

Early Years

Welcome Meeting



Welcome to Beck Row Primary Academy

This presentation aims to provide an introduction to Beck Row Primary Academy and includes initial information which we hope you will find useful. Should you have any further questions, staff will be happy to discuss these with you.

Our aim at Beck Row is to provide a secure and stimulating environment for early learning.

I am aware that there is a lot of information in this presentation, so I will be uploading it to the New Reception section on our website.

Who's Who at Beck Row

- **Classes:** There are 2 reception classes in our school. They are called Potter and Donaldson Class. We have 2 class teachers and 2 teaching assistants.

Class Teachers



Miss Petch



Miss Farmborough

Class Teaching Assistants



Miss Redway



Miss Halls

Stay & Play and Transition Morning

- **Stay & Play:** You and your child will also have the opportunity to visit their new classroom. We would like you to stay during this visit so that you can informally meet other parents, talk to your child's teacher and classroom assistant, look around the classroom and outside area in order to help familiarise yourself and your child with the new classroom. The stay and play will take place on **Wednesday 5th July** at **9:30 or 1:30** for an hour.
- **Transition Morning: Tuesday 18th July 9:30 – 11:30.** This is when your child can come to school and experience a short session in their class without you. This is an opportunity for them to begin to build a relationship with their class teacher and to help with settling in in September.



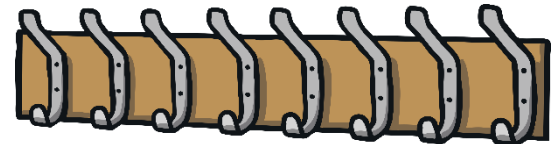
On Your Child's First Day

- Your child's first day is **Tuesday 5th September 9:00 – 11:45**. This is a slightly later start to our normal school day just to allow you some time and avoid any congestion.
- The second day is **Wednesday 6th September**. This will start at our normal time of **8:50 – 1:15** just after lunch.
- The third day is **Thursday 7th September 8:50 – 1:15**.
- And **Friday 8th September** will be their first full day, **8:50 – 3:20**.



What to bring

- **Trays and Pegs:** Every child will have a peg space for their coats and PE kits and a drawer. On your child's first day they will be given a book bag. This allows everything to be put in their book bags (apart from their water bottles) to avoid bringing bulky rucksacks that we don't have space for.
- **Objects from home:** Please make sure that your child does not bring any toys etc. from home as we can not be responsible for these if they should become lost or broken.



Clothing

- **Clothing:** At Beck Row Primary Academy all children wear a school uniform. This consists of a white polo shirt or blouse, grey school trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore or a blue checked school dress. Blue school jumper or cardigan. These can be plain or have our logo on (information leaflet in your pack of where to buy these. Black school shoes. Long hair should be tied up and earrings should be plain studs only please.
- **RESTRICTIONS** include; no nail varnish, jewellery, no big hair bows or headbands, hooped earrings, trainers or open toed shoes please.



Clothing

- **P.E. Kits:** Children will also require clothes and shoes to be worn during Physical Education lessons and activities. Your child will need: a plain white round neck t-shirt, plain black PE shorts, plain black jogging bottoms, black trainers and a draw string PE bag. Earrings must be removed.
- Please ensure that **ALL** clothing that your child wears or brings into school, is clearly **named**.



Daily Routine

- **School begins;** Our day begins at 8:50 however, the gates are open from 8:40. You will drop your child at the Early Years gates where the TA's will be standing to welcome them in.
- **Daily Timetable:** Each day, we teach phonics, literacy and maths. These are taught through short whole class inputs. The children take what they have learned into their play which we encourage them to use.
- **Lunch;** We offer a main menu of the day however, we give the children the choice of a main menu or a snack of their choice if you wish. The children are given their choice during morning registration.
- **Home Time** At the end of the day, the children are taken into the Early Years room through the main door. The children are then safely with their parents.



Attendance

- The routines you establish in the first term, stay with your child for the next 14 years of their education!
- A child who misses one day a fortnight will have missed two and a half terms by the time they are 11.
- A child who is late by just 5 minutes a day will have missed a week of work by the end of the year.
- If you are not the person picking up your child at the end of the day please let staff know in the morning or call the school office during the day.



Phonics



- We use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds to teach phonics
- Children will learn the smallest unit of sound called a phoneme – correct pronunciation is key so we teach sounds without a shwa ie. P instead of per
- A phoneme can be represented by more than one letter – we call these digraphs (2 letters) or trigraphs (3 letters) ie. Sh in ship
- We will begin learning phonics from the first full week. We will learn 4 sounds per week and how to write these









Phonics

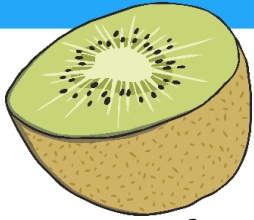


- We will send home a sheet each half term with the pronunciation formation phrases for you to support with this at home
- We use segmenting and blending to help with reading – this is where words are broken into single sounds and blended back together to read the word ie. C-a-t, cat
- Little Wandle uses tricky words – these are words that don't fit into the rules and can't be fully decoded (sounded out). We teach the children which parts of the word are tricky and why and practice these regularly.

