



BEECHEN CLIFF

Wednesday 6th December 2017

Reporting Pupil Absences

IMPORTANT

Please can parents take note of the contact details below when reporting any absences from School, including late arrivals and medical appointments.

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

Sixth Form Students

For Sixth Form students please contact Mrs Jones on 01225 485221.

If the attendance officers are engaged, please leave a message on the answer machines

Forthcoming Immunisation for Year 9

Debi Chalke, Public Health Nurse for the School Nursing Service at Virgin Care requires parents of all **Year 9** pupils to complete Immunisation consents have been sent home with pupils.

Year 9 pupils are to have the two immunisations which are boosters from their childhood immunisations. One is Diphtheria Tetanus and Polio and one is Meningitis ACWY.

Please read the information which accompanies the consent forms. All forms need to be completed and returned to School, whether you are consenting or not.

If we do not receive a form we will be calling you to establish verbal consent.

The nurses will be attending School on; Wednesday 10th January 2018 for the Year 9 Immunisations

All information and contact details accompany the forms.

Mrs D Chalke
School Nursing Service

CALENDAR

Friday 8th December

Upper Sixth Art Trip to Venice
House Cross Country Years 8 and 9
Christmas Sixth Form Debate @ 4.00pm - Wera
Hobhouse MP judging

Tuesday 12th December

Upper Sixth Parents Evening 4.30pm - 8.00pm

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Carol Service at Bath Abbey 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Tuesday 19th December

End of Term Assembly and End of Term

Thursday 4th January

Spring Term (Term 3) commences

Monday 8th January

Upper Sixth Mock Exams Week
Year 7-8 Star Test Week

Tuesday 9th January

Future Horizon Programme Starts
Year 9 Options Evening 6pm - 7.45pm

Wednesday 10th January

Year 9 Immunisations

Friday 12th January

Year 7 Latin groups to Roman Baths

Thursday 18th January

Year 10 Parents Evening

Saturday 13th - Friday 19th January

Austria Ski trip

Uniform and Haircuts

Following the Christmas holidays, please ensure that your son returns to School for the Winter Term with correct uniform. May I also remind you that 'extreme' haircuts, i.e. tramlines, shaved head cuts and hair below the collar are not permitted. Unfortunately, we will send pupils home if they present themselves in this manner. For full details on correct uniform and haircuts please refer to the School website.

Mr K Mann
Assistant Headmaster Pastoral

End of Term Arrangements

As we approach the Christmas holidays, please note the forthcoming events:

Thursday 14th December

Christmas lunch (£2.60) will be served between 12.15 and 2.00pm. Please ensure that there are sufficient funds in ParentPay to cover this.

12.15pm – Sixth Form and Year 11

12.50pm – Year 7 and 8

1.20pm – Year 9 and Year 10

This is also a 'Christmas Jumper Day'. A donation of £1 minimum will be collected for the Sixth Form Project work with a Transylvanian orphanage and Save the Children.



Carol Service at the Bath Abbey a 7pm – all Year 7 pupils to attend.

Tuesday 19th December

Periods 1 and 2 – normal lessons

Period 3 – End of Term assembly. Pupils will be dismissed at 12.45pm

No lunches will be service but food will be available during breaks

Thursday 4th January 2018

All pupil return to school at 8.25am for the Start of the Winter Term

Mr K Mann

Assistant Headmaster Pastoral

Theme of the Week

Theme of the week this week is about the crisis in Myanmar (also known as Burma), which Amnesty International refers to as a crime against humanity.



Since August, nearly 700,000 people – mostly Rohingya Muslims – have fled Myanmar to nearby Bangladesh; more Rohingya refugees fled to Bangladesh in the space of three weeks recently than the total number of people who fled by sea to Europe in 2016. It is said to be the fastest growing refugee crisis - the United Nations described the military offensive in Rakhine (a western state of Myanmar), which provoked the exodus, as a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing".

The Rohingya, who numbered around one million in Myanmar at the start of the year, are one of the many ethnic minorities in the country. Rohingya Muslims represent the largest percentage of Muslims

in Myanmar, with the majority living in Rakhine state. They have their own language and culture and say they are descendants of Arab traders and other groups who have been in the region for generations. But the government of Myanmar, a predominantly Buddhist country, denies the Rohingya citizenship and even excluded them from the 2014 census, refusing to recognise them as a people; it sees them as illegal immigrants from Bangladesh.



The E Team have been planning an event to raise awareness of this situation and funds to be given to a charity providing aid for the refugees – look out for more information about this soon!

Miss P Netto

PSHE Co-ordinator

PTA: Raise Funds Whilst Eating Veg!

We have joined Riverford's "Veg Fund"



– a new partnership scheme for schools which helps us to raise funds and raise awareness of healthy eating. Riverford's local team (who are parents at Beechen Cliff) will be making a £15 donation to the School for each new or existing customer connected to the School.

Riverford deliver seasonal, organic vegboxes to your door, so it is a really easy way to buy your vegetables. Boxes start at just £10.95 and they can be cheaper than buying the same veg at the supermarket. Delivery is free. There is no minimum commitment and you are in control of what you get and when.

