



Beckford Primary School September Newsletter 2017



Acting Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg

September 2017

Monday 11th September

- Primary 1-4 Family Fun time club with Colin Ferris and Clare Murphy – 4 week programme.

Wednesday 13th September

- Meet the Teacher event
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Friday 22nd September

- Holiday – school closed

Monday 25th September

- Holiday – school closed

October 2017

Tuesday 3rd October

- Primary 7 transition event at Hamilton Grammar – 9am start, children will return to school before lunchtime.

Wednesday 4th October

- Open afternoon at Hamilton Grammar for Primary 7 families – 1.45 pm – 3pm.

Thursday 12th October

- Parents Evening 3.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. (letters to follow)

Friday 13th October

- Primary 7 Harvest assembly – **ALL PARENTS AND CARERS (PRIMARY 1 – 7 WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR HARVEST ASSEMBLY AND MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING)**. Fundraising event for McMillan Charity
- School closes at 3pm for October Break.

Head Teacher Update

It is hard to believe that we are already at the 11th September. We have had a very busy and positive start to the new school year. The children are working well in their new classes and playing well with each other in the playground. The Primary 7s have taken their role as Primary 1 buddies very seriously and have been a great support to the Primary 1s at playtime and in the lunch hall - I think they have secretly enjoyed getting their lunch first too!

It has now been confirmed by South Lanarkshire Council that Miss Wallace, Beckford's Substantive Head Teacher, has taken up a new post as Lead Officer for Learning, Teaching and Assessment for the authority on a permanent basis. I will continue as Acting Head Teacher until a new Head Teacher has been appointed on a permanent basis. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Miss Wallace for all of her hard work at Beckford Primary and wish her well in her new post.

Miss Wallace has sent a special message for everyone at Beckford Primary:

Dear all,

I hope you had a lovely summer and have returned feeling full of enthusiasm for the new session! I'm sure everyone is looking very smart and I know most of you will have grown a good few inches since I last saw you, in fact many of you may well be taller than me now! It's been a little while since I've been in school now, but I have really missed everyone. You will already know that I have been working in Headquarters for the last while, but I was very lucky to still be able to pop into school to see everyone as the school's Link Officer for the Scottish Attainment Challenge. I have now started a new job in Headquarters which sadly means I won't be returning to Beckford Primary as Head Teacher. So I wanted to take this opportunity to say a very, very big thank you to every pupil, parent, carer, and member of staff, for making my time at Beckford so happy and rewarding. Beckford Primary is a wonderful school, and it will always hold a special place in my heart for many reasons. I have been extremely proud to be the Head Teacher of Beckford Primary. I have to say I shed a good few tears recently when I came in to pick up my last few bits and pieces, but I know the school is in very good hands as every member of staff in the school has each and every pupils' best interests at heart. You are a shining example of our values, and I know you will all be the best you can possibly be if you remember and take these with you on life's journey. I wish you all the very best for the future and I hope I will get a chance to see you all soon.

Best wishes, Miss Wallace x



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Friends of Beckford- Parent Council - Update

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5th September. I would also like to thank the parents who returned the short survey with regards Parent Council Meeting Times. I can now confirm that we will continue with our alternate pattern of 1.45 pm and then 6 pm for our meetings based on the feedback received.

At the AGM Mrs Rae Ramsay, Mrs Lisa Inglis and Mrs Mariam Gwynne informed the Parent Council that they wished to stand down from their roles as Chair Person, Treasurer and Secretary. I would like to thank the ladies for all of their dedication, input and support. You have all had a positive impact on the improvement work for the school and I cannot stress how much that is appreciated by staff, the children and our families. We look forward to welcoming you back as members of the parent council in the future ladies.



Our newly elected officer bearers of the Parent Council are as follows:

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| <u>Chair Person</u> | Ms Claire Milne |
| <u>Vice Chair</u> | Mrs Dawn Donnelly (Continuing with role from 2016-2017) |
| <u>Secretary</u> | Mrs Abigail Kaiser |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | Ms Laura Bell |

It was lovely to see some new faces along at the meeting last Tuesday and I look forward to hopefully seeing a few more as the year goes on.

Meet the Teacher

A helpful reminder that our Meet the Teacher event takes place this Wednesday 13th September. Class teachers will be available **between 3.30 pm and 4.30 pm.** Please feel free to come into the hall for a cup of tea or coffee during this time.

Parent and Child Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to be open Monday - Friday from 8.30 am to 8.45 am. Parents are welcome to come along on a Tuesday and Friday morning at 8.30 am for our Parent and Child Breakfast Club. Books are also available for parents to borrow and return at a time that is suitable to them. Toast, cereal, milk and orange juice are all available for both parents and children free of charge. This initiative is part of our School Attainment Challenge work. We want to make sure our children are in school, on time, ready to engage

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with their learning. Breakfast Club is also be free to all children Monday - Friday until further notice.

