



Newsletter Issue no.4 - 6th December 2024



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Headteacher Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't quite believe how close it is to the Christmas holidays. This week you will slowly see the school transform with our Christmas decorations going up in readiness for the Winter Fair on Friday 13th December. Hopefully you will have noticed our fantastic blow-up Santa and entrance hall that is like a real-life grotto. Please tell all your family and friends as we are very excited to open the doors to you all! A quick reminder that the winter fair is a cash only event, please come prepared. More information has been given below. If any of our families have any spare Christmas decorations they would like to donate to the school then that would be very much appreciated.

The children are very excited about the panto company coming to Beecholme to perform their Christmas Cinderella panto. This week we will start practising the songs and dances so we can make it as interactive as possible. If you haven't already paid for your child's ticket, please do so as we want to make sure this event can go ahead. On Wednesday 11th December all children will see the performance during the morning.

Like last year we have been very lucky to be able to book a photography company to come in and capture those wonderful moments of the children's first school Nativity and Christmas performance. Simon Drake and his team will be working with the children during their rehearsal and then will be selling the prints of children in their costume on the day of the performances. Please bring cash to be able to buy those precious photographs.

Please also add to your diary - Wednesday 18th December - Christmas lunch day. We hope to see as many children join us this year for their free Christmas lunch. We also invite the children to wear Christmas jumpers with their school uniform on that day.

Mrs Hayley Lewis,

Have a wonderful weekend.



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 2/12/24

R – 96%

Year 1 – 93%

Year 2 – 95%

Year 3 – 94%

Year 4 – 95%

Year 5 – 97.5%

Year 6 – 97%



And the winner with the best attendance this week is: Year 5

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.

- Monday 9th December

Rights Respecting Steering Group Update



Thank you all for your generosity during our Pyjama day! We successfully raised £206 for Children in Need and for our school improvement project. Half of this total will go to the charity and the other half towards developing our pond area. The Rights Respecting steering group have been working hard with Darrell, the Fulham Football Coach, to work on what they need to improve the pond area and create a presentation to see if we could be eligible for some further funding from Fulham to support us.

They are also currently working on collecting gifts for a school raffle in the Spring term to raise more money for the pond. If anyone who works for a company or has any links with any local business is able to ask for any donations for our school cause, we would be very grateful!



Winter Fair

The Friends of Beecholme have been working very hard on the final preparations towards this year's Winter Fair. We are very excited about all the fun games, crafts and activities they have in store for us all to enjoy. Don't forget to prepay your visit to Santa's grotto via Parent pay. To sign up for a tasty pizza, please add your order to the list at your child's classroom door. Pizzas should be paid for with cash on the day. We look forward to seeing you there! Children can also wear mufti to school on this day!

SEND

SEND Sensory Sessions Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) event



Date: Sat 14/Dec/24

Time: 09:15 - 10:00

Venue: Raynes Park Library

Cost: Free

Booking: required

Come and experience the sights, sounds and essence of our amazing sensory library! We have a variety of specially designed SEND books and toys ready for use at these sessions. Numbers are limited and booking is essential. Please book a ticket just for an adult person, children don't need to. You may bring a maximum of 3 children to the event. Please note that to respect the privacy of families, we ask that no photos or video are taken at any of our children's events. It's very likely that another child will be in the picture/shot. Thank you for your co-operation.

[Book Now](#)

Important Dates



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| Monday 9 th December 2024 | Open morning 9.30am |
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| Wednesday 11 th December 2024 | Cinderella Pantomime in school |
| Friday 13 th December 2024 | Whole school dress rehearsal |
| Friday 13 th December 2024 | Winter Fair - Mufti Day for children |
| Monday 16 th December 2024 | Nursery and Reception (Early Years) Nativity at 9.30am and 2pm |
| Wednesday 18 th December 2024 | Christmas jumper day - all children can wear their Christmas jumper with their school uniform. (Costume for performances should be brought into school separately in a bag) |
| Wednesday 18 th December 2024 | Key Stage 1 and 2 Performance at 9.30am and 2pm |
| Wednesday 18 th December 2024 | Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 19 th December 2024 | Winter Disco Early Years and Key Stage 1 at 3.15pm until 4.30pm Key Stage 2 at 4.45 until 6.15pm |
| Friday 20 th December 2024 | Last day of term School closes at 1.30pm |
| Monday 6 th January 2025 | School Closed - INSET Day |
| Tuesday 7 th January 2025 | Welcome back to school! |