



Newsletter Issue no.5 - 27th November 2023



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Head of School Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please accept my apology that this newsletter is a little late - it is jam packed with information so should keep you busy for a while!

We can't quite believe how close it is to the Christmas holidays. This week you will slowly see the school transform with our Christmas decorations going up in readiness for the Winter fair on Friday 8th December. Please tell all your family and friends as we are very excited to open the doors to you all! If any of our families have any spare Christmas decorations they would like to donate to the school then that would be very much appreciated.

The children are very excited about the panto company coming to Beecholme to perform their Christmas Aladdin panto. We have been busy practising the songs and dances so we can make it as interactive as possible.

Reception parents, this year we have been very lucky to be able to book a photography company to come in and capture those wonderful moments of their first school Nativity. Simon Drake and his team will be working with the children during their rehearsal and then will be selling the prints of children in their costume on the day of the nativity. Please bring cash to be able to buy those precious photographs.

Please also add to your diary - Wednesday 6th December - Christmas lunch day. We hope to see as many children join us this year for their free Christmas lunch. We also invite the children to wear Christmas jumpers with their school uniform on that day.

Mrs Hayley Lewis

Attendance at Beecholme

At Beecholme we strive for the best education for all the children and to ensure this is happening we need to ensure the children are in school EVERYDAY – unless there are situations like being unwell meaning they can't come to school.



I am sure you have all identified the current drive for attendance, including our whole school attendance letter and attendance letters for those dropping below 96% which is our whole school

target. We will continue to do this and to monitor the children's attendance to ensure we are in line with or above national averages. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, then please do speak to someone at school about it.

Please support us, to support YOUR children in having the education they deserve.

To promote attendance, I will be sharing the attendance figures with you each week. We will share the attendance figures for each class and share which class have won our Beecholme Bears – Bobby and Polly, and in addition which children will receive extra playtime for their good attendance in school. If you could share this with your children, as we do in assembly, to promote each classes attendance this will be most helpful.

Week beginning 21/11/2023

Rec – 90.44%

Year 1 – 97.2%

Year 2 – 94.32%

Year 3 – 96.12%

Year 4 – 96.35%

Year 5 – 98.91%

Year 6 – 96.25%



And the winner with the best attendance this week is: Year 5

Curriculum Update

This week Years 1 to 6 have been working on their new Science units. The school has been buzzing with experiments and investigations from Year 1 and Year 2 learning about different animals and their habitats, to Year 6 investigating light and reflection. Year 3 have been focusing on forces, including magnetism. Take a look below at some of the fantastic work that has been going on in Year 4 based on States of Matter and Year 5 on Earth and Space. You'll be able to see more at our school Science Fair on **Friday 1st December**.



Beecholme School Vision 2023-2024



Standards and Achievement

Every child is an independent and reflective learner, who is highly motivated to dream and achieve their full potential. Our stimulating curriculum sets high standards and expectations, both in and out of school, which are recognised, valued, and celebrated.

Provision

Our engaging and vibrant curriculum reflects our ever-evolving diverse community. It is delivered through inspiring teaching, utilising technology, integrating indoor and outdoor learning, preparing the children to become global citizens.

Well-being

All children thrive, learn, and grow in a safe environment which allows them to feel valued. They develop the ability to communicate confidently and competently about their thoughts and feelings. The physical and mental health of the whole school community is at the heart of everything we do.

Partnership and Community

Our school's success is built on strong relationships and communication between the whole school community. Children, families, staff, PACE trust and governors work together in partnership respectfully, acknowledging and celebrating differences within our Beecholme community.

Winter Fair

The Beecholme winter fair will be held on Friday 8th December from 3:30-5:00pm at Beecholme. Tell your friends, everyone is welcome!

Parent volunteers from each class will be needed to make sure we can run the event. More information about this will be coming this week!



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

Monday 4th December 9.30am-10.30am

If this date is not suitable then please call the school office or email to discuss a different time to visit.

Safeguarding/SEND

Keeping Children Safe in Sport - NSPCC

Sport is a fantastic thing for children and young people. It helps them socialise, keeps them fit and more importantly can introduce them into an interest for life. One which will increase their quality of life far into the future, setting good habits and instilling values and self-discipline. Engaging with them in this manner can show them new directions for their lives and expand their opportunities. Unfortunately, there are, like with anything, risks attached. Away matches, interactions with non-school staff such as coach drivers, out-of-school coaches and other personnel can create vulnerability windows that could be exploited. To help head off these potential problems, the NSPCC has created a page dedicated to offering guidance on how to keep pupils safe in sporting environments. To find out more please follow the link below:

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents>



Christmas Plays at Beecholme



The children have already started learning the songs for our Christmas performance: 'Children Around the World'. All the children from Year 1 to 6 will be taking part. Performances are on: Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am and 2.30pm.

EYFS will be starring in a Nativity play on: Friday 8th December 9.30am/2:00pm

We hope you will be able to come along to support your children at one of these performances.

More information will follow

Important Dates



Thursday 30th November	Year 6 visit to Wimbledon library panto
Friday 1 st December	School Science Fair Year 5 trip to the Science Museum
Monday 4 th December	Open morning for prospective parents
Tuesday 5 th December	Christmas Pantomime - Aladdin
Wednesday, 6 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 8 th December	EYFS nativity 9.30 and 2.00 Year 3,4 and 5 visit to Wimbledon library panto Winter Fair 3.30 - 5.00
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 and KS2 Christmas performance 9.30 and 2.30
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th	Christmas nativity trail 3.00 - 4.00
Tuesday 19 th December	Winter Disco EYFS 3:15 - 4:30pm KS2 4:45 - 6:00pm
Thursday 21 st December	Last day of term 1:45 finish

