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Head of School Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another term has gone by and we find ourselves nearing to the final half term of the year! I can't quite believe that I am nearly finishing my first year at Beecholme, and what a fantastic year it has been. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for being so welcoming and most importantly supportive on this new journey for Beecholme.



It was an absolute pleasure to round off this half term, and start the end of year celebrations yesterday, with our parents' picnic. It was lovely to see so many of you there and lots of smiling faces from the children.

It has been a fantastic term for Beecholme with lots of enrichment opportunities which have featured in this newsletter. I was very privileged to be able to take our wonderful year 4 children to PGL. Not only was their behaviour impeccable and really did the school proud but they pushed themselves to the limit, trying things they have never done before, as did I. Our year 5 children visited the HMS Belfast and were lucky enough to sleep on the ship. They filled their time with various museums and landmarks of London!

I have to give a special mention to our AMAZING year 6 children who dealt with the SAT's so responsibly. They have worked extremely hard this year and that paid off when they were able to showcase their skills and knowledge during those tests. We are all so proud of them and hope they enjoyed their treats throughout the week. Next stop activity week, which I know they are very excited for.

I hope everyone received my email yesterday regarding the closure of Beecholme for polling day. I appreciate it is quite short notice, however we are a designated polling station which means we are directed.

I apologise for having to cancel the recent 'Friends of Beecholme' meeting at such short notice, this meeting has been rearranged and will take place at 3.15pm on Thursday 6th June. Please do come along to find out more about the friends of Beecholme and the plans for the summer fair.

Have a wonderful weekend and a well-deserved rest this half term. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 4th June, Monday is an INSET day.

Hayley Lewis

PGL

This half term year 4 went on a fantastic 3day/2night trip to PGL! We had the most amazing time! The activities were brilliant fun although some of us found them a little scary everyone attempted all activities including the 20ft trapeze! The sun shone for us on every day of our trip and on the second day we got to relax in a lake while water rafting! The children even got the opportunity to have a water fight with Miss Linbourne although we had to watch out to ensure we weren't swallowing tadpoles! Each day we were treated to 3 fabulous meals and the breakfast was incredible! Especially those hash browns!

As a school we could not be prouder of any of the children that attended, and we know they had the best time ever!



Last week, Year 5 embarked on a trip of a lifetime to spend the night on the HMS Belfast. They had a really busy few day; firstly visiting the Imperial War Museum to find out more about what life was like in Britain during World War Two. Once on board the

ship, they explored the different rooms and spaces. Some children even ventured down to the underwater engine room. Maple class attended workshops and learnt more about life on the ship, her adventures across the world, and even tried their hand at signalling and Morse Code. In the evening, they lived like WW2 sailors aboard the ship, eating in the crew mess and sleeping in their bunks (although not much sleeping was done in the girls' dorm!). The children had an amazing time and will surely remember this trip for many years to come.

Thank you to Miss Morris, Mrs Raja and Mr Noel for taking part in the adventure. Especially to Mr Noel, as it was his very first school trip!



Rights Respecting Schools Award

You might have already noticed, if you follow us on social media, that we are beginning our journey towards becoming a Rights Respecting School. This term, have already started to talk to children about their rights and we are setting up a pupil group, who will help lead on the project.

The award will impact all areas of school life in a positive way, from the curriculum to play times and giving our children a greater influence in the decisions that the school makes. It will involve

the whole school community and we will be asking parents to support us in our journey too so look out for further updates.

In the meantime, to find out more, have a look at the website below to find out more about children's rights and what this will mean for our school.

[The Rights Respecting Schools Award | UNICEF UK](#)



Summer Fair

Please see attached poster for save the date and donations.

If you would like to rent a sport to run a stall at the summer fair, please do contact office@beecholme.paceacademy.uk

Open Days



We have one final open day planned for this academic year on Monday 17th June 2024 at 9.30am. In addition, if you can't make this date and have any friends or families who are considering Beecholme then please do call the school office to arrange a visit. 0208 640 4795.

SEND

How can you help and support your child at home?

The biggest contribution a parent can make to their child's education is to be interested in and appreciate what they are doing, know what they are interested in, and support them in what they do. Gentle encouragement, interested questioning, concern when you feel there is a problem, and a habit of showing curiosity about the world yourself are all very important. **Talking with and listening to your child are among the most important factors in the development of language.**

Help them develop language

Read with and to your child as often as possible. Have a new word of the day or week at home. Puzzles, logic games, word games and board games all help to develop language.

Help them extend knowledge of the world and encourage discussion

Talk through your day and theirs and encourage family discussions. Introduce an interesting fact of the week. Give them a broad range of experiences, e.g. exhibitions, music, food.

Help them develop a range of skills and a balanced perspective

Do not always focus on their obvious skills – encourage them to sample new activities. Praise and value effort and persistence, not just achievement.

Help them to experiment

Give them space and free time to play, experiment and develop hobbies and interests of their own.

Help them develop their social and emotional needs

Children need to know that you are proud of who they are and not what they achieve. They need to be allowed to fail and make mistakes and develop strategies to cope when they get it wrong.

Help by spending regular special time with your child

Setting aside special quality one-on-one time with your child will show them you value and appreciate them and will increase the connection between you.

Help by showing an interest in their activities

By playing with your child you show them you are interested in their activities. This will give them the confidence to explore and make mistakes and will give you an insight into what interests them.

Help by developing a warm, loving parent/child relationship

When you respond to your child's needs in a warm, loving and consistent manner you strengthen the attachment you have with them. This provides a foundation to allow children to grow confidently and learn to manage their own feelings and behaviours.

Help them develop good two-way communication

Role modelling good communication skills is essential. Be an active listener, let your child voice their opinion and respond to any questions they may have. Ask questions to show that you understand the viewpoint.

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

Nursery - 96.7%

Reception - 93.5%

Year 1 - 89.6%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 96.6%

Year 4 - 98.9%

Year 5 - 98.5%

Year 6 - 97.9%



And the winners with the best attendance this week: Year 4 with 98.9% WOW. Well done!



Important Dates for the new term



Monday 3 rd June	INSET Day (School closed)
Tuesday 4 th June	First day back for pupils
Monday 10 th June	Phonics screening check for Year 1 pupils this week
Thursday 13 th June	New to Reception story time
Friday 14 th June	Eco projects showcase
Monday 17 th June	Rights Week
Wednesday 19 th June	New to Reception story time
Monday 24 th June	Year 6 Activity Week
Friday 12 th July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 performance p.m.
Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 performance a.m.
Thursday 18 th July	Sports Day
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
Friday 19 th July	Reports go home
Monday 22 nd July	Reports/Meet the teacher drop-ins