

Beech Class Useful Information Sheet

To enable us to have a successful year and for us to be able to focus and spend our time efficiently, we ask that parents and children adhere to our class requests.

School Day

The children are welcomed into class at 8.45am each morning. An adult will meet them at the blue door to their cloakroom. The door is locked after the children enter the class, so if you are late to arrive, please enter the school through the main entrance, by the office. **Please stay with your child in the playground until the class teacher is present and takes them in at 8.45am.**

We finish school at 3.15pm each day. Any child who is not collected on time may be sent through to afterschool club and there may be a charge. We politely request that if you let the office know if you are running late; this can help to prevent young children becoming upset**. If you have multiple children in school, we ask that you meet the younger children first** and then collect the older children, whom may have already been allowed to leave their teacher, if you are in view.
https://www.cranhamcofeschool.com/Parents/Our-School-Opening-Hours/

Uniform

As a school, we are working hard to take pride in our appearance and hope that the children will have the appropriate uniform for the weather conditions. In the summer, a sunhat may be necessary, with shorts/skirts and t-shirt or summer dress as a preference. In winter, we advise that the children have suitably warm clothes, suitable coats, hats, gloves etc. **We politely request that ALL uniform is suitably named**. Biro is quick and cheap, but quickly fades and washes off. Much time has been spent in recent years trying to locate unnamed lost clothing. If your child is using uniform previously worn by someone else, can you please make sure the naming is up-to date. Please also name P.E. Kit and Outdoor Learning clothing. https://www.cranhamcofeschool.com/Parents/Our-School-Uniform/

Book Bags

We ask that all children in Beech Class use a blue book bag, that can be purchased in Batemans, Stroud where you can also purchase school uniform. These are kept in the classroom during the day so that we can change their books when needed and to hear them read regularly. Please can you ensure this is brought to school each day.

Fruit & Drinks

The children in Beech Class continue to be provided with a piece of fresh fruit each morning for their snack. On a Friday, they are allowed to bring in a treat for a snack (no chocolate or sweets please). You can continue to order milk for your child to drink each morning and this can be organised through the Cool Milk scheme. (It is free up until their 5th birthday but will still need to be ordered)

Please can you also ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day. We can refill these in school when needed. They will be bought home at night for you to wash.

Outdoor Learning

We will continue to offer Outdoor Learning sessions throughout the year, and these will happen fortnightly. They will take place on a Thursday and children will be encouraged to wear suitable clothing: long sleeves and trousers, and closed shoes. We will make the most of our beautiful surroundings to enhance all areas of our curriculum. If you would like to get involved with some of our sessions, please get in touch. https://www.cranhamcofeschool.com/Forest-School/

Communication

I am always happy to meet with you to discuss your child. Please do feel free to catch me at the door or alternatively use the Dojo messenger app; you can also use my school email address if you need to get in touch with me directly. If you need a guaranteed quick response, please send to the admin email address as this is monitored throughout the day.

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Homework

Getting the balance for homework is always tricky and it is hard to meet the expectations of all families. Some families like to engage in a lot of homework and others find it difficult to get completed. This is totally understandable. This is the Beech Class homework offer, and I encourage for you and your child to engage with it as much as you can, without making home a battle scene. The homework written in bold is a school expectation.

All Children:

- Reading – **Read at home,** little and often. **5 x per week** – record all reading in the reading record. If they have a sound book / word pot, practise when reading.

Year 1 & 2:

- Spellings – **Practise the spellings daily**. You will notice that there is a spelling rule explored each week. (This does not need to always be in written form, but does help to encourage muscle memory)
- Maths – Times Table Rock Stars for Year 2. Year 1 will have a suggested game to play (online or a maths pack to be collected at school).
- Topic work – Usually a practical task or research project. This may be over a few weeks and will enhance the classroom learning. We sometimes hold a small event to share creations.

Classroom Help

If you would like to be involved in your child's education, there are many ways that you can help. We are always delighted to welcome parents into school to support us, whether it be to hear readers, assist a club, offer help during activity days or just to come and share with us your knowledge and interests. If we are learning about anything in class where you have expertise, your children would love your involvement.

Open door

At Cranham, the staff pride themselves in being accessible to you. If you have a worry, or want to chat something through, please do contact us. We will do our best to make time to speak with you in a timely manner.