



Beckford Primary School August Newsletter 2018

Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg



August 2018

Tuesday 21st August

- Primary 1 photograph for the Hamilton Advertiser – 9.30 am

Friday 24th August

- Primary 5,6,7 Trifest Event – Larkhall Leisure Centre

September 2018

Monday 3rd September

- School photographer in – family, individual and P1 & P7 class photographs to be taken

Wednesday 12th September

- Meet the Teacher event 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Friday 21st September

- Holiday – school closed

Monday 24th September

- Holiday – school closed

October 2018

Thursday 11th October

- Parents Evening 3.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (letters to follow)

Friday 13th October

- School closes at 3pm for October Break.

Welcome back!



I hope you've all enjoyed the lovely summer. The children have returned to school filled with lots of stories of their time over the summer holidays,

whether it be from spending time with family to being outside enjoying the sun with friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for their generosity at the end of term. The well wishes and gestures were very much appreciated.



The children throughout the school have demonstrated a positive attitude towards returning to school. The Primary 7's have shown great responsibility in their role as Primary 1 buddies. Our Primary 4s have adjusted well to life in the senior playground and our Primary 1s have shown great enthusiasm towards life at Beckford.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Gilmour, Mrs Clelland and Mrs Cairns our janitorial staff who have been very busy over the holidays ensuring our building is ready for the start of term. Ms Linda has also been in organising all of our resources for the term ahead. I would also like to thank the teaching staff and support staff for ensuring the classrooms and open areas were ready for our children returning on Thursday also.

We have had two assemblies this year already and a focus for the children has been about showing resilience during periods of change. As a school we encourage our children and families to talk to us, therefore if you have any worries or concerns about life in school, please do not hesitate to do so.

Kind regards, Mrs Hogg

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Celebrating Success



Already we have wonderful news to celebrate as a school. At the end of term Ms McLean and the Sports Council learned that the school had been awarded our Silver School Sports Scotland Award. We were working towards our first award of bronze, however the efforts from our whole school community and support from Clare Murphy our Active Schools Coordinator led to the school being awarded Silver - a fantastic achievement and something to build on this session with Mrs Park leading the Sports Council. Well done everyone!!

Pupil Achievements

Our first Star Pupil Award and Playground Award of the year will be presented at Friday's assembly. This is an important initiative to encourage the children to be the best that they can be in school. A pupil in each class is presented a Star Pupil Award each week chosen by the Class Teacher, a pupil from each class is chosen as the class Playground Star which is chosen by the Support Staff. The Class Values Award, chosen by the Head Teacher and Principal Teacher will now be awarded on a monthly basis.



Staff Achievements

Last session Ms Wilson led a research project focusing on the use of Media in the learning and teaching of Reading. The results were very positive and certainly enhanced the learning experiences of the pupils involved. Following submission of her final assignment, Ms Wilson has been asked to present at the Scottish Learning Festival in September. This is a great achievement and recognition of the work that Ms Wilson completed. Well done Ms Wilson!

Both Mr McCann and Mrs Graham took part in specialist training in June. They have both been awarded Level 1 Pivotal Education Trainer Status following this. Well done to them! All staff participated in Pivotal Education training during our second inset day on Wednesday. Following on from this training, as a staff we will be reviewing our behaviour system that is in place. We aim to simplify the rules and systems that are currently in place. The children and parents will be consulted over the term, with the intention that our reviewed system be in place just after the October Break. Mr McCann and Mrs Graham as Level 1 Pivotal Trainers will lead the review process.

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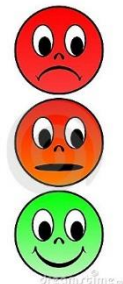
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GO FOR GREEN

We will be continuing with our promoting positive behaviour initiative 'Go For Green' until our current system has been reviewed.

Go For Green means that every pupil in school will be placed on their 'class tree' and if they are able to follow the school rules they stay on green for the day. This is then recorded into your child's diary. Any pupil with 2 ambers or 1 red over the week will have reflection time on a Friday and a note put in their diary from the Head Teacher. I would appreciate it if you could discuss this system with your child and sign to acknowledge you have seen the Head Teacher note if your child is ever on reflection. I am pleased to say we are off to a positive start and every child remained on green last week! Well done everyone!!



School Uniform

Our children have returned to school looking very smart and eager to learn, which is wonderful to see. For reference, our school uniform is:

- White shirt and tie (except gym days)
- Grey or black skirt or trousers
- Burgundy or grey jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt
- White or yellow polo shirt

It would be lovely to see as many of our P7 children wearing a shirt and tie, as this sets a good example for our younger children and any visitors to the school too. Please make sure every item is labelled.

