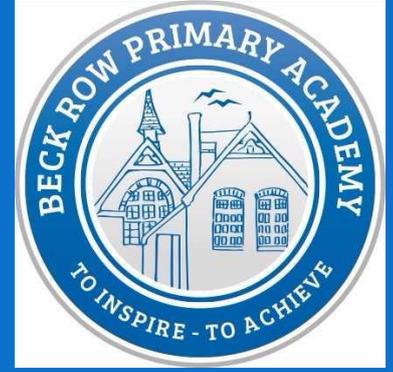


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Recent Events

Internet Safety Day – The whole school celebrated the global day on the 6th February.

Assemblies – So far this term Owls, Otters and Squirrels have shared their learning with us in their class assemblies. Foxes, Badgers and Rabbits will be sharing their learning over the next few weeks.

Coming up this term

- **World Book Dressing Up Day**
9th March
- **Class Assemblies** – Badgers
16th March and Rabbits 23rd March
- **Book Fair date to be announced**
- **Years 3 and 4 go to West Stow**
27th March

Internet Safety Day – Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018 with the slogan 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A Better Internet Starts With You'. As a school we celebrated Safer Internet Day in classes, thinking about what we need to do to stay safe when we are using the internet. The younger children thought about who they connect to (with some of them beginning to compare those who they connect with in real and virtual situations). They created hands showing their connections. Meanwhile the older children started to think about the way they use their internet time and situations which would worry them or cause them to speak to someone.

Should the children be worried or concerned about things they have seen on an internet site they can report it to CEOP who deal with agencies to address internet concerns.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Academy Staffing – We have been very pleased to welcome 3 new Teaching Assistants to the school this half term. Mrs Marr and Mrs Seaney have joined Early Years, replacing Mrs Park who is on maternity leave and Mrs Askew who left at half term. We have also welcomed Miss Wood into Year 2 to replace Miss Fieldsend who left at Christmas. All three are settling into their new roles and getting to know the children and school as they go.

Academy Premises – As many of you will be aware, we have finally been able to move into the new classrooms. Otter and Squirrel Classes started the new half term in these classrooms and they are now looking very bright and colourful. It has been lovely to see the children settling in and making the rooms feel their own. The two old classrooms are going to be having some redecoration over the summer holidays, but will be used as extra places for interventions and small group activities over the remainder of this academic year.

Wonderful Writers and Marvellous Mathematicians – This half term we have started a new celebration of both our writers and our mathematicians. Each week we will be celebrating either writing or maths from all of the classes with the winners being shared on the boards in school and in the newsletters. Last week we started with our Wonderful Writers who were:

Zara in Hedgehogs, Lilley in Kingfishers, Summer in Badgers, Zoey in Rabbits, Oliver in Foxes, Finley in Squirrels, Riley Jay in Otters and Lily in Owls.

Dates For Your Diary

Please find general dates for the coming year and details of events that have already been finalised. **Additional diary dates for next term will follow once confirmed.**

Also please check our web site <http://beckrow.attrust.org.uk/> for further information about us.

Wednesday 7th March ~ Year 6 Crucial Crew
Friday 9th March ~ World Book Dress Up Day
Tuesday 13th March ~ Parents Evening
Wednesday 14th March ~ Parents Evening
Friday 16th March ~ Year 2 SATs Meeting
Friday 16th March ~ Badger Class Sharing Assembly
Tuesday 20th March ~ Class Photos
Wednesday 21st March ~ Year 6 SATs Meeting
Friday 23rd March Rabbit Class Sharing Assembly
Monday 26th March ~ Easter Bonnet Parade, raffle and bake sale (more information to follow)
Tuesday 27th March ~ Easter Disco
Thursday 29th March ~ Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 29th March ~ After School Clubs end
Thursday 29th March ~ Last Day of Term before Easter
Monday 16th April ~ PD Day
Tuesday 17th April ~ Children return to school.
Monday 14th May ~ KS2 SATS (Year 6 pupils need to be in school all of this week)
Friday 25th May ~ Last Day of Term before Half Term.
Monday 4th June ~ Children return to school
Tuesday 24th July ~ Last Day of the Year

Uniform Reminders

We are working really hard in school to improve our overall standards. As part of this we are looking at making sure children are wearing the correct uniform each day and are smartly presented.

Additionally, as the colder weather continues it is important that the children have warm clothes for outside, as wherever possible the children will be going outside for break and lunchtimes. For those children who enjoy playing football or other similar games on the field, we ask that they have their PE shoes or another pair of shoes in school to limit the tracking of mud around the school.

Backpacks

A reminder for EYFS and KS1 pupils. Please do not allow your child bring backpacks to school, these take up too much room and are unnecessary. Your child should only be bringing their PE kit, in a draw string bag to hang on their peg and a book bag which can fit in their drawer.

Attendance

Whole school attendance	94.3%
Hedgehog Class	94.7%
Kingfisher Class	94.1%
Rabbit Class	95.8%
Badger Class	93.8%
Fox Class	95.6%
Squirrel Class	94.2%
Otter Class	94.5%
Owl Class	91.8%

Pupils were signed in late **295** times during the last half term (27 school days). This is unsettling for the pupils who are late and causes disruption to their class and teacher.

Parents/Carers should not remove their child from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence, in writing, from the Headteacher. If permission is not granted, but your child is still absent, the absence will be marked as unauthorised and you may be issued with a penalty notice.