

January 2019

Monday 14th – Friday 18th January

- Enrolment week for Primary 1 Intake August 2019 1.20 pm – 2.30 pm each day

Wednesday 16th January

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

Wednesday 23rd January

- Kerbcraft training commences for Primary 1 pupils (9.15 am start each week) Children should dress appropriately for weather conditions

February 2019

Tuesday 5th February

- Primary 7 Lockerbie March 2019 information evening. 6pm in school hall. Children and parents are welcome to attend.

Monday 11th February

- School Closed – February Holiday



Tuesday 12th February

- School Closed – February Holiday



Wednesday 13th February

- School closed to children – in service day for staff



Tuesday 19th February

- Primary 1-3 literacy open morning for all parents and carers - 9.30-10.30

Head Teacher Update

I would like to wish all of our children, staff and families a Happy New Year for 2019. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and that we are all back ready to learn this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for their support during the festive period. Both performances for our Christmas Show 'Angel Express' were well attended and well received. Our children throughout the school were absolute stars. 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 Morrisons, Sainsburys, The Whitehill Care Centre and at the Christmas Service. A huge thank you is extended to the choir, Mrs McDonald and support staff 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.

Our school community had a lovely end to the term and are looking forward to engaging our learners in lots of different experiences and opportunities over the term ahead.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hogg

August 2019 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 14th January until Friday 18th January**. Any parent/carer wishing to enrol their child at Beckford Primary for August 2019 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.



Assessment - Snapshot Jotters



As a school we appreciate the support parents/carers give their children. We understand that parents play a vital role at all stages of the children's education. To allow the children to share their learning experiences in school with parents/carers at home we have decided to send home the children's snapshot jotter.

You may have previously seen these jotters at parent consultations. Within this jotter you will see assessments with regards the children's Maths learning as well as Literacy (spelling and writing). The aim of sending this jotter home is to allow the children to discuss their progress with parents and for parents to see where they can support their children's learning further.

The children will complete assessments in these jotters one week per term. This work will form part of their normal planned activities, the main difference being that the work will go into the snapshot jotter instead of their normal classroom work jotters or folders.

The children do not need to do anything to this work at home, the main purpose is for them to share and discuss their learning with parents/carers. ***There will be a comments sheet placed on the last page of completed work for parents/carers to comment on and sign. The jotters will be sent home on a Monday and should be returned no later than the Friday of that week.***

We hope that you find this beneficial in supporting your child with his/her learning.

After School Clubs

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

Club	Start Date	Time
Netball	Monday 28 th January	3.00 - 4.00 pm
Athletics	Thursday 31 st January (finishing on 21 st March)	3.00 - 4.00 pm
Football	Wednesday 6 th February	3.00 - 4.15 pm

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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. **It has been noted that several of our children are arriving after the school bell rings at 9am.** 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 14th January.



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. The school app and website (www.beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk) will also be used to keep families up to date, therefore please ensure that you have access to the school app which can be downloaded for free on Google Play or the App Store.



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. 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 £1.65. **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.

School Values Award

Primary 4 were our School Values Class for December. Primary 4 work well together in all areas of our school. They are effective contributors who work well in teams, which Mrs Hogg was delighted to see during a classroom visit last term. Keep it up Primary 4!

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Star of the Week



<u>Successful Learners</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizens</u>
Sophie P3	Zac A P2 Ryan P5 Eva P6 Freya K P7	Matthew P4 All of Primary 1 All of Primary 2 All of Primary 3 All of Primary 6 Brandon P7	Jack P1 Layla P4 Jack P5

<u>Playground Award</u>		<u>Hot Chocolate Friday - Over and Above Behaviour Award</u>
		
Primary 1	James, Georgia	Amilia and James
Primary 2	Jaiden, Abigail	Abigail and Aaliyah D
Primary 3	Maxime, Scott	Cole, Kaden B and David (nominated by Mrs Hogg and Mr McCann)
Primary 4	Yasmine, Matthew	John Paul and Kaden C
Primary 5	Lucy, Jessica	Abigail, Jayden and Briony, Kayla (nominated by Mrs Hogg and Mr McCann)
Primary 6	Darren, Lewis B	Holly, Logan B and Lewis H
Primary 7	Aadam, Mya C	Jenna, Shannon, Robbie and Olivia

Achievement Assembly

Please note our next achievement assembly will be Friday 15th February. 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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