



Newsletter Issue no.1 - September 2024



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### Headteacher School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I will make my welcome a shorter one today as hopefully you would have all received my welcome letter last week which has explained some of the plans and updates. If you have any questions ahead of this year, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Miss Gilroy who are always on the gate in the morning to greet you. In addition to this, we encourage



all our parents and carers to attend their individual class welcome meetings as well as the coffee and cake morning with me, planned for **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am.**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new members of staff: Miss Gilroy, Ms Sener and Mrs Seedat on their successful first week. Welcome to the Beecholme family.

It has been wonderful seeing you all return to school. Thank you for your continued support with ensuring your children are dressed appropriately for school every day. Can I please remind you that the children should not be wearing jewellery to school, and if they have their ears pierced then the children should be wearing studs only. These studs must be removed for PE days.

As a school we have fully transitioned to being in line with the DfE's recommended school week of 32.5 hours. Thank you to all our families for fully supporting this. If you are having difficulties with arriving to school on time for registration at 8.45am then please do reach out to the school to see what support we can offer.

Have a wonderful week!

Thank you, Mrs Lewis

### 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 2025. 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.

All open days begin at 9.30am. If this time isn't suitable then please contact the school office to arrange an alternative time.

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

### Second Hand School Uniform Sale

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September before school and after school our wonderful 'Friends of Beecholme' will be running a second-hand uniform sale. Please come along and support the school by buying and recycling some of our preloved uniform. We are hoping to be able to offer a card service but just in case please bring cash! If you have an old school uniform to donate, then please bring it to the school office.

See you all there!



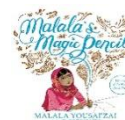
### Curriculum Update Autumn Term 1

This half term the children started their learning for the year based around the book 'Malala's Magic Pencil'. The children have continued to learn about the rights of children and how we can all make a difference to the world we live in.

For the next two weeks, the children are taking part in some Geography fieldwork and learning about their local area. They are seeking answers to enquiry questions such as how has our local area changed or how safe is our local area.

Next week, the children will be partaking in a computing day and some will enjoy using the computer suite.

Black History Month is in October, and we will be continuing to celebrate the diversity in school and thinking about what makes us special and different. We will be celebrating the impact of black heritage and culture and learning about people who have made a significant difference to society. As we are a Rights Respecting school, we will continue to learn about our rights and how



important they are. This year, we are proud to be taking part in 'Wear it Red day'. The children and staff will be wearing red to say no to racism. If you would like some guidance on how to approach racism at home with your child, you may like to visit the NSPCC website or the UNICEF website below which give some helpful tips.

[Talking to children about racism | NSPCC](#)

[Talking to your kids about racism | UNICEF Parenting](#)



## SEND/Safeguarding Updates

### SEND

If your child has special needs, you may be feeling that you need extra support.

Kids First is a fabulous organisation which offers help and guidance to parent of children with special needs and they also run workshops where you can meet other parents and not feel so alone.



Telephone: 020 3963 0597.

Email: [kf.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk](mailto:kf.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk)

Please give them a try. Beecholme will include information on upcoming events in the Newsletter as we get them.

### Fundraising Ideas for Beecholme

Hi all,

With Christmas approaching and many of you avid online shoppers, please remember to use Easyfundraising so we can raise donations for resources at the School.

If you add Easyfundraising to your computer browser it should prompt you every time you shop online.

The link to Beecholme  
is: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beecholmeps>



### Cashpot for Schools

We are also excited to inform you that Beecholme Primary School is participating in a fantastic initiative in partnership with **Cashpot for Schools** at **Asda**. This program offers an opportunity for our school to raise funds while you shop at Asda, helping us provide valuable resources and enrich the learning for all of our students.

How it works - Every time you shop at Asda using the Rewards App you can select BPS to receive a percentage of your spend. Please ask your local supermarket for further details when shopping.

Please spread the word with family and friends so we can raise funds for Beecholme pupils. This is a fantastic way to come together and make a positive impact to Beecholme Primary School.

Possibly list what we are fundraising for? Outdoor fencing panel, upgrade to the school pond, outdoor resources, early years play equipment, playground benches?

<https://corporate.asda.com/newsroom/2024/05/09/asdas-cashpot-for-schools-initiative-racks-up-almost-1m-for-schools-in-first-72-hours#:~:text=Asda's%20new%20Cashpot%20for%20Schools,they%20shop%20using%20Asda%20Rewards.>

### Important Dates



Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Clubs starting
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee and cake with the Headteacher morning
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual school photos
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Start of Black History Month
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics meeting for Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents' at 9am or 3.15pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Red day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day - school closed for pupils
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School opens for pupils