

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School.

Happy New Year! Welcome back to another busy term at Beeston Primary School. I have enjoyed catching up with the children this week to find out about their Christmas holidays and their New Year's resolutions.

Thank You.

A big thank you to all the families who supported our many Christmas productions last term. The children were brilliant! Thanks also to the parents who turned out, in the freezing cold weather, to listen to our children sing at the Beeston Lantern Festival. Congratulations to Friends of Beeston for organising another successful annual raffle. They sold 1100 tickets which raised £1100 for our children. Thank you everyone!

Staff News

Welcome back to Mrs. Sleet, who has returned to school after her maternity leave. She is taking over from Miss Farrington, in Year 1, who starts her maternity leave today.

We are currently advertising for an Admin Assistant for our school office – please see Leeds City Council's website for further information. This post is to replace Miss Padgett who left at the end of last term.

Healthy Snacks in School.

Well done to Mrs. Knowles who successfully put in a bid and application to the National Schools' Breakfast Programme, which aims to provide a healthy snack to all school children.

We will shortly be awarded the funding to set up Year Group Bagel Bars at break time to provide toasted bagels for free for all of our children. These will be freshly baked on site.

We have been awarded this grant until March 2020, when it will be reviewed nationally.

Again, this is another great example of why Beeston Primary School is one of the best schools in Leeds!

Pupil Attendance.

I am pleased to inform everyone that pupil attendance for last term (September to December 2018) was at 97%. This is excellent news. Furthermore, the number of children who are collected from school late on a regular basis, has reduced significantly since we have introduced a fine/penalty system for repeat offenders.

Your cooperation with school is always appreciated and ensures a happy place for all!

Leading Schools.

As well as being the Headteacher of our lovely school, I am also a Local Leader in Education (LLE), supporting other schools within the Leeds area. This generates a lot of money for Beeston Primary School and ensures that we have more than the average amount of teaching assistants working with your children.

In order to fulfil my LLE duties the Governing Body release me from Beeston for up to two days a week.

Rest assured this does not impact negatively on my duties of being Headteacher here, and it allows for Mrs. Tidey and Mrs. White to act up during my absence.

I am currently supporting Sharp Lane Primary School in Middleton, until July 2019.

If you have any questions about my role then please pop and see me when I am out on the playgrounds in the mornings.

School Clubs

The school club menu of activities and 'sign up' letters will be going out shortly for this term. Again, there will be a wide variety of lunchtime and after school activities plus many SATs booster groups (Sorry Year 6!). Once you receive your clubs letter, please make sure you return any reply slips ASAP as we operate a 'first come, first served' basis for pupil attendance.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Best wishes,
Mr. Edensor
(Headteacher)

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15th January

Choir to attend 'Young Voices' in Sheffield.

Monday 21st January

Year 3 'Portal to the Past' Stone Age workshops in school.
FS2 to visit the local library.

Tuesday 22nd January

6RM visit to Armley Mills.

Wednesday 23rd January

6JT and 6ZP visit to Armley Mills.

Year 5 visit to Leeds Beckett University.

After school competition 'Road to Wembley City Finals' day.

Thursday 24th January

'Rock Steady' music workshops in the school for all children.

Thursday 31st January

5JH and 5MA waterworks visit.

Friday 1st February

5LC waterworks visit.

Monday 4th February

Contractors 'Newby Leisure' to start Key Stage 1 playground refurbishment.

Monday 11th February

Growth Mindset Week. Various activities and workshops led by Mrs. Tidey. More details to follow for parents to attend. 'Made with Music' visitors and workshops for all children to attend.

Tuesday 12th February

Day 2 of the 'Made with Music' visitors and workshops for children.

Friday 15th February

End of half term.