



Beckford Primary School

August Newsletter 2016

Acting Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg



August 2016

Monday 22nd August

- P1 Pupils in full day

Monday 29th August

- School photographer (family photos)

Tuesday 30th August

- School photographer (Primary 1 to Primary 4)

Wednesday 31st August

- School photographer (Primary 5 to Primary 7)

September 2016

Wednesday 7th September

- Meet the Teacher event

Friday 23rd September

- Holiday

Monday 26th September

- Holiday

October 2016

Friday 7th October

- Primary 5 assembly at 9.30 am. Parents and carers welcome.

Thursday 13th October

- Parents Evening 3.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. (letters to follow)

Friday 14th October

- Primary 7 Harvest assembly – Parents and carers welcome.
- School closes at 3pm for October Break.

Welcome!

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the children, staff and the parents/carers, for making me feel so welcome in my first week as Acting Head Teacher.

I am delighted to take on the role as Acting Head Teacher this year, while Ms Wallace is on secondment as a Quality Improvement Officer at South Lanarkshire Council Headquarters. Ms Wallace and I will continue to work closely to take the school forward, as Ms Wallace is our school Attainment Challenge QIO.

I look forward to working collaboratively with pupils, staff and parents/carers to provide opportunities for our children to continue to learn and develop as Successful Learners, Effective Contributors, Confident Individuals and Responsible Citizens at Beckford Primary.

Staffing

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Lewis, Ms McLean and Ms Sadowski to Beckford Primary School. Mrs Lewis will teach Primary 3 on a Monday (all day), and a Tuesday (morning). Ms McLean will teach Primary 3 for the remainder of the week. Mrs Lewis will also be working with Primary 4 and Primary 5 on a Wednesday morning. Ms Sadowski is unfortunately only with us for a short period of time and is currently teaching Primary 4 while Mr McCann is on paternity leave.

Pupil Achievements

Our first Star Pupil Awards, Playground Awards and Class Value Award of the year were presented at Friday's assembly. This is an important initiative to encourage the children to be the best that they can be. Children are chosen for demonstrating our school values (see values below) and for working towards being Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors and Successful Learners.



Respectful

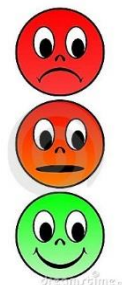
Responsible

Caring

Friendly

GO FOR GREEN

We are continuing with our promoting positive behaviour initiative 'Go For Green'. Every pupil in school is placed on their 'class tree' and if they are able to follow the school rules they stay on green for the day. This is then recorded into your child's diary. Any pupil with 2 ambers or 1 red over the week will have reflection time on a Friday and a note put in their diary from the Head Teacher. I would appreciate it if you could discuss this system with your child and sign to acknowledge you have seen the Head Teacher note if your child is on reflection. I am pleased to say we are off to a positive start and every child remained on green last week! Well done everyone!!



School Uniform

Our children have returned to school looking very smart and eager to learn, which is wonderful to see. For reference, our school uniform is:

- White shirt and tie (except gym days)
- Grey or black skirt or trousers
- Burgundy or grey jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt
- White or yellow polo shirt

It would be lovely to see as many of our P7 children wearing a shirt and tie, as this sets a good example for our younger children and any visitors to the school too.

Physical Education

Classes have now been allocated two P.E. sessions per week.

Indoor kit for PE should be provided - t-shirt/polo-shirt, shorts and gym shoes.



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

Meet the Teacher

Our annual Meet the Teacher event will take place on Wednesday 7th September. This is a very helpful way for parents/carers to get to meet the class teachers and to understand their expectations for the year. I will also be available for parents to meet and talk to. This is an open session which will run from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm. I look forward to welcoming as many parents/carers to this event as possible.

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