

August 2022

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th August

- School photographer will be in for individual, family and class photos. The children should come dressed in school uniform on both days (even if they have P.E. on those days)

Tuesday 30th August

- Primary 7 visit to Sky Academy Livingston

September 2022

Thursday 8th September

- Primary 6 visit to Sky Academy Livingston

Friday 23rd September

- Holiday – school closed



Monday 26th September

- Holiday – school closed



October 2022

Thursday 6th October

- Flu Immunisation Team in school.

Welcome back!

It has been so wonderful to welcome our children back to school and seeing so many happy and healthy faces!



For the first year, in a long time, it has been lovely to return to school with everyone starting at 9 am and finishing at 3 pm. The playground has been buzzing because we are all out at the same time, something we haven't had for two years.

Our Primary 1s have coped with the transition to primary very well and Mrs Grady is delighted to be back at Beckford as the Primary 1 Teacher. Primary 7 are off to a great start and are making excellent buddies so far!

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff who have been very busy ensuring our building and classrooms are ready for the start of term.

Unfortunately our infant playground has not had the necessary work completed at the sand pit area, but please be assured I am on the case! I was as equally disappointed that the necessary work has not been completed.

Also, as noted prior to the summer break, I am working with the SLC Road Safety Team with regards parking issues, due to the underground car park being closed. I cannot thank you all enough for parking and striding or walking to school. This keeps everyone safe, and keeps our community members safe and happy too.



Instead of Manners of the Month this year we will have weekly whole school above and beyond targets. We will consult with the children to create targets that they think as a school we need, to make sure we are following our school rules and school values, which you will appreciate is essential to make sure the school is a success!

Kind regards, Mrs Hogg

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



We continue to promote positive relationships and behaviour through our Ready, Respectful and Safe policy.

We aim to encourage the children to go 'above and beyond' in school and to support the children to make the right choices to maximise opportunities for learning time in the classroom.

Our three rules are; READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE which are underpinned by our four school values - FRIENDLY, CARING, RESPONSIBLE AND RESPECTFUL. Both our rules and values will be discussed in class and at weekly assemblies.

Water

As you are aware the children are encouraged to bring a small bottle of water to school each day. As per South Lanarkshire Policy, the children should only have water in their bottle and not flavoured water or diluting juice, unless there is a medical need for there to be so. If there is a medical need please speak to Mrs Hogg or Miss Reilly.

The children may bring diluting juice or fruit juice to have in the lunch hall. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

Physical Education

All classes have been allocated a weekly indoor and outdoor P.E. session this year.



On P.E. days we would ask that your child attend school wearing either leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers (preferably an old pair of trainers) and should wear a polo-shirt with their school jumper or cardigan on top. The children should also have a suitable jacket to wear for taking part in activities outdoors.

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

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

Respectful

Responsible

Caring

Friendly

Annual Letter Return

All of our children were issued with annual update letters, as well as the ICT user agreement, the photograph permission form, Twitter and School App and the EV5 insurance form, which we use when we go out with the school building.

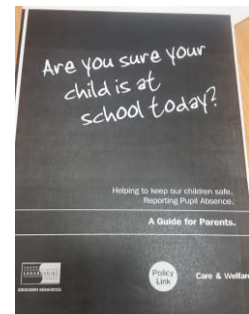
Can I please ask that if you have not done so already that you return all of these forms asap. Many thanks in advance for your support in this matter.

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

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. Initially we would ask that parents contact the school by phone or to the office email and either Mrs Hogg or Miss Reilly will be in touch.

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.

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.



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Follow us at:

@beckfordps_slc

School App – School App - Our School App can be downloaded for free from the Apple Store 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



School App for Parents

ConnectUs Scotland Ltd

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 (office@beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk).

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our newsletter is sent monthly via the school app to reduce paper costs.

If you require a paper copy of the monthly school newsletter, as you cannot access the newsletter via the app, please email the school office to request this office@beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.

Thank you!

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