



Newsletter Issue no. 7 - 7th March 2025



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Headteacher Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this newsletter, the sun is shining, and I can truly feel that Spring is on the way. It's hard to believe that before we know it, the Summer months will be here, and we'll be reflecting on another incredible academic year.

We've already had our first grass cut of the year, and the flowers around the school are beginning to bloom, which is always a delightful sight. We're hopeful that the sunny weather will continue as we welcome a number of companies to Beecholme to assess our pond area. We're excited to see how our children's vision for this space will come to life and will be sure to share more of our journey with you soon.

With World Book Day just around the corner, I'd like to express a special thank you to our fantastic 'Friends of Beecholme' team. They've worked tirelessly to bring the 'Wonka Bar' sale to life. The chocolate bars are delicious, and if you're lucky enough to find a golden ticket, there's a wonderful treat in store. As for me, I'm looking forward to seeing who wins "Headteacher for 15 minutes." Whoever it is will have their work cut out for them while I enjoy a cup of tea in peace!

This term, we have many exciting events on the horizon. Year 3 and 4 will be attending their swimming courses throughout March, and Year 5 children are eagerly anticipating their overnight adventure aboard the HMS Belfast for 'Kip on the Ship.' The Year 4 team and I are also busy preparing for the PGL residential trip when we return from the break, and Year 6 are gearing up for their visit to Craven Cottage, home of Fulham Football Club, as part of their end-of-year celebrations. With the support of our FOB team, we're also

planning some fun-filled activities for the children, including an Easter Egg Hunt, an Easter Bonnet and Egg competition and parade, and our very own 'Beecholme's Got Talent.' More details will follow closer to the time.

We are incredibly proud of the progress we continue to make in fostering inclusion and diversity across our school community. To ensure we continue to offer the best support to all our students, I'm pleased to announce that this term, our Senior Leadership Team will be participating in a training course called 'Loud and Proud.' This program will deepen our understanding of gender identity, including the experiences of those transitioning between genders, and will help us better support students navigating this journey.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead.


Warm regards,
Mrs. Hayley Lewis
Headteacher




Art Gallery

Week beginning 17th March is our Artist Study week, where our young artists will be exploring and refining their art skills by combining all the elements of art to create unique pieces inspired by diverse artists, including neurodivergent artists. Their creativity and dedication will be on full display at our Beecholme Art Gallery Exhibition!

Exhibition Details- Save the Date:

 17 Friday, 21st March

 3:15 – 4:00 PM

 School Hall

We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the hard work and imaginative spirit of our children. Come and experience the vibrant art and inspiring creations they have crafted throughout Artist Study Week.

STEM Day

We are excited to announce that on **March 14th, 2025**, we will be celebrating **STEM Day!** This special day will feature engaging activities for students to explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. We are thrilled to welcome volunteers who will speak to the children about two fascinating career paths: **Respiratory Physiologist** and **Financial Software Product Management**. These experts will share their experiences and inspire students with insights into these dynamic fields.

Throughout the day, students will also participate in hands-on activities related to STEM, sparking their curiosity and creativity. We encourage parents to ask their children about the exciting projects they'll be working on!

We look forward to an inspiring day filled with learning and exploration!

Well-Being Parent Zone



We are continuing to talk to the children about their mental health and how to have good well-being. Please see some help regarding friendship issues. You can get further information from the Place2Be website link here:

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: My child has friendship issues](#)

Parenting Concern:

My child has friendship issues

- Encouraging your child to solve problems.

Things you can try

1. Stop and listen before stepping in.

It's completely understandable to want to protect your child. But try not to jump in too quickly to fix things for them.

When your child has an argument with a friend, it can be very hard not to take sides.

And sometimes you might have such a hard time seeing your child in pain that you get angry at the other child. But this can make it difficult to really listen to your child's experience and understand their feelings.

