been emailed already. Please help your child to learn the correct set of 10 words for our dictation sessions each Friday.

### **Teaching Assistants**

We are incredibly fortunate to have the very talented Miss Tolley working every day in Beech Class. This will be Miss Tolley's third year at Chesterton and she brings a wealth of experience to Year One.

### **Important Dates**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** - Beech Class Kings and Queens Day

**w/c Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** - NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** - School Photographer

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Open classroom (3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest Festival

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Warwick Castle trip

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Climate Action Day

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – End of Autumn Term 1

### **\*\*\*October Half Term\*\*\***

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - Children return to school & South Africa Week

**w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-bullying Week

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents Evenings

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need

**w/c Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Maths Week

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Key Stage 1 Nativity

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Service and Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Singing Around the Tree & Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Autumn Term 2

### **\*\*\*Christmas Holidays\*\*\***

### **Contact with the class teachers**

If you wish to make contact with us, there are a number of ways that you can do this

- You could send a message (written or verbal) with your child.
- You are able to phone the School Office, who will be able to help you or pass on a message.

- Alternatively, we will usually be available at the end of the school day once all of the children have been collected and this would be a good time to have a quick conversation. A longer meeting can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time if required.

- Emails should be sent via the school office (office.3082@chesterton.oxon.sch.uk), who will forward your message to us if necessary, and you can expect a response within 3 working days.

### **Reminders**

- **Water bottles** – Please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunchbox) as this allows access to water as and when they require it. Please note, the children should only have water in these bottles (not squash, juice or flavoured water).
- **Labelled clothing** - Please can we request that all items of clothing are clearly named.
- **Outdoor clothes** – All children should be prepared for outdoor play by keeping wellies and a warm, waterproof coat in school.
- Please can you be mindful on the size of the rucksack/bag you provide your child with as space is incredibly limited in the cloakroom. Furthermore, large attachments such as key rings or cuddly toys are discouraged.
- If your child needs to borrow an item of clothing from school, please can you make sure that it is return as soon as possible.



We wish you all a very happy and healthy start to the new academic year.

Best wishes,  
Miss Chadwick and Mrs Leonard



**Building Firm Foundations For Life**

Below are reminder sheets to help encourage independence in your child. You could put it on the fridge or your child's bedroom door so they can ensure they have everything they need each day.

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## Term 1

<b>Day</b>	<b>I need to take to school my...</b>	<b>Key events are...</b>
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	P.E. with Miss Chadwick
Wednesday	Homework book PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	Homework due in  P.E. with Mrs Leonard
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	Homework books given back Dictation / spelling test

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## Term 2

Day	I need to take to school my...	Key events are...
Monday	PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	Reading Record Checked
Tuesday	PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	P.E. with Miss Chadwick
Wednesday	Homework book PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	Homework due in  P.E. with Mrs Leonard
Thursday	PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	
Friday	PE Kit Reading Record / reading books Water Bottle	Homework books given back  Dictation / spelling test