

December 2018

Thursday 13th December

- Christmas Show 9.30 am and 1.30 pm showings

Friday 14th December

- Christmas Lunch – Children can wear Christmas Jumpers

Monday 17th December

- Choir singing at Victoria Court
- Primary 1-3 party – children can be collected at 12.15pm for a home lunch

Tuesday 18th December

- Primary 6 & 7 party – children can be collected at 12.15pm for a home lunch

Wednesday 19th December

- Choir singing at Sainsburys
- Primary 4 & 5 party – children can be collected at 12.15pm for a home lunch

Thursday 20th December

- Christmas Service 10am – parents and carers welcome

Friday 21st December

- School closes at 2.30 pm



January 2019

Monday 7th January

- School reopens at 9 am

Head Teacher Update

I can't quite believe that it is time to issue our December newsletter, however the arrival of our Elf on the Shelf in Primary 1 and our Christmas Fair on Friday signals that the festive period has arrived!



I would like to thank all of the helpers and visitors who supported the school on Friday morning at our Christmas Fair. The event was a huge success and we raised approximately £1600. This is again a phenomenal amount and we are overwhelmed by the support we have received and appreciate it greatly. Primary 7 also raised £57 at their jigsaw stall which will form part of their fund raising efforts to support the Star Child Charity, which Primary 7 have been working to support over the last year as part of their transition project as they move towards secondary.

The staff and children are working hard to prepare for our annual Christmas Show. Primary 1 & 2 will be performing the Nativity, through 'Angel Express' and Primary 4 to 7 will be showcasing their musical talents by performing a range of Christmas Carols and Christmas Songs. Tickets can be purchased from the school office. Any families who have requested additional tickets through the ballot will be notified on Monday 10th December if there are extra tickets to be collected.



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 2019!

Kind regards, Mrs Hogg

Norovirus Campaign 2018



If you have been in the school last week, you will have noticed the posters we have received from NHS with regards the Norovirus. Please note that should your child have sickness or diarrhea they should not return to school for **48 hours** after the symptoms have stopped. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Flu Vaccinations 2018

The flu vaccination team were in Beckford on Thursday 29th November. If your child was absent on this day or did not have their permission forms returned you can now take your child to your local GP and request that he/she administer the vaccination.

Homework

You will be aware that from August, the children were issued with new home-school planners, in place of the old format for homework diaries. At this point teaching staff came together to review the content and organisation of homework. In most cases the children will be issued homework on a Monday to be completed by the Friday. If the children have completed the homework before the Friday they can submit it then. Class teachers may also encourage the children to return their homework after each night that it has been completed. Your child should be aware of what they are expected to do as the teacher will have explained on the Monday what the expectations are.

We have agreed as a staff that due to how **busy the children and families are during the months of December and June as we approach the winter and summer breaks that there will be no written homework issued.**

Please continue to check diaries during these months for information about how your child is progressing on our Promoting Positive Relationships and Behaviour Programme and for messages from staff that may be written in the diary.

Thank you for your support with this matter,

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Beckford Primary Playground Funding



I am delighted to inform you that we have been successful in our Aviva Community Fund process to receive funding to enhance our playground. Thank you to everyone who voted for us. We should receive the funding in the new year and look forward to seeing the new playground games that we will receive through this.

A huge thank you to Mariam Gwynne from our Parent Council for nominating us for the funding.

Indoor Shoes

I would like to ask all parents/carers to check that your child has indoor shoes that can be kept in school. Towards the end of term, the indoor shoes begin to either no longer fit the children or can be quite worn as the children have been wearing them since August. On the last day of term any indoor shoes that need replaced will be sent home. Can I also ask that where possible when buying outdoor shoes, particularly for our younger children, that the shoes for outdoors are shoes that the children can put on independently. Most of our younger children find it very difficult to tie laces and can become quite frustrated when getting ready for outdoors. This would be greatly appreciated.



Recognising Pupil Achievements

Wider contribution to life in school and our community

The girls football team recently participated in the first of the girls 5 aside tournaments. Mr Gilmour, Mr White and Clare Campbell our Active Schools Coach accompanied them and said that they made us very proud they won all of their games bar one!

Primary 6 Class Assembly

Well done to our wonderful Primary 6s who showcased their learning across the curriculum during their recent class assembly on World War 1. The children also sold poppies for Poppy Scotland in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday.



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School Values Award

As there was no assembly on Friday, we will not hear about who our School Value's Class for November is until this Friday.



Star of the Week

| <u>Successful Learners</u> | <u>Effective Contributors</u> | <u>Confident Individuals</u> | <u>Responsible Citizens</u> |
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| Poppy R P2 Tyler W P2 Kenzie T P4 Aidan McQ P1 Olivia M P4 Abigail L P5 | Yasmine D P4 Isla S P1 Bryony B P5 Maya D P7 Paige R P6 Robbie W P7 | Millie H P1 Kayla R P5 Emily D P6 Zac K P2 | Frankie G P3 Brooke R P6 Joe C P7 Amy C P3 |

| <u>Playground Award</u> | | <u>Hot Chocolate Friday - Over and Above Behaviour Award</u> |
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| Primary 1 | Olivia, Junior Ryan | Dexter, Eden (Isla - nominated by Mrs Hogg and Mr McCann) |
| Primary 2 | Aailyah D, Kimberly and Eva | Riley F, Eric, Hope |
| Primary 3 | Charlie, David and Aimee S | Olivia, Amy C |
| Primary 4 | Kenzie, Akira and Jayden W | Brogan, Kiera |
| Primary 5 | Sara, Abigail and Naomi | Naomi, Sara |
| Primary 6 | Jessica, Logan B and Denny | Denny, Brooke |
| Primary 7 | Joe, Ruban and David T | Craig, David T (Joe - nominated by Mrs Hogg and Mr McCann) |



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