It's natural to have strong feelings about your child's friendship issues. Maybe they make you think back to how you were treated by friends when you were a child. If you take a moment to notice how their worries are affecting you, it will help you manage your emotions. Then you can better support them as they find a solution.

2. Reassure them that it's natural for friends to fall out sometimes

Children's friendships often change and can look different depending on your child's age and stage of development. While having friends at school is important, it is perfectly ordinary for your child to have difficulties with their friendships.

Let your child know that being friends doesn't always mean agreeing or getting along with others all the time.

3. Help your child move past the anger and hurt.

It's important to help our children learn how to make up again. Listen to your child and show you understand how they're feeling by helping them name their emotions. Once your child feels understood, they will be better able to move past the anger and the hurt. That's when you can help them to start problem-solving.

Encourage them to come up with their own ideas to deal with friendship issues.

My son came home upset with his friend for teasing him in front of his class. He said he didn't want him to come to his birthday party anymore. We talked through it together. I said it was okay to feel embarrassed and angry. That helped him move beyond those feelings. Then I asked him what might help, and what he could do next. He started to think about how to resolve the conflict.

Why learning to resolve conflict is important

4. Help them grow confidence in their friendship skills

Friendship difficulties can happen for different reasons. Your child might be shy or like to take control or lack confidence with friends. You can help.

Talk to them about what makes a good friend, and practice friendship skills such as listening, sharing, compromising, and negotiating. Sit together and explore examples in everyday life, and from TV and books. This will help your child think about what makes a good friend and feel less worried about friendship issues.

Our Art Room offers a fun activity for you to do together to help your conversation:

[Space: Navigating friendships](#)

You can also encourage friendships beyond school, like joining clubs or arranging play dates.

Your child is unique and we hope there are some takeaways here that work for you. If you're looking for help parenting children with additional needs, you can get specific advice from specialist organisations.

[Check out our list of support that we can recommend.](#)

SEND

Dear Parents and Carers,

SEND is in the news a lot at the moment, as I am sure you will be aware.

The Labour Government is preparing major changes to special educational needs provision in English schools, as individual councils raise the alarm over debts running into hundreds of millions of pounds that have pushed many to the brink of bankruptcy. Many councils have accumulated special educational needs spending deficits.

It is understood ministers are preparing a white paper due to be published in **late spring** setting out details of what one insider has called a "complete recalibration" of the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system.

The government is believed to be considering changes to existing Send legislation that councils hope would ease the deficits, alongside a series of measures designed to prioritise state school provision.

I will provide updates as soon as I have them, so watch this space!

Best wishes,

Julia Sener (SENCO)

Rights Respecting/Social Action Group



Congratulations to the Rights Respecting Steering Group who won 1st place in the Social Action Challenge. They presented the school confidently and delivered their presentation well securing first place and securing us £250 towards our outside pond area. This is a fantastic achievement for us as a school!

Important Dates



07/03/2025	World Book Day
10/03/2025	Year 6 SATS meeting at 3.15pm
10/03/2025-14/03/2025	Year 3 Swimming
12/03/2025	Year 4 author visit Year 5 visiting the Science Museum
13/03/2025	Reception visiting Deen City Farm
14/03/2025	Stem day in school
21/03/2025	Art gallery for parents 3.15pm- 4pm
24/03/2025-04/04/2025	Year 4 Swimming
27/03/2025-28/03/2025	Year 5 kipping on a ship overnight
02/04/2025	Year 6 visiting Fulham Football Stadium
03/04/2025	Easter egg hunt in school and Easter bonnet parade
04/04/2025	Beecholme's Got Talent production in school



The Friends of Beecholme would also like to let you know that on the last Friday of every month, they will be doing a second-hand uniform sale. The next one will be on **Friday 28th March after school.**



They would also like to let you know there will be a local community Easter egg hunt for the upcoming Easter holidays. More details to follow.



We are also excited to share that the **Summer fair will be on Friday 11th July. Please save the date!**