



Newsletter Issue no.2 - 29th September 2023



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Head of School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic couple of weeks it has been here at Beecholme. The children have come back to school and are already immersed into their learning. We have just finished our first curriculum topic all about Geography fieldwork and now we are moving onto Science whereby the children will be creating some lovely work to be displayed around the school.

The uniform expectations have been sent home and reinforced in school to all the children and WOW what a difference we are already seeing. The children are coming into school with a look of pride about tucking their shirt in and wearing a full school uniform, in turn this is making them ready to learn. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their support and we are looking forward to seeing the uniform standards improve throughout the school year. If you have any concerns about your child's school uniform or require any support, then please do see me on the gate - I am here to help.

Please can I remind parents about the opening and closing times of the school. We ask parents to stick to the opening times and wait for the main gates to open before you buzz into the school to wait in the school grounds earlier. This is a safeguarding precaution as the children use the school site during the school day and we must ensure their safety. Thank you for your co-operation.

Little Acorns

Morning: 7.30am - Start of school day

Afternoon: End of school day - 6pm (Late collections may incur a charge.)

Main School

Main gate for all - 8.40am/3pm

KS1 - 8.45am - 3pm (Children arriving after 9am are marked as late)

KS2 - 8.45am - 3.15pm (Children arriving after 9am are marked as late)

Nursery

8.40am - 11.45am

Clubs

End of the school day - 4pm

Thank you for your help and support - remember to say hello on the gate, I am slowly making my way through getting to know everyone!

Mrs Hayly Lewis



Coffee and Cake Morning - Friday 10th November.

I am super excited to announce that we will be holding a meet and greet morning with coffee and cake. This will be your opportunity to come in and meet me and will give me the opportunity to share with you some of the plans and vision for the school this year.



At this meeting I will be sharing the school's key priorities and the vision which I would very much like your input on.

If you are able to make the coffee and cake morning, please arrive at the school office at 10am.

We will also be looking for parents to join our 'Friends of Beecholme' parent and teacher association.

HELP

As I am sure you are all aware, as a school we are desperately trying to get our wonderful school more known in the local community and fill our school places. Can I ask all our parents to Google the school and click on the 'write a review' tab. It is here that you will be able to write a review and share your opinions about the school. Thank you.



Open Days - Mrs Lewis

At Beecholme Primary School we are excited to announce our open mornings and tours for prospective parents and children for September 2024. Please speak to your family and friends and tell them we are looking forward to welcoming them face to face on the dates below. If they wish to attend a school tour, then please contact the school office: 0208 640 4795. Each child will bring home a flyer today - please share with your friends and families.

Tour times and dates:

Open Day and Tour

Thursday 19th October 9.30am-10.30am

Wednesday 15th November 9.30am-10.30am

Monday 4th December 9.30am-10.30am

Open Evening and Tour

Tuesday 10th October 5pm-6pm

Wednesday 15th November 5pm-6pm

Job Opportunities



We have a staffing opportunity on Eteach - please do look to see if either you or your family or friends may be interested in working in our wonderful School.

SEND/Safeguarding

How do childhood experiences affect brain development?



Our brains develop from before birth and into adulthood but there are key 'sensitive periods' during early childhood and adolescence where children and young people's brains are more affected by positive or negative experiences. What happens in a child or young person's life during these periods can have a significant effect on their brain development.

Positive experiences throughout childhood help to build healthy brains, while experiencing childhood trauma and abuse can harm a child's brain development (But our brains always have the potential to change and grow. It is never too late to give a child or young person positive brain building experiences.) Having caring relationships and access to support services can reduce the harmful effects of negative experiences and help a child's brain develop in a healthy way.

Brain development is an active process.

- There are two sensitive periods of development where the brain is most susceptible to change early childhood 0-5 years and adolescence 12-25.
- While the brain has a continued capacity to change and adapt, it is always better to "get it right the first time" – that is, providing the brain with the right types of experiences early on in development makes positive outcomes later in development substantially more likely.
- However, it is important to remember that is never too later to shape how brains develop even outside of the sensitive periods of development.
- Early experiences shape brain development and provide the foundation upon which future learning, health, and behaviour all depend.
- Children's brains develop over time in a predictable, sequential pattern but traumatic experiences can impact on this development.
- Positive experiences and interactions are the "materials" that build strong brain architecture.
- Just like building materials have varying degrees of quality, the quality of a child's early experiences affects the sturdiness of that child's brain architecture.

Important Dates



Monday 2 nd October	Diversity Month focus starts
Wednesday 11 th October	Phonics Workshop for parents Reception- 9.15am Harvest Festival -
Tuesday 17 th October	Phonics Workshop for parents Year 1 and 2 - 9.15am
Friday 20 th October	INSET day school closed for children. School closes for half term
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school