



Newsletter Issue no.10 - 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



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### Head of School Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting second half of the Spring we have had - we have seen children visiting the library for a coding session, an author has visited the school to share his exciting new book about dinosaurs, children have thoroughly enjoyed their indoor and outdoor learning and have a wealth of new knowledge about historical events. It has been wonderful to read the year 2 stories based on the Great Fire of London and learn about the impact migration has had on the population of London over the years. Keep up the amazing work children.



Next week will be our last week of this half of the term, leading to a well-deserved Easter break for all. The staff have continued to work tirelessly for the children and their own CPD this term, so I want to send out a big thank you to them too. Next week we see class photos for children on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, as well as hot chocolate with me for winning children and mufti day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> for the house with the greatest number of coloured balls which will be announced next week. We are also very excited to open our Beecholme doors on Thursday for our Easter egg display and Easter bonnet parade, we can't wait to see you all there and your amazing creations. For timings, please refer to the letter which has already been sent regarding these arrangements.

To support you keeping the little ones busy, we have created a list of fun Easter activities for your reference - please see this list below.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to start the busiest and most exciting term of them all. Please remember the timings for the school day have changed and children are expected to be in school no later than 8:45am with the gates opening at 8:35am. If your child arrives past 8:45am, they will be classified as late.

On the first day back, we have a very exciting meeting to try and raise the profile of our 'Friends of Beecholme' group. During this meeting we will discuss ways in which our parents can support the school, including fundraising for all the exciting plans we have. In the summer term we have our year 4 children attending their first PGL residential in April, year 5 will be taking part in 'Kip on the Ship, whereby they will be staying the night on the HMS Belfast getting a real-life experience of what it was like to serve the country on the ship. Of course, we can't forget that our wonderful, talented and

resilient year 6 children will be sitting their statutory assessments the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - please join me in wishing them all the best of luck.

For now, let me take this opportunity, to thank all our wonderful children and families for making this term as successful as it can be.

Have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.



Hayley Lewis

### Easter Plans activities

During the Easter holidays, it can be challenging (and expensive!) to keep everyone in the family busy. So, we have put together some ideas, activities and offers that might be of interest over the next few weeks.

Click on the link below to check the Raring2go! Magazine, which features a calendar of events for families in and around the local area and information about clubs and camps [Raring2go! Kingston & Merton](#)



Activ Camps (run at Graveney School from 8.30 - 6.00 each day for pupils aged 4-14) is offering Beecholme parents 25% off their first booking. These sessions are eligible for childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare. Find out more here: [Activ Camps - The Best Kids Camps in London](#)

Email [info@activcamps.com](mailto:info@activcamps.com) and quote NEWBOOK24 to get your discount.



Be sure to take the family to check out the Forest Friends Nature Trail at Canons Grounds. It's brand new and completely free. Children can learn more about the local wildlife and enjoy some of the new features.

# Bills

Click on the link below to find out more about shops, cafes and restaurants where children can eat free or very cheaply over the Easter period.

[Where kids can eat for free or £1 during the Easter holidays 2024 \(prima.co.uk\)](https://www.prima.co.uk)

Mitcham Library will be holding a number of free Easter events for local families. Click on the link below to find out more. If you live nearer to Morden or Tooting libraries, check their websites as they will also be holding events or families.

[Events in Mitcham Library](#) | [Events by Location](#) | [Merton Libraries](#)

For those in receipt of HAF vouchers, the link below will show you a wide range of places where these can be used over the Easter period, including a dance camp at The Sherwood Primary School.

[HAF Brochure Easter 2023 \(merton.gov.uk\)](https://www.merton.gov.uk)

## Open Days



There are no current open days planned, however if you would like to visit the school, or have any friends or families who are considering Beecholme then please do call the school office arrange. 0208 640 4795.

## SEND

### What can children learn through cooking?



### Mathematics

- Cooking provides wonderful opportunities to help your child learn mathematical vocabulary. How better to learn phrases like 'more than' or 'less than' than by weighing out ingredients. Remember in the UK to weigh in grams rather than imperial measures. Let your child feel a 1kg bag of sugar to feel how heavy it is. He or she could also feel other packages to help to develop estimation skills.
- Your child will gain experience in counting and recognising numbers. If decorations are to be added to cakes, let your child add a specific number. Counting opportunities can arise while setting the table. Using different cutters, children can learn the names of various 2D shapes. You can discuss how many corners or sides these shapes have so that children will learn the properties of many shapes. Your child can learn about timing too.
- Below is a list of important mathematical vocabulary which your child needs to be able to understand and can learn through cooking experiences. Focus on a few words at a time. Select the easier words for very young children and introduce the more difficult when you feel your child is ready. Put the words into a context such as, "Which cake is bigger, yours or mine?".
- Here's a mathematical vocabulary list which you can download [vocabulary list](#)

## 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 15/3/24-22/3/24

Nursery - 93%

Reception - 88%

Year 1 - 98%

Year 2 - 91%

Year 3 - 96%

Year 4 - 99%

Year 5 - 95%

Year 6 - 97%



And the winner with the best attendance this week is: Year 4 with 99% WOW. Well done!



Important Dates for the new term



Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Keeping Safe Week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term 1.45pm finish
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holiday
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 swimming begins
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Family Movie Night
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 PGL trip
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Polling Day (school closed)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Kip-On-A-Ship