



# Beckford Primary School

## January 2017 Newsletter

Acting Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg



### January 2017

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January

- Enrolment week for Primary 1 Intake August 2017

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

- Parent Council Meeting at 6pm in Staff Room – All Welcome

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

- Kerbcraft Volunteer Training

#### RIGHT ON TIME WEEK – WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

- Family Engagement afternoon event – Primary 1, 2 and 3 – All parents in P1-3 welcome, more details to follow

### February 2017

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

- Parent Council Meeting – 2.30pm – in Staff Room – All welcome

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

- Valentine's Day Parent Council Event – More details to follow

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- School Closed – February Holiday

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

- School Closed – February Holiday

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

- School closed to children – in service day for staff

#### RIGHT ON TIME WEEK – WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February

#### Head Teacher Update

It has been lovely this week welcoming our children back to school after the Christmas Break. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and that we are all back ready to learn during term 3.

The staff are in the process of planning several events for the children including Scottish Week and are also in the process of planning family events including literacy activity afternoons for our parents in the infant classes for the end of January. I hope that most of our parents or a family representative will be able to attend to support the children at these events. More details will follow at a later date.

Mrs Hogg



#### August 2017 Primary 1 Enrolment Week

As you will be aware children normally start primary school in August if their fifth birthday falls before the 1<sup>st</sup> March of the following year.

Please note that enrolment week for our Primary 1 August 2017 intake begins on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.**

Any parent/carer wishing to enrol their child at Beckford Primary for August 2017 should come to the school between **1.30 pm – 3.00 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.

#### Car Parking

Please note that I have been contacted by SLC Leisure today to inform me that the underground car park at Morrisons will be closed from the end of business today until further notice due to an electrical fault which has resulted in the lights not working. Without lighting in the car park, this understandably has health and safety issues and therefore this is the reason for the car park being closed until the fault is fixed. We would appreciate your understanding with this matter until it is resolved.

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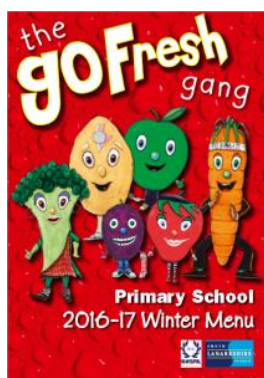
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## Winter Weather Procedures

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. In extreme conditions, the school has to ensure there is one safe pathway into the school. This is the main pedestrian entrance across from 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.



## Lunch Time Payments



Our ladies in the dinner hall work hard to ensure our children are provided with a nutritional tasty lunch every day. The children look forward to lunch time and enjoy the range of meals on offer. The current winter menu can be found on our school website. As you are aware 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 £1.60. At the end of term two I was notified that the amount outstanding for lunch payments across the school was 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. If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## After School Clubs

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

Club	Start Date	Time
Netball	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	3.00 - 4.00pm
Chess - lunch time club	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	12.45 pm - 1.15pm

Further details about other Extra-Curricular Clubs will follow at a later date.

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## Christmas Pantomime, Nativity and Choir

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children and our staff for all of their hard work to put together the production of 'Lights, Camel, Action' by Primary 1 to 3, and 'Cinderella, Rockafella' by Primary 4 to 7. I have heard lovely reviews from our parents and family members who attended.

The school choir were also busy towards the end of term. They performed Christmas Carols at Sainsburys, The Whitehill Care Centre and at the Christmas Service. A huge thank you is extended to the choir, Mrs McDonald and our parent helpers for their contributions.



## Achievement Assembly

Please note our next achievement assembly will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. 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 19<sup>th</sup> that they would like to do so.

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