



Newsletter Issue no.2 - 11th October 2024



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Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic couple of weeks it has been here at Beecholme. The children have come back to school and are already emersed into their learning. We have just finished our first curriculum topics all about Geography fieldwork and Science and now we are moving onto RE. As a school we are excited to already be thinking about our planned Black History Week, whereby will be looking at how we tackle racism, and we will even be wearing red to show support on Thursday 17th October. The children will be creating some wonderful work which will be displayed in our school hall.

As you will have noticed we have begun the year already thinking about attendance and how we can ensure it remains good at Beecholme. Recently, I sent a whole school letter reinforcing the attendance expectations, as well as a flyer to all our children who are currently sitting below 96%, which is our school target. Anyone who is below 92% or 90% will also receive communication from the school to look at ways in which we can support you. If you have any attendance concerns, then please do speak to someone at school to see how we can help. A polite reminder that any medical appointments require medical evidence where possible and if you require leave from school, please ensure you complete the form from the school office in a timely manner.

Please can I remind parents about the opening and closing times of the school. We ask parents to stick to the opening times and wait for the main gates to open before you buzz into the school to wait in the school grounds earlier. This is a safeguarding precaution as the children use the school site during the school day and we must ensure their safety. Thank you for your co-operation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for their support last week when we had to close the school due to an emergency leak. The repair works have now been completed and the school continues to run safely.



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.

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

- Thursday 31st October
- Tuesday 19th November
- Monday 9th December

Autumn Disco



The Friends of Beecholme are excited to announce they will be holding an Autumn Disco! This will take place after school on Thursday 17th October. We invite Reception, year 1 and year 2 to enjoy the party from 3:15 - 4:30pm and look forward to seeing years 3,4,5 and 6 returning to school at 4:45pm - 6:00 pm for their turn. Tickets cost £5 which is payable via parent pay only. The £5 will cover their entry to the disco, a drink and a red cake to continue our 'Wear red day' celebration. Children attending the disco will not need a change of clothes as we will already be in red for school. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible 😊

Black History Week

As part of our commitment to celebrating diversity and promoting understanding, we are excited to announce our activities for Black History Month, which will be taking place throughout October. During our week dedicated to Black History Month, our children will be focusing on the work of Black poets, exploring their powerful contributions through poetry readings, drama activities, and art projects. These activities will provide a meaningful opportunity for children to engage creatively and deepen their understanding of important cultural stories and voices. The children's work will also be showcased in a hall display, celebrating their learning and artistic expressions.

Additionally, we will be celebrating **Wear Red Day on 17th October** as part of the national **"Show Racism the Red Card"** campaign. Students are encouraged to wear something red to show their support for this important cause, and we will be participating in whole-school activities that promote equality, inclusion, and respect.

In recognition of Black History Month and our ongoing commitment to promoting inclusivity and understanding, we are pleased to share that we have acquired new texts for our classrooms. These books have been carefully selected to help children learn more about the history and impact of racism, as well as the importance of tolerance and empathy. Through these readings, we aim to foster thoughtful discussions about diversity, justice, and respect, encouraging children to reflect on how we can all contribute to a more equitable and inclusive world. We hope these texts will inspire meaningful conversations at home as well.

We would love to invite any parents or carers who would like to participate by sharing stories or cultural experiences with the children, enriching our celebration of diversity and community. We look forward to a month of learning, reflection, and celebration.

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

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



SEND/Safeguarding Updates

SEND

If your child is interested in learning to touch-type (typing without looking at the keyboard) please see the information below about courses. Touch-typing is a valuable skill in preparation for secondary school, especially for children with SEND who may find listening to their teacher and hand-writing notes at the same time challenging.



TYPING'S COOL
TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

Touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s



Autumn half term and Christmas courses for 7 – 16s

St Joseph's Primary School Kingston KT1 2UP

Monday 28 – Thursday 31 October 2025

Twickenham Prep School, Hampton TW12 2SA

Monday 16 – Thursday 19 December 2024

Sessions run 10:00 – 12:15 pm. daily

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. We mix formal technique with the latest app games to make learning efficient and fun. Typing proficiency makes a huge impact on academic attainment at all ages.

Cost per place: £176.00. 10% discount for siblings/ bring-a-friend/returners
OFSTED registered – childcare vouchers accepted.

Duke of Edinburgh Award skills assessor.

Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk

Nick and Sarah Holt, Typing's Cool Ltd, School House, St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP

Holiday Course Cost

Courses are open to children aged 7 – 16 years.

£176.00 per place. Sibling/ bring a friend 10% discount available. Childcare vouchers accepted.

Contact Sarah Holt

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Duke of Edinburgh Award - Registered skills assessor

Company registered number: 7097313 OFSTED child care registered number: EY473171

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



Tuesday 1 st October- Thursday 31 st October	Start of Black History Month
Monday 14 th October	Harvest Festival Assembly
Thursday 17 th October	Red day and Autumn Disco
Friday 18 th October	INSET day - school closed for pupils
Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th October	Half Term - school closed for pupils
Monday 28 th October	INSET day - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 29 th October	School opens for pupils'
Tuesday 29 th October	Phonics meeting for Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents' at 9am or 3.15pm
Thursday 31 st October	Open Morning
Thursday 31 st October	Closing date for secondary school applications

