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Head of School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful and inspiring week it has been at Beecholme this week. The children have been immersed in learning about the Windrush story and the impact this had on the lives of black men and women. They have been learning about how this has had a significant impact on the world we live in today. We look forward to sharing some of the work the children have completed on our social media platforms.

On Monday the children took part in Harvest Festival. They Sang some wonderful songs and celebrated this time of year when crops have been gathered from the field. We reflected on the food we have and how to show gratitude for this.

A HUGE thank you must go out to our very own Mr Noel (caretaker) this week, as he has been working hard negotiating with the local community to try and improve the football facilities, we have at Beecholme. Thanks to ACE football club we are now lucky enough to have new football goals, bibs and cones to support the teaching and love for football. The children are having a wonderful time enjoying these new facilities.



Since starting at Beecholme, I have learnt lots of new things about the school, children and our families and I am super excited to continue learning. One thing I think we should be most proud of is the exemplary behaviour for learning at Beecholme. Your children are a real credit to you, and lots of visitors in recent weeks have commented on the level of respect and kindness that is being shown across the school.

To keep this momentum going I am currently reviewing the whole school behaviour policy and wanted to highlight some changes to you. Please see attached the new behaviour ladder that will be present in all children's classes. The main reason I am sharing this with you is to ensure that we are consistent with the way we approach behaviour across the school and to add some clarity around rewards and consequences, in particular for those children who receive red or orange cards as these will be shared with parents. I thank you for supporting the school consistently and hope that these changes will continue to make Beecholme even better. The finalised behaviour policy will be shared with parents in due course.

Just a quick reminder that for those of you who are in year 6 - secondary applications need to be completed and submitted by **31ST October 2023**.

1 more week until half term and a well-deserved break for all.

Mrs Hayley Lewis



Cake and Vision Setting Morning - Friday 10th November.

I am super excited to announce that we will be holding a meet and greet morning with 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 to the school office at 10am.

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

To gauge the number of parents who will be attending. Please complete the google form below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScU2milIJXO_pVsnDoYD_2vKU-JDf9ZHxq86p155db-qFBBig/viewform?usp=sf_link



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.

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

Wednesday 15th November 5pm-6pm

Safeguarding

WIZZ App

There have been some incidences where the police have received several offences of blackmail of children and teenagers, who have downloaded the WIZZ app on their phone. In these cases, the child or young person has begun chatting on the app and built up a rapport, where they have continued the conversation on WhatsApp. The child or young person has then been coerced into sending an inappropriate photo. Furthermore, the suspect then demands £100 otherwise the picture will be sent virally to friends, family and wider groups. We are aware that some children at Beecholme use social media accounts at home, such as Snapchat, TikTok, WhatsApp and Instagram, whilst being underage. It is important to note that content on social media is not always regulated and inappropriate material is often not removed immediately. These apps have an age limit for a reason and very often primary school aged children have not yet developed the emotional maturity to be able to deal with issues that arise.



It is your responsibility as a parent/guardian to ensure your child/ren is/are safe.



Black History Month at Beecholme



We started Black History Month with a whole school assembly and have been listening to a variety of stories written by amazing Black authors daily during our class reading time.

This week we were celebrating Black History Week. Our whole school theme was The Empire Windrush and how it has influenced our lives today. Each year group from Early Years- Year 6 have been reading a class text based on the Windrush, they have produced some wonderful writing pieces, like diary entries and letters. Throughout the week they have presented their knowledge about the Windrush through drama and role-play and have created some amazing artwork inspired by their class texts.



The children have also started working on their Black History Projects at home, this year's theme is Saluting Sisters. The aim of the project is to appreciate the impact and influence of some amazing Black Women who have faced challenges to break stereotypes. Have a look at some work produced this week!

Important Dates



Monday 16 th October	Parents evening sign-up sheets will be put up outside classrooms in the afternoon
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 2 Wimbledon Bookfest Trip Phonics Workshop for parents Years 1& 2 - 9.15am
Thursday 19 th October	Year 5 and 6 Wimbledon Bookfest Trip
Friday 20 th October	INSET day school closed for children.
Monday 30 th October	Children return to school
Tuesday 31 st October	Flu Programme visit Secondary School Application Deadline
Thursday 2 nd November	Parents evening 3.30pm-7pm