

September 2018

Friday 21st September

- Holiday – school closed



Monday 24th September

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October 2018

Thursday 11th October

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

Friday 12th October

- Primary 7 Harvest assembly 9.30 am – **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.



Monday 22nd October

- School reopens at 9am.

Head Teacher Update

I am delighted to say that our children have settled well into the new school year. Primary 1 have very quickly settled into life at Beckford, displaying a positive attitude to all areas of school life. Primary 7 have been a wonderful support to them too.

As a school we believe that it is important to stop and reflect on our school values and how we demonstrate them in different areas of life. Through our focus on being responsible, we, as a school are working hard to promote the use of good manners. For example; remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you', remembering to hold the door for someone if you are first in line, remembering to say 'excuse me' when we need someone's attention. I have to say our Primary 1 children are off to a flying start and have been commended by visitors to the school for their positive use of manners. Well done to them!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who have responded to the survey Mr McCann issued via the school app. We are reviewing our policy on Promoting Positive Behaviour and Relationships and are therefore consulting all stakeholders. Your views as the parent forum are really important to us and will support the development of our new policy, which we plan to provide more detail about before the October Break.

As always if there is anything you would like to speak to us about in school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hogg

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 a school 'RIGHT ON TIME' Week. This happens 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 today - Monday 17th September.



Harvest Assembly

Primary 7 are in the process of focusing on raising funds to support the McMillan Cancer Charity. This work links to our school values of being responsible and caring. They are planning to host a **coffee morning on Friday 12th October at 9.30 am**. It will start with a Harvest Assembly led by



Primary 7 which will include a performance by our school choir also. Refreshments and cakes will then be served for a small donation. The children across the school can dress down for £1 on the day and they will also have the opportunity to taste some cakes and play games organised by the Primary 7s. There will be raffle tickets available to buy at Parent's Night and the raffle will be drawn at the coffee morning. **It would be much appreciated if parents/carers could send donations in for raffle prizes e.g. bottle of bubble bath/shower gel, box of sweets etc.**

As the focus is also for Harvest, we are hoping to send donations of food tins to one of our local food banks. Primary 7 would appreciate it if every child could bring one tin to school for Friday 12th October to help the school support this local cause.



School House System

Last week the children voted for their house captains from Primary 7 and I am pleased to announce that:



- Craig Cuthbertson and Mya Crossan are the Walliams (Red) House Captains.
- Cameron Hayton and Ty Kyle are the Murpurgo (Green) House Captains.
- Jenna Quinn and Aaliyah MacKee are the Dahl (Blue) House Captains.
- David Thomson and Robbie Wilson are the Rowling (Yellow) House Captains.



I look forward to working alongside our new house captains as the year progresses. Well done to all who took part!

Responsible

Respectful

Caring

Friendly

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 28th 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 at the end of each month.



Star of the Week

<u>Successful Learners</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizens</u>
Emma H P5 Kimberly M P2 Ellie M P5 Hayley B P6	Riley F P2 Cole Mc P3 Emily E P2 Frankie G P3 Ryley B-L P7 Sophie S P3	Ruban L P7 Dexter Mc P1 Aighleagh Mc P4 All of Primary 1	Ryan H P1 Elena L P5 Zoe M P6 Nieve D P6 Jayden Ward P4

Playground Award

Primary 1	Charlie, Kourtney, Dexter
Primary 2	James, Eric, Riley F
Primary 3	Amy C, Rebecca, Sophie
Primary 4	Scotty, Feras, Ellie
Primary 5	Brooklyn, Elena, Nathan
Primary 6	Levi, Mya, Lilymae
Primary 7	Maya D, Brandon, Olivia



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