

## DECEMBER 2017

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

- Choir at Sainsburys  
10 – 11 am.

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Show Primary 1-7  
– more information to follow  
9.30 am show and 1.30 pm  
show.

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Lunch – Children  
can wear Christmas  
Jumpers/t-shirts with school  
uniform

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- Primary 4 & 5 Christmas Party  
1.20 pm (Home lunches may  
be collected at 12.15 pm to  
get organised for party)

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Primary 1 – 3 Christmas Party  
1.20 pm (Home lunches may  
be collected at 12.15 pm to  
get organised for party)

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- Primary 6 & 7 Christmas Party  
1.20 pm (Home lunches may  
be collected at 12.15 pm to  
get organised for party)

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

- Christmas Service 10 am – all  
parents/carers welcome.

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

- School closes at 2.30pm.

## January 2018

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

- School reopens at 9am

### Head Teacher Update

Winter has arrived and we are off to a very busy and successful start to the festive period. I would like to thank all of the helpers and visitors who supported the school on Friday morning at our Christmas Fayre. The event was a huge success and we raised approximately £1500. This is a phenomenal amount and we are overwhelmed by the support we have received and appreciate it greatly. We have a super team at Beckford, from the staff, parents and of course our children, which showed on Friday. The funds raised will go to support a range of activities in school over the remainder of the school year. Well done to everyone!!



If you attended the school Christmas Fayre, you may have noticed a special stall set up by Rachael McLeod in Primary 7. Rachael raised £30.75 for Cancer Research UK. This is the second year that Rachael has organised this stall and again we are very proud of her for displaying such a responsible and caring attitude towards the needs of others.

The staff and children are working hard to prepare for our annual Christmas Show. Primary 1 & 2 will be performing the Nativity, through 'Star, Shine Star' and Primary 4 to 7 will be showcasing their musical talents by performing a range of Christmas Carols and Christmas Songs. I have had a sneak preview of many of the performances and I can confirm that we will have many proud parents and family members on the day of the performance as all of our children are superb! Tickets are available from the school office.

As we approach the end of term, I would like to wish all our staff, pupils and parents, carers and the wider school community a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes to you and yours for 2018!



Kind regards, Mrs Hogg

## Primary 7 visit to Scottish Parliament

Our Primary 7s participated in an extended day trip to the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The children have been learning about the Scottish Parliament and living in a democratic society. They met a variety of MSPs as well as having the opportunity to observe a debate on Scottish Education at the First Minister's Questions session.



I can describe the main features of a democracy and discuss the rights and responsibilities of citizens in Scotland.

SOC 2-17a

I can investigate the features of an election and the work of representatives at a local, national or European level to begin to develop my understanding of how democracy works.

SOC 2-18a



## Primary 2 Katie Morag Assembly

Our Primary 2s thoroughly entertained us at their recent assembly. They showcased their learning about Scotland, including what they had learned about Scottish Islands, Scottish Dancing and Scottish Music and of course the Katie Morag stories themselves. This is an excellent example of how we are working towards our pupils being Successful Learners and Confident Individuals - well done to you all!



Representing my class, school and/or wider community encourages my self-worth and confidence and allows me to contribute to and participate in society. HWB 1-12a

Responsible

Respectful

Caring

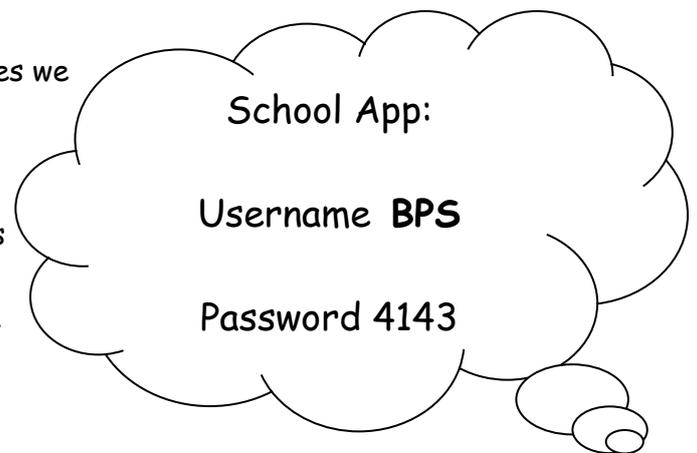
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## School App and Twitter Update

You can still 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. During the recent Primary 7 visit to Edinburgh I provided updates on the app with regards expected return times for the children. I have also used it to send out the new school menu and provide updates on events going on in the school e.g. the School Fayre. I would ask that if you have not done so already, please download the app. You will need the details noted below. If you have any problems with it, just let me know.

We now have 41 followers on Twitter.

Again, I regularly tweet updates on the activities we have in school and been tweeting photos of the children at after school extracurricular clubs, as well as updates on events going on in school that impact on our children, e.g. First Minister's Reading Challenge, book week. Again you can follow us for free on Twitter @beckfordps\_slc.



## Recognising Pupil Achievements

As you are aware we like to celebrate the achievements of our children from in and out of school. These achievements vary greatly, but are all of equal importance. Here are some of the achievements we have celebrated recently:



**Primary 3 - Aisha Hussain  
Successful Learner Mental Maths!**

**Primary 4 - Nathan McInall  
Effective Contributor Footballer of  
the week**



**Primary 7 - Robbie Thomson  
Confident Individual - Selected for  
U11 Scotland Ice Hockey Squad!**



**Successful Learners - Highly  
commended in the SLC Road Safety  
Calendar Competition - Maya Djebbaili,  
Jessica Hamilton, Emma Hamilton,  
Aaliyah MacKee and Hanna Flicinska.**



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## Star of the Week



<u>Successful Learners</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizens</u>
Layna McCluskey P1 Shannon Alexander P6 Lee Jack P7 Robert McTaggart P2 Ty Kyle P6 Kayla Downie P5 Leah Brogan P7	Ellie McLeod P4 Nieve Donnelly P5 Amy Colville P2 Bryony Burns P4	All of Primary 2 Kara Brown P7 Hailey Kaiser P3 Denny Burston P5 Zak Allison P1	Chelsy Crawford P1 John Paul Rooney P3 Kyle Bell P6 Matthew Carson P3 Cameron Bell P5

## Playground Award

Primary 1	Malachi Mensah, Alfie Brady, Poppy Reid and Emma Smith
Primary 2	Frankie Goodwin, Rebecca O'Rourke, David Swinburne
Primary 3	Jamie Mohan, Matthew Carson, Olivia McDonald
Primary 4	Emma Hamilton, Nathan McInall, Lucy Lockhart
Primary 5	Alisha Younas, Craig Milne, Paige Robertson
Primary 6	David Thomson, Jenna Quinn, Brandon Doak
Primary 7	Alesha Burns, Rayaana Younas, Yasmin Winning

## Celebrating Success in and out of school - Achievement Assembly

Please note our next achievement assembly will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If your child has an achievement from outwith school that they would like to share at assembly, e.g. has taken part in a swimming, dancing, community club (Brownies, Scouts etc), event/assessment/competition, that they would like to share could they please let their teacher know on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> that they would like to do so.



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