



Beckford Primary School January 2018 Newsletter

Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg



January 2016

Monday 15th – Friday 19th January

- Enrolment week for Primary 1 Intake August 2018

Wednesday 10th January

- Kerbcraft Volunteer Training (9 am – 10 am) - any parents interested in supporting please contact school.

Tuesday 23rd January

- Parent Council Meeting at 6pm in Staff Room – All Welcome

Friday 26th January

- Primary 4 assembly – 9.30 am. Parents/Carers and family members welcome.

RIGHT ON TIME WEEK – WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 22nd JANUARY

February 2018

Friday 9th February

- Primary 6 assembly - 9.30 am. Parents/Carers and family members welcome.

Monday 12th February

- School Closed – February Holiday

Tuesday 13th February

- School Closed – February Holiday

Wednesday 14th February

- School closed to children – in service day for staff

Thursday 22nd February

- Primary 1 to 5 literacy parents open morning 9.30 – 10.30 am

RIGHT ON TIME WEEK – WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 19th February

Head Teacher Update

I would like to wish all of our children, staff and families a Happy New Year for 2018. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and that we are all back ready to learn this term.

I am delighted to return to school after the Christmas Break as the permanent Head Teacher of Beckford Primary. I have now been at Beckford for 18 months as the Acting Head Teacher and I am very proud of all of the achievements we have made together during this time. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the school community as we continue on our improvement journey in future years.

The staff are in the process of planning several events for the children including a new Starchild transition programme for Primary 6 & 7, Scottish themed workshops and Scots language focuses for all classes. We are also in the process of planning family learning events including a literacy family engagement session for all parents from Primary 1 to 5 in February. I hope that most of our parents or a family representative will be able to attend to support the children at these events. More details will follow at a later date.

The school is also about to embark on a new Partnership with the Charity 'Place2Be'. Place2Be is the UK's leading children's mental health charity providing in-school support and expert training to improve the emotional wellbeing of pupils, families, teachers and school staff. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge is the Patron of Place2Be.

We will be working alongside staff and volunteers from the charity over the coming months to support the emotional wellbeing of our children across the school. We are one of the first schools within the authority to be accepted as a Place2Be School and we are very excited about this opportunity! We are very fortunate to be able to fund this opportunity through our Scottish Attainment Challenge Funding.

More information can be found on the Place2Be website <https://www.place2be.org.uk>.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hogg



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August 2018 Primary 1 Enrolment Week

As you will be aware children normally start primary school in August if their fifth birthday falls before the 1st March of the following year. Please note that enrolment week for our Primary 1 August 2018 intake begins on **Monday 15th January until Friday 19th January**. Any parent/carer wishing to enrol their child at Beckford Primary for August 2018 should come to the school between **1.30 pm - 2.30 pm** during this week. Parents/Carers require their child's full birth certificate (photocopies are not accepted) and two proofs of address, e.g. council tax letter, driver's license. Further information on your child starting school can be found on the South Lanarkshire Website.

Winter Weather Procedures

When it is icy or snowy, the school must adhere to the Adverse Weather Plan, which states which areas will be cleared and/or gritted within the school grounds. In extreme conditions, the school has to ensure there is one safe pathway into the school. This is the main pedestrian entrance which faces Morrisons underground car park entrance. A path will be cleared from this gate to the main school entrance. In difficult conditions it may be necessary to close the car park and/or playground. If this happens, children should come into the hall prior to 9 am. **Can I also ask that you ensure that all contact details and emergency contact details are up to date.** This will ensure that in the event that the school should need to close due to adverse weather, that you can be contacted.



Lunch Time Payments

The current winter menu can be found on our school website, it has also been sent out directly to parents through the school app. As you are aware lunches are currently free of charge to Primary 1, 2 and 3, as per Scottish Government Policy. The present charge for school dinners in Primary 4 to 7 is £1.60. **At the end of term I was notified that the amount outstanding for lunch payments across the school is again quite substantial.** As you are aware if your child has not paid for their lunch then a small slip is sent home to acknowledge the amount to be paid and that the money should be paid the following day. The cook in charge is required to submit the amount of money paid for lunches to Headquarters on a weekly basis and money outstanding. As per SLC Catering Policy, families who have money outstanding to the amount of £8 or more will be contacted directly by Headquarters. Could I please ask that your child(ren) have their lunch money each day.

After School Clubs

Please note the following start dates and times for the following after school clubs:

Club	Start Date	Time
Netball	Thursday 18 th January	3.00 - 4.00 pm
Drama (split into groups - more details to follow)	Tuesday 23 rd January	3.00 - 4.00 pm

Tuck shop

There will be a post Christmas tuck shop with crisps for sale this Friday playtime for 10p per bag.

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Christmas Celebrations

December was indeed a very busy month. We had two very successful performances for our Christmas Show 'Shine, Star, Shine'. Primary 1 & 2 performed like true professionals during their Nativity performance and the Primary 3 - 7 classes really entertained us with their range of modern and traditional Christmas songs. Thank you to all staff for their support to make this event so successful.

The school choir were also busy towards the end of term. They performed Christmas Carols at Sainsburys, The Whitehill Care Centre and at the Christmas Service. A huge thank you is extended to the choir, Mrs McDonald and our parent helpers for their contributions.

Our school Christmas Lunch was well attended and enjoyed by the children and staff. The House Captains did a super job in organising the hall and serving the lunches to all of the children. Thank you to all of our Catering Staff for the lovely lunch.

Finally the term ended with great fun at our annual Christmas Parties. The children enjoyed a range of games and music as well as a little treat during the party too!



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Star of the Week



<u>Successful Learners</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizen</u>
Harvie Goldie P1 Charlie Smith P6	Adam Goldie P2 Logan Beecroft P7	Feras Asami P3 Victor Rubas P4 All classes for Christmas Show	Lilymae Morgan P5

Playground Stars

Primary 1	Eric Leesment, Riley Stanulis
Primary 2	Scott Burrows, Adam Goldie
Primary 3	Layla Farr, Nicole Clements
Primary 4	Bryony Burns, Jessica Hamilton
Primary 5	Layla Unay, Ryan McAlonan
Primary 6	Charlie Smith, Aaliyah MacKee
Primary 7	Rachael McLeod, Shannon Murphy



Achievement Assembly

Please note our next achievement assembly will be Friday 19th January. 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 18th that they would like to do so.



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