

Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN "Engage, Enjoy, Enrich, Excel"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer, making memories with your families. It's a joy to welcome both familiar faces and new families to our community.

Already, the school year has begun on a high note. This week I have visited every class and it's wonderful to see a real sense of calm and purpose across the school. Our pupils and staff are settling seamlessly into their roles and routines – what a confident start to the term!

We ended last year on a real high, celebrating some of our best SATs results in years. This exceptional outcome reflects both the determination of our pupils and the dedication of our staff. It was a proud moment for our whole community and lays a brilliant foundation for the year ahead.

Over the summer, a lot of building work was completed. Various classrooms now feature new external windows and doors that brighten and freshen the spaces. Parts of the school have been freshly painted, and in Key Stage 1, new carpets have made learning areas more comfortable and welcoming. Children are really enjoying their improved learning environments.

We're also delighted to launch OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) lunchtimes to enrich play and social time. Over the break, we installed a huge sandpit, a mud kitchen, new seating arrangements, a bugs' hotel exploration area, and a craft corner. These spaces offer so many ways for children to explore, create, and connect – and this is just the beginning! Throughout the year, more play areas will open to all children, nurturing their natural curiosity and love of discovery.

We are especially excited to introduce a brand-new Headteacher Award. Every pupil will have the opportunity to earn weekly tokens through positive effort, achievements, or contributions. Tokens will go into a half-termly prize draw for each year group. Winning pupils will receive a 'magic' coin to use on our new book vending machine. This idea is inspired by the recent initiative from the San Francisco 49ers Foundation, who donated the book machine to our school to inspire a lifelong love of reading. Each winning pupil will not only get to use the coin to select a book from the machine – making reading feel like an exciting, celebrated experience. They will also have the special opportunity to read the book with me before taking it home to keep. It's a wonderful way to celebrate effort and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Here's to a joyful, creative, and successful year ahead!

Best wishes,

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