Try a regular vegbox and get the donations rolling in the Beechen Cliff:

- If you are already a Riverford customer, please support the School by letting Alan and Vicki (the local team) know. Just email them at alanandvicki@riverfordhomedelivery.co.uk and quote our School ID code SCH1301
- If you are new to Riverford, go to www.riverford.co.uk/vegfund and choose the box that suits you, or call alan and Vicki on 01225 437438. Again you will need to quote our School ID code, SCH101, when you check out. Riverford will make the payment at the beginning of the term following your third delivery.

Beechen Cliff PTA

Word of the Week: - Coup

Pronounced 'koo'

Noun – a coup

- = a highly successful, unexpected stroke, act or move
- = a clever action of accomplishment
- = an instance of successfully achieving something difficult
- = a sudden, violent and illegal seizure of power from a government (often called a *coup d'état*)

See also: *coup de grâce* - a literal or metaphorical final blow or shot given to a wounded person or animal

Use it:

It was a major **coup** to win such a prestigious contract.

I managed to get him to join me at the gym, which was something of a **coup**.

The **coup** d'état of Louis Napoleon Bonaparte erupted on the morning of December 2nd, 1851, with notices across Paris announcing the dissolution of the National Assembly.

Smith delivered the **coup de grâce** with a penalty two minutes from the final whistle.

Spell it:

Remember the pronunciation 'koo' and the silent 'p'

If it helps, think of a cooing dove!

Etymology: from the French '*colp*' and the Latin '*colpus*', meaning a blow or strike.

Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Lost Property

We have a large number of **unnamed** coats currently in Lost Property as well as other items of school clothing.



If your son has mislaid a coat or other unnamed items, please can you encourage him to visit the lost property office as before the end of term.

Mrs K Lothgren
School Nurse

Invite to Rock School Wednesday 13th December 3.05-4.00pm

The rock school has been running for two weeks now with just the drummers participating. As from next Wednesday we would like to invite electric and bass guitarists to come along as well. You will need your own instrument and a lead. If you have got a portable amplifier please could you bring that as well.



Music Department

Christmas Lunch



The School Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 14th December, and will cost £2.60. A vegetarian option will be available.

Please can we request that your son/daughter's accounts are topped up so we are able to be as quick as possible on the tills.

Thank you!

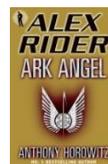
Accelerated Reader

Reader of the Week: Mohamed Hassan

Mohamed has read 4 books since the start of the year, totalling 331,572 words and gaining him 47 AR Points for his House. Most recently, he has read *Ark Angel*, in Anthony Horowitz's *Alex Rider* series. Very well done, Mohamed.

End of term totals:

We are in the process of totalling up AR Points by House since September, which will go towards the end-of-term Rewards Week 'big reveal'! Please see next week's End of Term Newsletter for the final results, including 'greatest contribution by House' and a breakdown of totals by tutor group...



Mrs L Leonardi
Literacy Coordinator

Sports

Sports Fixtures

The details below are correct at the time of publication and may be subject to change. Please check the BCS Sports website for updated information.

Day	Kick off/start		Meeting time	Transport	Finish/Return
Thurs 7 th Dec	4.00pm	Athletics BANES Indoor Championships @Wellsway School.	3.05pm	MB	6.15pm
	3.15pm	Basket U16A, U16B v St Marks CofE (H)	2.55pm	n/a	5.00pm
Fri 8 th Dec	12.45pm	Football U13A v Torquay Boys (H) at Odd Down	12.00	MB	2.45pm
Sat 9 th Dec	10.30am	Rugby U12A, U12B, U12C v Sir Thomas Rich's School (H)	9.45am	n/a	12.00
Mon 11 th Dec	2.15pm	Football U13A v Norton Hill School and MSN 6 th Form (A)	1.20pm	MB	4.00pm
Weds 13 th Dec	2.30pm	Football U16A v Wadham School (A)	12.15pm	MB	5.00pm
Thurs 14 th Dec	2.30pm	Rugby U13A, U13B, U12A v Clevedon Community School (A) TBC	1.00pm	Coach 1.15pm	4.45pm
	3.45pm	Basketball U16A, U14A v St Gregory's Catholic College (H)	3.15pm	n/a	5.00pm
	2.30pm	Rugby U6th v L6th (H)	1.45pm	n/a	4.00pm

Sports Results for w/c 27th November

Date	Fixture	Type	Result	Score
Tues 28 th Nov	U15 Rugby v Sir William Borlase's	Natwest Vase	Won	52-0
	Banes Cross Country Championships	Area competition	Awaiting results	
	U14 Football v Castle	Somerset Cup	Lost	2-7
	U12c Football v Stonar	Friendly	Won	3-1
	U13c Football v Stonar	Friendly	Won	2-1
	KS4 Badminton tournament	Banes tournament	2nd place	
Weds 29 th Nov	U15 Football v Nailsea	Somerset Cup	Won	4-1
	KS3 Badminton tournament	Banes tournament	3rd place	
Thurs 30 th Nov	1st XV Rugby v Colstons	Friendly	Lost	12-22
	2nd XV Rugby v Colstons	Friendly	Won	22-5
	1st XI Football v Millfield	National Cup	Lost	1-5

Mr P Macdonald
Director of Sport