



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,

A year in review

I cannot believe that another year has almost ended at Beckingham, in what has been my second year as the proud head teacher of Beckingham. As always, we continue to provide the highest quality of provision and care for your children and, like last year, I wanted to report on some of these areas as we go on to ask for your feedback once more.

Safeguarding & well-being of the children

As a school, we continue to ensure that all pupils at Beckingham feel safe, as pupils who feel safe make happy learners. In the Spring Term, I met with the children and discussed how safe they felt at school and which areas of school they felt the least safe. The children were able to articulate that as a school we teach them how to be safe, both in and outside of school through a number of areas. Some of these included:

- First Aid training for Year's 5 and 6 (Mini-medics);
- Water safety training – through swimming lessons and external visitors;
- Through our robust PSHE and RSE curriculum – Jigsaw – which educates the pupils around healthy relationships and choices;
- Bikeability and road safety training;
- Through our DAaRT and Web Warriors programme through Life Skills Education;
- Firework safety visits from the Fire Service;
- Visits from the police to talk about knife crime and anti-social behaviour;
- Science lessons, which teach how to live a healthy lifestyle; and,
- Regular fire drills to know how to react whenever there was a fire.

It is unsurprising, given the feedback, that 100% of the pupils [FS2 to Year 6] felt that they were encouraged to care for their emotional and mental health at BPS and 99% of pupils felt safe when they were at school.

Feedback from the pupils was put to myself around improvements for their safety, whilst at school. Some of these included:

- When the football goes over the fence at lunchtime;
- Some of the old fences having nails exposed;
- The toilet door in the old building ‘sticking’ occasionally; and,
- Ghosts in the old building.

Aside from the potential ghosts, we have been able to act upon the children's feedback accordingly!

Behaviour and bullying

At Beckingham, we approach cases of inappropriate behaviour and bullying very seriously. As a school, we take a positive approach to behaviour management and make attempts to celebrate the successes of pupils for their good behaviour choices and swiftly deal with any incidents of pupil dispute. As a team and head teacher, we are unafraid to ensure the safety and well-being of pupils through a consistent approach to the whole-school behaviour policy – sometimes resulting in suspensions or even a more permanent approach to ensuring the highest of standards pupil behaviour. The children [all pupils from FS2 to Y6] again acknowledged this positive work:

- 48% of pupils answered that bullying does not happen at Beckingham;
- 46% of pupils stated that when instances occur teachers are really good at resolving it; and,
- 5% of children stated that when it happens teachers are good at resolving it.

Clubs and Activities

We continue to offer a range of wider curriculum opportunities for our children, as well as delivering the full range of subjects set out in the National Curriculum, and this year has been no exception. Some of these have included:

- A continued offer of a wraparound care provision for all children (including a reduced rate over the winter months). Each night having a particular focus including crafting, cooking and gardening;
- Spanish club every Monday, led by a qualified secondary languages teacher;
- A number of sports clubs, including football and netball coaching on a Tuesday, multi-sports on a Wednesday and Martial Arts on a Thursday;
- A competitive football league for pupils, through the Schools FA Cup or through links with Gainsborough Trinity;
- Specialist teaching through links with Gainsborough Trinity, Jo Jingles, Retford Gymnastics and the music service (Ukulele and Violin lessons for KS2 pupils);
- The Year 5 and 6 residential to PGL (with a Year 3 and 4 residential coming in 2023-24);
- Maths and STEM opportunities with QEHS;
- Educational visits (Pantomime, Gainsborough Old Hall, Play Avenue, Magna and The Collection),
- A school choir and Young Voices; and,
- Other after school events such 'Onesie Upon a time...' and discos.

Communication and parental engagement

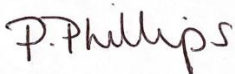
At Beckingham, we value the support you offer your children and how you relish the opportunities to create memories with them. This year we have increased these opportunities, offering a wide spectrum of opportunities for you to come into school to support your children and to find out more about your children's learning. Some of these have included:

- Parent workshops for RSE, SATs, EYFS and Phonics;
- Stay and play opportunities for parents to attend in FS2 with their children to engage in pupil learning;
- Christmas and Easter craft events;
- Christingle and Harvest Festival at All Saint's Church;
- The Christmas and Summer Fayre;
- Parent's evenings and half-termly progress reports;
- An open door policy from staff through facilitating regular meetings with parents for pupils to discuss concerns and achievement, as well as regular meetings for children with SEND needs;
- Mother's and Father's Day lunch;
- The Coronation and Sport's Day picnic; and,
- Updates via letter, Dojo, Facebook, text message or Facebook.

Naturally, we are an ever-evolving school and I continue to take your feedback seriously – ensuring any suggestions be acted upon, to ensure that Beckingham continues to be a place where every pupils THRIVES, through consultation with the school community [pupils and parents]. As always, I welcome your feedback and suggestions for improvement next year – we all want Beckingham to be the best school it can be. Please do take the time to complete the attached parent questionnaire, and should you have any suggestions for further development and improvement, please use the space on the back of the questionnaire to share this.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful summer break,

Yours faithfully,



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