



Beckford Primary School

August Newsletter 2017

Acting Head Teacher: Mrs L. Hogg



August 2017

Wednesday 23rd August

- Primary 1 photograph for the Hamilton Advertiser – A.M.

September 2017

Monday 4th September

- School photographer in – family, individual and class photographs to be taken

Wednesday 13th September

- Meet the Teacher event
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Friday 22nd September

- Holiday – school closed

Monday 25th September

- Holiday – school closed

October 2017

Thursday 12th October

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

Friday 13th October

- Primary 7 Harvest assembly – **ALL PARENTS AND CARERS (PRIMARY 1 – 7 WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR HARVEST ASSEMBLY AND MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING)**. Fundraising event for McMillan Charity
- School closes at 3pm for October Break.

Welcome back!



The children in Primary 2 - 7 have had a very settled return to school after their summer break and our new Primary 1 children are settling well into their new routines also.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Gilmour, Mrs Clelland and Mrs Cairns our janitorial staff who have been very busy over the holidays ensuring our building is ready for the start of term. I would also like to thank the teaching staff and support staff for ensuring the classrooms and open areas were ready for our children returning on Thursday also.

I look forward to building on the collaborative work from last year with pupils, staff and parents/carers to ensure we continue to provide a range of learning experiences for our children to continue to learn and develop as Successful Learners, Effective Contributors, Confident Individuals and Responsible Citizens at Beckford Primary.

Pupil Achievements

Our first Star Pupil Award, Playground Award and Class Value Award of the year will be presented at Friday's assembly. This is an important initiative to encourage the children to be the best that they can be in school. A pupil in each class is presented a Star Pupil Award each week chosen by the Class Teacher, a pupil from each class is chosen as the class Playground Star which is chosen by the Support Staff and one class is presented the Values Award each week, chosen by the Head Teacher and Principal Teacher for demonstrating our school values (see values below).



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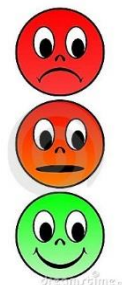
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GO FOR GREEN

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 ever 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. Can I also ask that you ensure every item your child has is labelled, including shoes and indoor shoes.

Other Useful Items

Please note that your child requires a pair of indoor shoes, e.g. black plimsoles, which remain in school. Your child is also welcome to bring in a small bottle of plain water each day, which they will bring home, each day, to be refilled at home. Please note that flavoured water or juice is not permitted in the classroom, as per South Lanarkshire Council Policy, however should your child wish to drink flavoured water or juice, they can do so at lunchtime in the lunch hall.

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
- gym shoes (gym shoes to be kept in school)

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

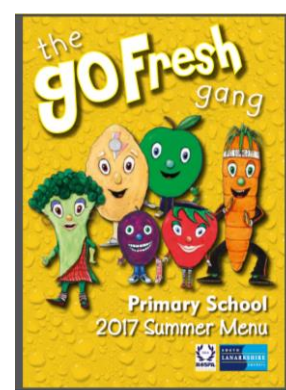
Class	PE days
Primary 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Primary 2	Monday and Thursday
Primary 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Primary 4	Monday and Wednesday
Primary 5	Thursday and Friday
Primary 6	Monday and Thursday
Primary 7	Tuesday and Friday

Lunchtimes and Breakfast Club

Please note that we are still serving the menus from the Summer 2017 menu- this week we are serving food from the Week 3 menu. This menu can be found on the school website.

Milk is available to be purchased by all children for 20p at playtimes in Beckford Primary.

Can I please remind parents/carers that lunch is free to all children in Primary 1 to 3 and that there is a charge of £1.60 for children from Primary 4 to 7, unless parents have successfully applied for free meals for their children. Can I ask that you ensure your child has their money each day. Unfortunately we still have money outstanding from last session, which should still be paid by those families who have been previously notified. To avoid any confusion as to who still has money outstanding, the cook in charge will issue letters to those in this position later this week.



Meet the Teacher

Our annual Meet the Teacher event will take place on Wednesday 13th 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 4.30 pm. I look forward to welcoming as many parents/carers to this event as possible. Feedback from last year was very positive. We hope to see you there.



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Annual Letter Return

On Friday all of our children were issued with annual update check letters, as well as the ICT user agreement, the photograph permission form and the EV5 insurance form, which we use when we go out with school. If your child's class goes on an educational excursion during the year we will notify you with a separate letter. 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.

School Information/Communication

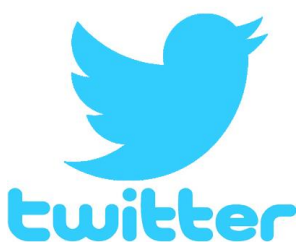
School website - Please note that we are in the process of updating our website, however there is up to date information including the school lunch menu, handbook and up to date newsletters already on our website.

www.beckford-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk.



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 are also placed through the school's Twitter Account. We are in the process of reviewing Twitter permission forms from last session and will provide further information in the coming weeks with regards our use of Twitter in the school.



Follow us at:

@beckfordps_slc

School App - The Beckford Primary School App will be launched within the next few weeks. This app will be free to download from I-tunes and Google Play. Through the app you will be able to receive direct notifications with regards your child's/children's classes, as well as receive a pdf copy of the school newsletter direct to your phone. More information to follow.

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