



Newsletter Issue no.8 - 9th February 2024



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Head of School Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you from home, recovering well from my operation. I am already fed up with not being at school and seeing all the wonderful Beecholme children. I look forward to my review with the surgeon to hopefully be given the go ahead to return after the half term break. Until then I continue to receive regular updates from the school to tell me how well everyone is doing. I particularly enjoyed all the photos and videos of Rockstar day which I will soon be sharing on our social media accounts. If you haven't already, please make sure you find and follow us on Instagram, X and Facebook!



Over the last couple of weeks, the school have had a focus on Science and the children have taken part in some wonderful learning; including visits from a local florist and parent to speak to the children about plants, as well as workshops from the 'CO Crew' to teach the children about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide and how to stay safe. Keep reading for more information about the curriculum.

As I am sure you are all aware, the school have had a relentless focus on raising the profile of the school to ensure we are filling the spaces we have. I made it my personal mission to reach out to our local community to share how wonderful our school is, and this seems to be having an impact. I am super excited to share with you that our Nursery and Reception places have increased significantly that we have made the decision to split the classes. Therefore, the current Elm EYFS provision will become Orange and Cherry class after the February half term. A letter explaining the important changes will be sent separately.

I would like to take this opportunity to continue to thank you for supporting the school with our school uniform drive. We have seen marked improvements and would like for this to continue. Can I remind all parents that the children must wear school shoes, and not trainers unless they are black and resemble school shoes. Brightly coloured trainers are not acceptable. Can we also remind parents that all children should have a book bag or a rucksack in school every day, in order to support them with transporting things to and from school. This will be particularly important after half term when all children will have a home learning book to bring to and from school.

One last reminder from me, if your child is late then they need to be accompanied by an adult to the office when signing in (unless they have permission to walk to school independently). This allows the school office to have discussions with you about your child's lateness and support you where necessary.

As always - thank you for your continued support.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term! If you are anything like me and get stuck with activities to keep the children entertained - I have shared a link below that you may find useful.

[February Half-Term Activities For Kids in London 2024: Things To Do In February Half-Term \(timeout.com\)](https://www.timeout.com/uk/parents/February-Half-Term-Activities-For-Kids-in-London-2024)

Hayley Lewis

Curriculum Update - Science

Our Beecholme Scientists have had a busy learning week learning about plants, electricity and sound. The lessons have been hands on and practical. Thank you to the parents who have offered to share their expertise in their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) field. If you think you would like to be part of this, please speak to your Class Teacher or Miss Doyley



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 time, to promote each classes attendance this will be most helpful.

Week beginning 5/2/24

Nursery - 92%

Reception - 83%

Year 1 -89%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 98%

Year 4 - 98%

Year 5 - 100%

Year 6 - 94%

And the winner with the best attendance this week is: **Year 5** with 100% WOW. Well done!



Open Days



Although we do not have any planned open days for the Spring term, we welcome prospective parents to tour the school to find out more about Beecholme. Please recommend our wonderful school to your family and friends and tell them to ring the school office or pop in for a school brochure.

Children's Mental Health Week 2024



We hope that you have heard from your children what a great time they have had celebrating children's mental health week. They have had a busy week taking part in teacher-led workshops based on the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. We have been keeping active, taking part in mindful moments, learning new skills and learning about the importance of spending time with others. As always, our pupils have been thoughtful and curious, and we believe it is never too early to start talking to children about their feelings and emotions. It was fantastic to see all the children dressed up on Wednesday, raising money for a very important cause (supporting children who are in need of mental health support through the charity Beyond) and taking part in live lessons with children from all over the country.

We have been especially pleased to see so many parents joining in with the activities on Seesaw and sharing photos. It is so important for you to be sharing in these conversations but, most importantly, having some fun and spending quality time together. If you have not already completed these activities, please have a look at them over the weekend.

Beecholme Football Club/Team

Our Mixed Football Club has started and the children have shown great passion and dedication. Mr Noel (Year 5 & 6) and Miss Doyley (Year 3 & 4) are building on the teamwork and basic football skills such as keeping possession and running with a ball. We plan to play other local schools in the Summer Term. We still have places for Years 3 - 6 so please contact the School Office if you would like your child to attend. All children receive a football sticker book and stickers.



Important Dates for the new term



Monday 19 th February	Back to school
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 15 th March	Whole school author visit
Monday 18 th March	Keeping Safe Week
Monday 15 th March	Gardening Week
Thursday 28 th March	Last Day of Term 1.45pm finish
Friday 29 th March - Friday 12 th April	Easter holiday
Monday 15 th April	Back to school
Monday 15 th April	Year 4 swimming begins
Monday 29 th April	Year 4 PGL trip
Thursday 2nd May	Polling Day (school closed) More information regarding this will be sent when we have heard from the local authority.