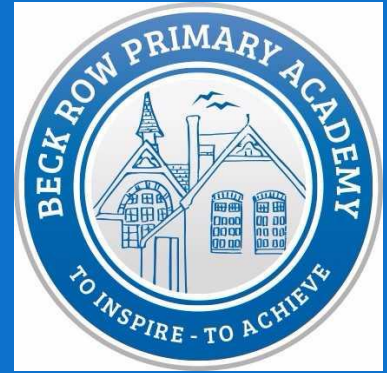


# Beck Row Primary Academy Newsletter



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## Recent Events

**Early Years Christmas Performance** – The children in Kingfishers and Hedgehogs performed their Nativity to the school and parents. They did a marvelous job and all looked spectacular in their costumes.

**Key Stage 1 Performance** - Our children from Foxes, Badgers and Rabbits have spent the last few weeks preparing Babushka. Their performance on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December was lovely to watch and the children did a great job, with lots of tricky lines and songs to learn.

**Assemblies** - Owls, Otters, Squirrels, Foxes and Badgers have all shared their learning from this term with parents and the rest of the school. Rabbit's assembly which was postponed will be moved into the spring term (diary dates are on the back).

## Coming up next term

- **Class Assemblies - Rabbits (moved from Autumn term), Owls, Otters, Squirrels, Foxes, Badgers, Rabbits**
- **New Clubs starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**
- **Safer Internet Day (E-safety) 6<sup>th</sup> February**

**Autumn Term** – We have reached the end of a busy term at Beck Row Primary Academy and are now preparing for Christmas in school. The children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 have performed their Christmas productions and put us all into the Christmas mood. Over the last few weeks the children have been making Christmas decorations, which are hanging around the school and are learning about the Christmas story. With the end of term in mind, a list of upcoming dates for next term are on the back of this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoy the time with your families and come back refreshed and safe in the New Year.

**New Parent Governors** - After our Academisation back in June, we were very pleased to have our own Governing body again. For those of you who don't know, we are sharing our Chair and Vice Chair with Great Heath Academy, along with Mr Vincent our Executive Principal. To ensure that the children at Beck Row are fully represented at these meetings though, I was very pleased to see three applications from our parents: Mrs Mower, Mrs Smith and Mr Sekula all stood for the election. Many thanks to all of you who have voted for the new Governors, it was great to see so many people had got involved. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Mr Lloyd Hughes, Mr Vincent and myself counted the ballots and are pleased to announce that our two new Parent Governors are Mrs Mower and Mrs Smith.

**Tootoot** – During our Anti-bullying week this term we have launched our new reporting programme. Tootoot is an online programme used by all of the schools who are part of the Academy Transformation Trust.

*"tootoot gives students a safe voice to be able to report incidents of bullying, cyber bullying, racism, extremism, mental health and self harm directly to their place of learning. Tootoot gives students an alternative way to disclose their concerns when they are unable to do so face-to-face"* (from the Tootoot website)

Some of you may have seen the cards sent home with your children during Anti-bullying week, giving log-in details for them to access Tootoot, these details are linked only to them and will allow them to log on and record any school-based worries. These recorded worries are then sent to staff members who are able to investigate and address the worries the next day.

Should your child have mislaid their login details, please speak to their class teacher who will be able to give you another copy.

**Attendance**– Since half term, just **30 school days**, we have had **311 late children** to school. Although most of these are only 5 minutes after the classroom doors have closed this time all adds up.

As an indication, being 5 minutes late everyday all year would be equivalent to missing 3 whole days of education. Please see reverse.

## 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 after Christmas.

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

#### 2017

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December ~ Last day for pupils before the Christmas holiday

#### 2018

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January ~ INSET day for staff – **School closed to pupils**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January ~ School reopens for pupils after the Christmas holiday

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January ~ Rabbit Class Sharing Assembly (moved from Autumn term)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January ~ Owl Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February ~ Otter Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February ~ Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February ~ Last day of school before Half term.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February ~ Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February ~ Half Term holiday

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February ~ Pupils return to school.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February ~ Parent' Evenings (details to follow)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March ~ Fox Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March ~ Badger Class Sharing Assembly

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Rabbit Class Sharing Assembly

### **Why should I arrive for school on time?**

It is important that children arrive in school on time everyday for a number of reasons.

- It is the legal responsibility of parent/carers to ensure that children attend their registered school on time each day.
- If a child is late they miss important information about the days activities.
- A child that is late will miss schoolwork.
- Children that arrive in good time for registration are able to talk to their friends before school and settle into the school day with them.
- A child that is late disrupts staff and other children.

Our school day starts at **8:50am** and pupils should be in the classroom by this time.

If there is a particular reason why you are finding it difficult to arrive in school on time, please discuss this with your child's class teacher or the Head of School. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **After School Clubs**

The sign up for After School Clubs will be held at 3pm, in the school hall, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Details of the clubs available will be sent home after Christmas.

### **Christmas Carnival**

Please join us from 3pm on Friday for our Christmas Carnival. There will be a cake stall, raffle, gift cups, tombola and lots of fun and games.

### **Attendance**

Whole School Attendance	94.4%
Hedgehog Class	96.1%
Kingfisher Class	95.4%
Rabbit Class	96.1%
Badger Class	95.4%
Fox Class	96.3%
Squirrel Class	95.1%
Otter Class	93.3%
Owl Class	91.9%