If you have been in the school already you may have noticed that we have had new carpets put in the corridors of our school. These carpets have to last us a long time and we want to take care of them, therefore **can I also ask that you ensure your child has suitable indoor shoes to be kept in school. These will also be required for PE, therefore I would ask that indoor shoes are not slippers. Thank you!!**



Other Useful Items

Your child is also welcome to bring in a small bottle of plain water each day, which they will bring home, each day, to be refilled at home. Flavoured water or juice is not permitted in the classroom, however should your child wish to drink flavoured water or juice, they can do so at lunchtime in the lunch hall.

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Physical Education

Classes have now been allocated two P.E. sessions per week.

Indoor kit for PE should be provided -



- t-shirt/polo-shirt
- shorts
- gym shoes (gym shoes to be kept in school)

Allocation of days for each class can be noted in the table below:

Class	PE days
Primary 1	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 2	Thursday and Friday
Primary 3	Monday and Thursday
Primary 4	Monday and Friday
Primary 5	Tuesday and Wednesday
Primary 6	Tuesday and Thursday
Primary 7	Tuesday and Wednesday

Lunchtimes and Breakfast Club

Please note that we are still serving the menus from the Summer 2018 menu- this week we are serving food from the Week 3 menu. This menu can be found on the school app.

Milk is available to be purchased by all children for 20p at playtimes in Beckford Primary.

Can I please remind parents/carers that lunch is free to all children in Primary 1 to 3 and that there is a charge of £1.65 for children from Primary 4 to 7, unless parents have successfully applied for free meals for their children. Can I ask that you ensure your child has their money each day. Unfortunately we still have money outstanding from last session, which should still be paid by those families who have been previously notified.

Meet the Teacher



Our annual Meet the Teacher event will take place on Wednesday 12th September. This is a very helpful way for parents/carers to get to meet the class teachers and to understand their expectations for the year. I will also be

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available for parents to meet and talk to. This is an open session which will run from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm. I look forward to welcoming as many parents/carers to this event as possible. We hope to see new and familiar faces there. Suggestions from parents at last year's event led to other parental engagement activity themes later in the year, therefore it is really important that you attend.

Annual Letter Return

All of our children were issued with annual update check letters, as well as the ICT user agreement, the photograph permission form and the EV5 insurance form, which we use when we go out with school. If your child's class goes on an educational excursion during the year we will notify you with a separate letter.

Permission letters for Twitter and the app will be sent out this week and Primary 1 will be issued with Place2Be permission letters also.

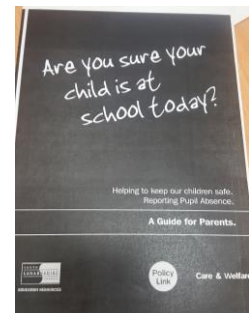
Can I please ask that if you have not done so already that you return all of these forms asap. Many thanks in advance for your support in this matter.

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES

Please note that should your child be ill and unable to attend school that it is important that the school be notified by 9.30 am.

It is also important that the school has up to date contact details including:

- Home telephone number
- Mobile number
- Emergency contact details



If a child's absence has not been reported to the school, a member of staff will contact the child's parent/carer to find out why the child is absent. The safety and wellbeing of our children is everyone's first priority. Further information can be found in South Lanarkshire Council's 'Are you sure your child is at school today?' policy.

If your child has been ill due to sickness or diarrhoea please note that the advice from the NHS is that a child should not return to school until 48 hours after his/her last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to reduce any further spread of infection.

School Information/Communication

Website - www.beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.

Key documents including the school lunch menu, handbook and up to date newsletters are on our website.



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Text Messages - From time to time we may send messages via a text message. Please note that we can only send this to one parent/carer on the emergency contact list. This is usually the first person named on the annual update check letter.

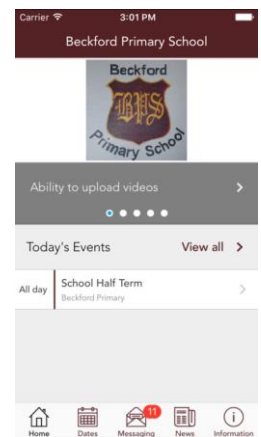
Twitter - Updates on activities and the learning and teaching experiences of our children are also placed through the school's Twitter Account.



Follow us at:
@beckfordps_slc

School App - School App - Our School App can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play. If you have been signed out of the app during the summer, please input the details as below again.

Username: BPS
Pin: 4143



Technology is a wonderful thing, but please remember our door is always open. If you need to speak to us, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

As noted in our June Newsletter we will be sending the newsletter via the school app only from this month onwards. **This is the final printed batch of newsletters.**

If you are unable to access the school app and require a paper copy of the newsletter, please complete the slip below and return to the school. Thank you!

I still require a paper copy of the monthly school newsletter, as I cannot access the newsletter via the app.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Parent/carer's signature: _____

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