



Beecholme Newsletter 10th September, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has been wonderful greeting you on the gate in the morning. I have enjoyed seeing familiar and new faces. The children have grown in size, confidence and continue to look very happy and keen to learn.

A big welcome to **all** our new families, especially those in Nursery and Reception. It is a big milestone starting or attending a new school, not only for the children but for you as parents as well. As you get used to the new routines all of you will become less anxious, make new friends, get to grips with new procedures and before you know it, it will be like you have always been here! If in doubt about anything, always ask your child's teacher, learning support assistant (LSA) or me on the gate.

Some of you may have seen Mrs Zoë Harris, the Trusts new CEO, by the gate with me during the week. Please read her letter which can be found at the end of the newsletter. She is very keen to get to know us here at Beecholme.

The children have settled into school incredibly well. They are getting used to the routines and expectations of their new class. Lunchtimes are running smoothly and I am pleased to say that the children are able to play with children from different classes. I missed seeing the older and younger children and brothers and sisters playing together, as this always emphasised our family feel.

Have a restful weekend ready for the busy term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Phyllis Sternberg

Reminders

School Start and Finish times

	Start	Finish
Nursery	9.00a.m.	12.00a.m.
(sessional care)	9.00a.m.	3.00p.m.
Reception, Year 1 and	9.00a.m.	3.00p.m.
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	9.00a.m.	3.15p.m.

'Drop-Off'

Children in **Years 2,3,4,5 and 6** are to be dropped off at the gate and then walk to their classes independently. This will ensure a smooth start to the day and increase independence.

Office

Please continue to phone and arrange a meeting with the office to avoid queues and very busy office times. We would appreciate it if you wear a mask when you are having a meeting until we are totally confident that everything is safe for our staff.

Remember that you can also leave a message on the answering machine if your child is late or absent.

Covid

Please stay at home and self-isolate if you have any symptoms of coronavirus or if you have tested positive.

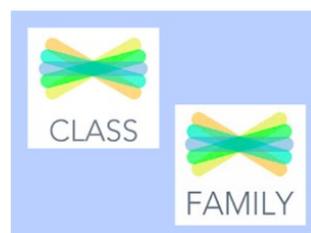
ParentMail

ParentMail seems to be erratic at the moment for new parents so please be patient with us. Rest assured we are endeavouring to solve the issue as soon as possible.

Seesaw

Next week your child will receive login information for their new class Seesaw account, where they can access homework, as well as information and updates about what is happening in their class. All teachers will upload the year group curriculum maps, which explain the learning that will be taking place this term.

This year we are also going to be using Seesaw family, which will allow parents to access all the information and open communication with class teachers. You will need to set up an account using this information on a phone, tablet or computer. Look out for our class blogs coming soon! These will give families a look inside the classroom and show you all the amazing learning children have been doing in school.





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Message from Mrs Zoe Harris,

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you to the start of the new school year and take the opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new Chief Executive Officer for PACE Academy Trust. I feel very privileged to have been appointed as the CEO, taking over the reins from Mark Rosewell, who has been the driving force behind PACE for many years. My role as CEO is to provide leadership across all PACE schools to ensure that they provide high quality education and care to all of our children.

I have been working in the education sector for many years, as Headteacher in a range of primary schools and within executive roles for the local authority and other academy trusts. I am passionate about inclusion, children's rights and ensuring all pupils are empowered to achieve the very best they can. The pandemic has created an incredibly challenging couple of years and I am committed to ensuring that learning, progress and wellbeing are maximised for the children across our trust.

I have spent my first few days meeting the staff across the schools and look forward to meeting the children and wider community in the coming weeks. I hope to visit the schools as regularly as possible so do, please, come and say hello if you see me at the start or end of the school day.

With warm wishes,

*Mrs Zoë D Harris
Chief Executive Officer*



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