

Beck Row Primary Academy Newsletter



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Recent Events

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Class Assembly – Owl Class

Still to come this term:

- **Kestrel Class Assembly**
- **Otter Class Assembly**
- **Squirrel Class Assembly**
- **Children in Need**

Welcome Back

As this is the first newsletter of the year, I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer break, and welcome any new families who have joined us at Beck Row. The term has already got off to a busy start, with all of the children settling into their new classes. We've already had our first class assembly (Owl Class) and had a dress up day to celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday with donations going to Children's Cancer. There are a number of other events already booked, which can be found both on the diary dates section overleaf and on our Academy website.

Staffing Update

Many of you will know that we welcomed five new members of teaching staff at the start of the year. Mrs Firek and Miss Goddard have joined us in Early Years, Miss Saunders in Year 2, Mrs Fowler-Simpson in Year 3 and Mrs Carton in Year 4. Miss Smith has also joined the admin team as our new HR and Finance administrator. Later this month we will be saying farewell to Mrs Sheldrick, one of our Midday Supervisors, who is retiring after working here for 11 years. I'm sure that you will all join me in wishing her a very happy retirement.

Roald Dahl Dress Up Day

On Friday 13th September we celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday with a dress up day. Around the school we saw a number of favourite Roald Dahl's characters, including some very imaginative ideas.



Home Academy Agreement

Some of you will have seen the Home, Academy Agreement, which was sent home during September along with a letter from Debbie Clinton, the CEO for ATT. We hope that you have all now received yours and that they have been read and signed by both you and your child, however if you have not received yours, please ask your child's teacher for a new copy.

Dates For Your Diary

Please find general dates for the term of events that have already been arranged.

Also please check our web site <http://beckrow.atrust.org.uk/> for further information about us and to keep an eye on the online diary should events alter.

Friday 11th October ~ Kestrel Class Assembly

Friday 18th October ~ Last day of half term

Monday 28th October ~ PD Day (staff only)

Tuesday 29th October ~ Pupils return to school

Wednesday 30th October ~ Buddies Halloween Disco

Wednesday 6th November ~ Parents' Evening

Thursday 7th November ~ Parents' Evening

Friday 15th November ~ Otter Class Assembly

Friday 29th November ~ Squirrel Class Assembly

Thursday 19th December ~ Last day of term

Friday 20th December - Christmas Holiday starts.

Full term dates for next academic year are available on the website.



Attendance

Our attendance for last year was 94.2%, which was below our target of 96%. We have had a better start to this year.

Our current attendance is: **95.4%**

Our target for this year is **97%**

Hedgehog Class	98%
Kingfisher Class	97.8%
Rabbit Class	96%
Badger Class	95.4%
Fox Class	93.7%
Squirrel Class	95%
Otter Class	94.8%
Kestrel Class	97%
Owl Class	96.1%

Absence Reporting

Please can we remind you that if your child is unwell, you should inform the office by 9.15am on the morning of any absence. If we are not informed, this absence may be recorded as unauthorised.

Parking

We are still receiving serious complaints from local residents about parents parking illegally and blocking driveways. This causes distress to them and is a danger to other parents and our pupils. We advise all complainants to report these incidents directly to the police.

Lateness

Our school day starts at 8.50am and pupils should be in the classroom by this time. The classrooms are open from 8.40am.

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost learning