

## September 2023

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

- Dress down for £1 (no football colours please)

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

- Meet the teacher drop in to the class between 3.10 pm and 3.45 pm

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- Holiday – school closed



### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

- Holiday – school closed



## October 2022

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

- Parent Consultations in school between 3.30 pm and 7.30 pm – more details to follow **NB parent portal will be required to book your parents night meeting(s)**

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

- School closes at 3pm for October Break

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

- School reopens after the October Break for breakfast club at 8.15 am.

### Welcome back!

After a driech and wet summer, it has been lovely to come back to school to see all of our little people from Primary 1 to Primary 7.



There have been lots of changes around the school with staffing and the physical classrooms and all of our children have been stars! Mrs Gilfether and Miss Linda are delighted with how well our new Primary 1s have coped with their new routines and they are quickly settling into the Beckford Bunch! Primary 7 are also off to a great start, making excellent buddies so far and they have also been busy applying for their new pupil leadership roles too!

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. Mr Gilmour has overseen the work going on in the school this summer and worked extremely hard to get the school organised for the rest of the staff returning in August.



As a school we are going to be learning about the United Nations Conventions of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) where as a school we are going to focus on a right of the month. Classes over the coming weeks are going to be

creating a class charter which is an agreement of how as a class team they are going to work together to meet the rights of each other. Our Right of the Month for September is going to be focusing on Article 19; 'Protection from violence, abuse and neglect', i.e. The Right To Be Safe. This article links with the work the children will be doing through the Health and Wellbeing Indicator Safe, which they are focusing on through the Health and Wellbeing Curriculum in September too.

I am looking forward to the year ahead with you all! It will be lovely to see as many families as we can to the meet the teacher drop in. A letter will be issued soon, to confirm if a family member is able to attend to meet your child's new teacher.

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, KINDNESS, 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.

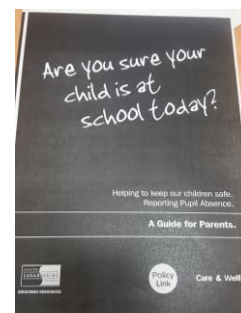
The children may bring diluting juice or fruit juice to have in the lunch hall. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

### 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, diarrhoea or a temperature 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, diarrhoea or temperature. 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

Respectful

Responsible

Caring

Friendly

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](http://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.



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**

**Parents Portal** - All children require a parent to be signed up for Parents Portal. We have started to use this for permission letters (including trips), data checks and parents will also be required to book Parent Consultations through Parents Portal too. Please if you have not signed up for this, do so asap. Thank you to all of our families who have done so already!



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

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## **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](mailto:office@beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk).**

Thank you!

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