



Beckingham Primary School

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“Ensuring every child succeeds and THRIVES becoming a life-long learner, prepared for the world of tomorrow”
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Dear Parents/Carers,

An Update

Welcome back to the start of the second half of this busy, summer term. Last term saw so much including residentials and SATs for KS1 and KS2 and this term brings Sport's Day, the Summer Fayre and the sad celebration of wishing our Year 6 children well, as they head off to their new schools.

We have had a great first week back in school and the children have been busy settling back into their routines. The children are enjoying using the field a lot more in the lovely weather. As the forecast continues to be sunny and indicates more hot days, please ensure your child has a water bottle and sun hat with them and has sunscreen applied so they can be safe outside.

This letter is just a brief communication to set out the plans for the upcoming term and to keep you in the loop about the upcoming half term, as it is always so busy.

Sport's Day

This year, we are trialing something different. Having completed my first Sport's Day at Beckingham, last year, it was so wonderful to observe how busy and well attended it was. Sadly, this year we have already had to change the date of the event as Retford Oaks have arranged their transition week for the same time.

This year, as communicated previously, we look to welcome parents from 10am on Friday 30th June until finish. We have moved to trial running the event on a morning for a number of reasons:

- Last year, it was incredibly hot in the afternoon and by carrying out the event in the morning, this will be cooler for the children.
- We have more adults available to support the event on a morning, than we do over an afternoon.
- We plan to invite families to remain with their children, after the event, and utilise the field for a picnic lunchtime/afternoon.

We hope that by trialing the event this way, we are able to create the opportunity for an occasion, which will allow you to create lasting memories for you and your children for years to come – picnic baskets in hand! More information to follow!

Governors

Following on from our parent governor elections last half-term, we were fortunate in receiving one application for the role of parent governor at Beckingham. As the applicant stood unopposed, we welcome Mrs. Jeffery, with immediate effect, into the position. Mrs. Jeffery and her three girls (Heidi, Ada and Elsie) are new to BPS from last term, and we warmly welcome them into the BPS family.

Our Governing Body is now made up of the following members: Dr. Anna Scott (Chair), Michelle Oughton (Vice-Chair), Judith Laurie, Louise Simmonds, Chris McGhie, Victoria Jeffery and Mrs. Shaw. Should you ever need to contact any of the Governing Body, please contact Dr. Scott (ascott@beckingham.notts.sch.uk) or for Safeguarding concerns Judith Laurie (jlaurie@beckingham.notts.sch.uk). Further information about the governors is available via the school website.

Leaver's Service & Disco

Following the success of the Leaver's Service and Disco last year, we plan to keep the way by which both events run the same.



The **Leaver's Disco** will take place on the field (weather dependent) from **5pm until 7pm on Friday 14th July**. All children are invited to attend to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. There is no requirement for parents to remain with their children over this time. The cost of each ticket will be £4, available from the school office. The ticket price includes snacks and unlimited squash.

The **Leaver's Service** will take place on **Friday 21st July** (our last day) from 2pm at All Saints Church, Beckingham. We once again invite the whole school community to attend this event as we bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils and celebrate the successes of this academic year. Once again, we continue the tradition at Beckingham Primary School that the Year 6 Leavers depart via the old school gate, through a 'Guard of Honour'/Corridor of children once they have returned to school.

Shirt Signing

It is a rite of passage in every school that the children get the chance to have their shirts signed on the last day of term - and something I very much encourage (as I still have mine!). Please can I ask, that as it is also the Leaver's Service on the last day, that Year 6 children bring a clean t-shirt for the final service. As a special gesture from the BPS team, the children will also be receiving autograph books to collect messages from their friends and staff.

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre will be taking place once more on the school field on Monday 17th July from 3pm until 5pm. There will be a range of games for you to take part in including the return of the coconut shy, tin-can alley, hook a duck and hoopla. We also plan to offer a raffle and tombola on this day too. A **non-uniform day** has been planned on **Friday 7th July** to collect items for both the raffle and tombola. Access to the school site on the day will be via the main school gates on The Limes.

Reports

After a very busy year, the staff at BPS have been industriously writing the children's end of year reports. We plan for you to receive your **child's end of year report** from **Friday 14th July**. A text will be sent to notify you of their departure. If you require two copies of your child's report, do not hesitate to contact the office

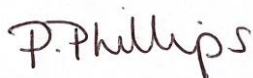
Dates for 2023-24

Several of you have been asking for next year's dates so I thought I would quickly inform you of these dates so that you can begin to arrange holidays/childcare.

Activity	Date
Children return after the Summer break	Wednesday 6th September 2023
Last Day before the October half-term	Friday 20th October 2023
Children return from the October half-term	Tuesday 7th November 2023
Last Day before the Christmas break	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Children return from the Christmas break	Thursday 4 th January 2024
Last Day before the February half-term	Friday 9 th February 2024
Children return from the February half-term	Monday 19 th February 2024
Last Day before the Easter break	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Children return from the Easter break	Monday 15 th April 2024
Last Day before the May half-term	Friday 24 th May 2024
Children return from the May half-term	Monday 3 rd June 2024
Last Day of Summer term	Friday 26 th July 2024

As always, thank you for your continued support and should you have any questions I am always happy to speak to you.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Phillips