



Newsletter - January 2025



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### Headteacher Update



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is wonderful to see you all back as we start 2025. I have thoroughly enjoyed greeting you all on the gate this week and hearing about the wonderful things you got up to over the Christmas holidays. I went away to a beautiful house in Lincolnshire and had a very relaxing time with lots of long walks and too many chocolates of course! Thank you to those children and families who gave myself and the staff gifts before the end of term. It was very kind of you and greatly appreciated by all.

As we start the Spring term, we realise how short it is and how much we need to cram in before another half term. This term we will be holding parent workshops and information meetings about our upcoming trip to PGL and Kingswood, the statutory assessments in May for year 6 as well as the times table check for year 4 - just a few to mention. We will also be holding our annual family movie night which we are excited to host - more information will be coming soon. If you have any suggestions for the school in order to work with our wider community, then please feel free to let me know!

After a wonderful INSET day on Monday led by Aisha Thomas from Representation Matters focusing on inclusion, equality, equity, race and racism, I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to our parents for support. As I am sure you are aware we are a very diverse community, something which makes our school even more wonderful and unique, however, this can present some challenges for some of our parents in terms of their barrier to the English language. Therefore, we would like to reach out to our parents who have dual languages to see if any of you would be happy and willing to support our families with understanding communication and attending meetings etc. If this is something you would be happy to do, please email me at [Hayley.lewis@beecholme.paceacademy.uk](mailto:Hayley.lewis@beecholme.paceacademy.uk) to see how you can help! Thank you in advance.

I am really excited to announce that this year Beecholme have teamed up with Scholastic to bring you our very own book fair in conjunction with World Book Day. The book fair will arrive at Beecholme on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and will be open for the whole week leading up to half term. Not only does this support the love of reading for our children, it also supports the school in purchasing books at a reduced rate and some even free (depending on how many books we sell) to re-stock our wonderful library. More information will be sent about this closer to the time.

Finally, I would like to share the wonderful news that our CEO, Zoe Harris, was awarded an MBE in the New Years Honours list for her services to education over the years. I'm sure you would like to join me to congratulate Zoe for her wonderful achievement.

All that is left for me to say is, let's hope 2025 is a wonderful year for Beecholme with lots of successes for our children.

Mrs Hayley Lewis - Headteacher



### 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 too 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 7/1/25

R - 95.2%

Year 1 - 92.1%

Year 2 - 94.1%

Year 3 - 93.6%

Year 4 - 95%

Year 5 - 97.16%

Year 6 - 97.13%



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

### Curriculum Updates for Spring Term

The Autumn term ended wonderfully with our school Christmas productions. A highlight from the Early Years dress rehearsal for staff was one of the children grabbing a microphone and singing which left many of the staff beaming with pride. The KS1 and KS2 performance was equally brilliant leaving many of us to be very emotional. We have some very talented children! Our photographer said it was one of the best he has seen in the last few years. We are very proud! Thank you to friends of Beecholme for all their help with organising a great Winter fair. We raised lots of money which will make a difference for the children, and I know everyone had a great time!



We are working hard on improving our outdoor area and our RRS steering group are planning a sponsored welly walk in the Spring term. We aim to start working on the area once the weather warms up! We have also just received news that we are one of five schools selected to present the action research project to Fulham Football club with the hope of securing some additional funding. The children in the RRS steering group will have to visit Fulham football grounds and do a presentation in February which is very exciting!



We have had a great start to the half term with a fantastic INSET day for staff led by Representation Matters training us on diversity. This continues to help contribute to the work we have been doing around diversity and is being further developed in school with the children. Following on from our **Red** day, we are now entering the **Show Racism the**

**Red Card Competition** and children have been working hard on their entries in school this week.



Safer Internet Day is coming up on 6<sup>th</sup> February. The theme for this year is 'Inspiring change, making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. The children will be taking part in the day and will continue their learning in Computing across the week.

In the next few weeks, the children will be completing an RE unit, a History unit and two Design and Technology units, one based on Food. This will be linked to cultural food which will be very exciting and support children with their understanding of foods around the world, hygiene, cooking and food safety.

We are very excited to share that year 5 and 6 will now start learning to play the samba drums this half term. We continue to remain committed to giving the children as many enrichment opportunities as possible. We have run a range of clubs in the last term which have included wellbeing club, magazine club, dance and movement and so on. Clubs will resume from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. The children thoroughly enjoy these, and we hope the children continue to attend and enjoy them. Please pop to the office if you would like your child to attend any. We have also been on and are planning many trips and inviting visitors in for the children to have real life experiences. In the last term, there have been cinema trips, theatre trips, visits to recycling centres and the science museum, attendance at Remembrance memorial services, visits to the library and more. There are many more opportunities planned in for the rest of the year so please keep an eye out for letters from school!



### PE/Sporting Fixtures for Spring Term

Our Year 5 and 6 girls and boys football teams are continuing their training sessions to build their skills and teamwork. We are excited to see how they perform in the upcoming matches this academic year. Stay tuned for updates on their progress and achievements!

We are thrilled to introduce our two new PE coaches, Reise Rhoden and Lorenzo De Benedictis. They bring a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are confident they will inspire and support our students in their physical education journey.

### SEND

#### SEND support plans

We are working on these throughout the month of January now that the Local Authority has allocated us a Speech and Language Therapist (Maeve Collins) and an Occupational Therapist (David Gould). Maeve is here every Thursday, and David is here approximately once a month. In both cases, they are allocated to work with our children with EHCPs and we can also call on them for advice on target-setting for our children at SEND support. You will already be aware if your child falls into either of these categories, but if you are not sure, please speak to your child's Class Teacher. We hope to share SEND support plans with you by the beginning of February.

Julia Sener

SENCO

### Important Dates



13/01/2025	Reception NHS vision eye tests
15/01/2025	Closing date for Primary School September 2025
06/02/2025	Sponsored welly walk  Safer Internet day
10/02/2025	Firefighter visit for Early Years
10/02/2025-14/02/2025	Book fair after school
13/02/2025	Movie night
14/02/2025	Break up for the holidays at 3.15pm