Phase 2 grapheme information sheet

Autumn 1

Grapheme and mnemonic	Picture card	Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase
 	 snake	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out ssssss ssssss	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.
 	 astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the a sound at the back of your mouth a a a	Around the astronaut's helmet and down into space.



Food and Drink

- **Lunch:** At lunchtime your child can have a packed lunch prepared at home and brought into school, or a school dinner. All early years and key stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal each day. Please let us know if your child has any other dietary restrictions or requirements.
- Packed lunches should support our school's healthy eating policy. Please note that our school is a '**nut free**' zone which means that all types of nuts are banned. Also note that FIZZY DRINKS / SWEETS / CHOCOLATE are not allowed in school lunches.
- **Snacks:** Children will receive a FREE PIECE OF FRUIT or HEALTHY SNACK during the day.
- **Drinks:** Children should bring a water bottle to school everyday – remembering that no fizzy drinks or squash are allowed. We can also provide **milk** for the afternoon which you will need to **sign up for**. More information on how to do this is in your pack.



Reception Baseline Assessment

- This is a statutory assessment for all reception children in the country, covering Literacy, Communication & Language and Maths. It comprises short, practical activities for the children to complete with their teacher. The children will not be aware that they are completing an assessment and it is not something that they can prepare for in advance, so please do not worry!
- It is used to measure progress between entering reception and leaving year 6 and you will receive a summary of your child's assessment during the Autumn term.

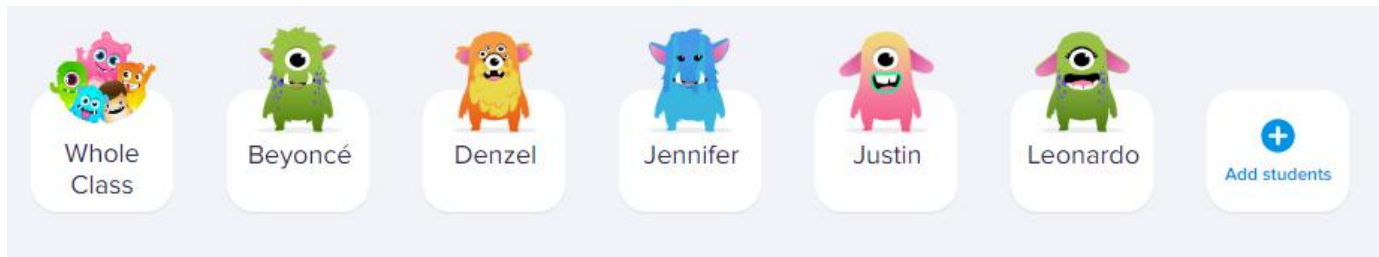


Learning Journeys and Tapestry

- Throughout the year, staff will record your child's learning in a few different ways.
- The work that your child completes independently will be placed on our wow wall and kept for you to take home at the end of the year so you can see how they have progressed.
- Pictures will be taken of your child engaged in activities using Tapestry. You will be able to see these online and see which area of the curriculum they are working towards.
- We also have learning journeys. These are books that will contain 1:1 or small group work with your child.
- All of these will form a unique record of your child's learning and development. It will contain samples of work, photographs and staff observations. These folders enable staff to track your child's progress and attainment, and also plan future activities.

Class Dojo

- At Beck Row Primary Academy we use Class Dojo to communicate with you but also as a rewards system.
- You can download the app or use the desktop version. You will receive a registration code to be able to connect to the school once you have created a login.
- You will be able to see what we have been doing as a whole class, a while school and be able to message me directly.
- Children are able to earn Dojo points for good behaviour and learning.
- There is also a portfolio area where you can upload pictures of work that you are doing at home and where I can send your child work to carry out.



Helping Your Child to Settle

These are a few ways that you can prepare your child for the first few weeks at school:

- Ensure that they can dress and undress themselves - especially on PE days!
- Help them to master basic cutlery skills.
- Think about packaging in lunchboxes, for example, yoghurt tubes can be tricky to open.
- Help them to be independent with their toileting skills.
- Encourage them to sit and listen to stories.
- Help them to develop the confidence to communicate with new people.
- Practise sharing and taking turns.



Home Learning

- **We want every child to be able to read when they leave reception BUT, we need your help** – We encourage children to read at home at least 5 minutes every day.
- Research suggests children who engage in regular reading sessions at home tend to have better language acquisition, vocabulary, phonics skills, comprehension, and reading motivation compared to those who do not have the same opportunities.
- The first set of books your child will bring home will be picture books that do not have any print. You will find some questions to ask your child in the back of the book but you can ask things like, tell me what you can see? What animal is this? What noise does it make etc.



Health

- **Health:** Staff need to be aware of your child's medical background, in particular any allergies (e.g. bee stings, dairy food), any dietary restrictions (e.g. vegetarian or Halal) and any medical conditions that are important for us to know (e.g. asthma or eczema).
- Children can suddenly become ill and therefore it is important that we know we can contact you or another adult relative/friend at all times. It is useful if your emergency contact lives near to school, so it may be more appropriate to choose a friend instead of a family member for us to contact if we cannot reach you.
- Please ensure that the school is kept up to date with your contact details. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please telephone the school office to let us know.



Any Questions?

We hope that this presentation is useful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

We aim to ensure that your children's experience in Beck Row Primary Academy is a happy and rewarding one. We look forward to working with both you and your children.