RIGHT ON TIME WEEK

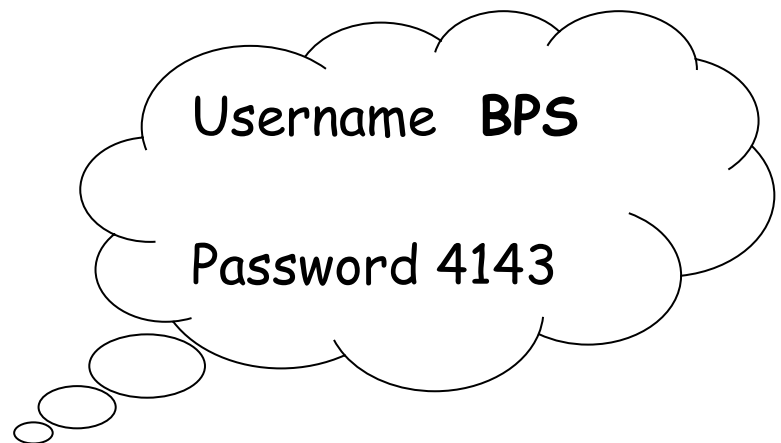
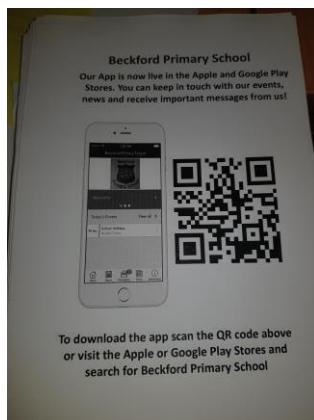
We are keen for all of the pupils to be ready to learn as soon as they come into school. Part of this is to arrive in school promptly and be in line for 9.00am. To encourage pupils to do this we have introduced a school 'RIGHT ON TIME' Week. This will happen once a month, and every pupil who arrives on time each day that week, will have an extra play at the end of that week. Please help your child to enjoy this by arriving at school on time, not only during this week, but every day. Right on time week begins Monday 18th September.



BECKFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL APP

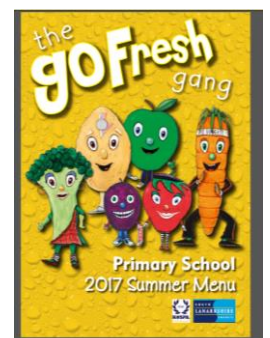
I am pleased to announce that our school app is now up and running. You can download the app for free from Apple or Google Play. The app will replace text messaging where possible and therefore messages will be sent with regards whole school events and information about your child's class via the app. The school newsletter will also been sent via the app, as well as a paper copy for the moment. If you have any questions about the app, please feel free to speak to Mrs Hogg or Mr McCann at Meet the Teacher.

Once you have downloaded the app you will be asked for the following:



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Summer 2017 menu is still being served and can be found on the school website. Please make sure your child knows what is on offer for each day. There have been a few incidences this term where children have complained that they do not like what is on offer on that particular day and can become quite upset. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.



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Recognising Pupil Achievements

At Beckford Primary School we value the importance of recognising our children's achievements in and out of school. If your child has an achievement from out with school that they wish to share please encourage them to let their class teacher know, e.g. taking part in a football tournament and we will celebrate this at our next achievement assembly on the 29th September. We also recognise the children's achievements in school through our class Star of the Week awards - chosen by the Class Teacher, Class Playground Awards - chosen by School Support Staff and finally our School Values Award - chosen by the Senior Management Team.

I am pleased to say that Primary 7, Primary 4 and Primary 3 have already won the School Values Award this session.



Star of the Week

| <u>Successful Learners</u> | <u>Effective Contributors</u> | <u>Confident Individuals</u> | <u>Responsible Citizens</u> |
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| Emily Moore P7 Tyler White P1 Sophie Strain P2 Ariana Hunter P2 Aaliyah Docherty P1 Kayla Russell P4 Lloyd White P5 | Nathan McInall P4 David Thomson P6 Nicole Clements P3 Emily Docherty P5 Cameron Hayton P6 Aisha Hussain P3 Aaliyah McKee P6 | Primary 1 Primary 2 | Ellie Simpson P3 Logan Burns P5 Hannah Flicinska P4 Robbie Thomson P7 David Buchanan P7 |

Playground Award

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| Primary 1 | Alfie Brady, James Turnbull, Riley Findlay |
| Primary 2 | Rebecca O'Rourke, Robert McTaggart, Cole McInall |
| Primary 3 | Kaden Cunningham, Ellie Simpson, Owen Strang |
| Primary 4 | Brooklyn Stewart, Rachel Whiteman, Niamh Inglis |
| Primary 5 | Zoe McDonald, Lilymae Morgan, Nieve Donnelly |
| Primary 6 | Ty Kyle, Craig Cuthbertson, Ruban Linton |
| Primary 7 | Carly Burston, Connor Kerr, Kodie Monteith |



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