



Dear Parents/Carers

It's a very wet Friday morning as I write this section of the newsletter; hello Autumn! Despite the weather, we have had a very positive start to the new school year and learning across the school is in full flow. We have had a few visitors to school, and all have commented on the real buzz in classrooms where children are fully engaged in their learning.

There is a special menu on offer on Thursday this week for Census Day. The menu was sent out last week and I have attached it again, to this email. School lunches continue to be FREE for all children. If your child usually brings in a packed lunch from home, why not use this special menu day as a time for your child to try a school lunch. By doing so, you will also be helping our school as the government work out part of next year's funding based on how many children eat on this day. Thank you for your support.

Marie Ziane (Headteacher)



Schools are required to publish term dates for the next academic year. Please see the website for our school term dates for 2025/26.

Achievements

Attendance

Current Attendance from the start of the school year is **93.74%** (our target is 97%)

Best Class 	4WH (98.33%)
2 nd Place	4P (97.00%)
3 rd Place	1L (96.285%)
Class that needs to improve	RA (84.20%)

Fundraising/Whole School Events

International Peace Day

A big thank you to all families and staff who wore white in support of peace on Friday 20th September and donated to this event and made it a big success. We raised **£269.72!**

Thank you!

Change4Change Team



Harvest Festival October 2024

Thank you in advance for your donations for our Harvest Festival. We know times are hard for everyone at the moment and your generosity is very much appreciated.

Our harvest collection this year will be given to **St Thomas Church** who run a Food Pantry for families in need.



Tesco Stronger Starts

is supporting the new Becontree Community-Linked Library project (starting soon in our playground).

We are saving for new furniture and equipment to help us all enjoy the new building and amazing books we have to share.

Look out for the little blue discs in your local Tesco store from October 2024 until mid January 2025.



School Improvement Plan Updates

Relationships and collaboration (pupils, parents and staff)



Our school motto of **"Respecting One Another"** and our shared vision for **"Effective home/school and community partnerships"** are very important to us. Although we already do a lot in support of these two things, we know we can do better because we have a growth mindset!

We need your help to be even more successful. That's why we will be asking, throughout the year, for your time to join us in planning and delivering a range of in-school activities. We are starting with our **Black History Month** after school event on **Wednesday 16th October**. If you can cook some food or spare some time to plan and set up a range of activities for children and families to enjoy, please speak to Jackie (Parent Support Adviser). Thank you.

Together, we can achieve more

Maths

Last year, we successfully introduced a new maths scheme called **Ark Maths Mastery**. As part of the mastery approach, children used more manipulatives, such as place value counters, in their lessons. This helped them develop a deeper understanding of the maths concepts being taught. We also encouraged more opportunities for children to discuss maths ideas in the lessons.

This year, we are going to develop that further. We want to make sure that children are explaining concepts clearly using the correct mathematical vocabulary.

Teaching and learning in Maths (continued from last year)



Language and Communication/Oracy

As part of our school's vision to ensure that children become **effective communicators**, we are focussing on the development of children's oracy as part of the school improvement plan this year. This will continue some of the work we started last year developing better learning collaboration and randomised weekly learning partners.

Regular opportunities to have conversations with your children at home, are very important to develop their oracy skills. The Home Learning Booklets on the website contain information regarding the national curriculum expectations for language and communication, and also set out a list of suggested activities parents/carers could be doing to support their child's oracy development.

<https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.com/home-learning-booklets/>

Oracy





Other Achievements



Ali most certainly had a busy and successful summer! A medal and certificate for participation in cricket and a "Penguin Team" win too along with a swimming badge and certificate!

Our Reception classes entered the **"Me and My Family"** Art Competition in July, where they drew themselves or family members. As a result, their work will be published in a book. Children have received certificates and stickers and Becontree will receive an art set and a copy of the book. Great work, Reception!



We love to celebrate children's achievements outside of school. Send in your stories and photos to be featured in the next newsletter!

Language of the Term

This term's language is **Bengali**.



Click these links to learn some **greetings** and **general words** in Bengali.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJ34xfoHJC8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NszS092FHSS>

Online Safety

This half term, all year groups have been learning about the importance of online safety. They have been taught and reminded of the SMART rules on how to stay safe online.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/be-smart-online/>

Please make sure you are aware of what content your children are viewing online. You can read more information on how to keep your children safe and report harmful content at

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>



Meet our Governors

I am excited to be leading the school's governing body again this year, as the Chair. I am pleased to let you know that Richard Puttnam has recently been appointed as Vice-Chair. We both look forward to serving our Becontree community along with our wonderful team of governors. You can find information about the governing body in the "Meet the Team" section of the school's website.

Governors want the very best for the children and families at Becontree. Each year, governors attend meetings and visit the school to meet with children and staff.

This year, as part of the School Improvement Plan, we want to be more visible at whole school events so that we can engage more with parents/carers. We look forward to meeting everyone throughout the year.

Hannah Hamid (Chair of Governors)



WHAT'S NEXT?



Black History Month Carnival

We will be taking part in a range of black history month activities in school from the 7th October. On **Wednesday 16th October**, parents/carers will be invited to attend a parade at the end of the school day followed by a carnival event.



Communication



Over 30% of parents/carers already use our communication APP. We aim to have the majority signed-up by the end of December.

Don't miss out on Newsletters, notices about after-school clubs, trips and events, photo day and more!

Sign-up today – it is FREE!
Please contact the school office if you need help.

Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings

Parent Teacher consultations will be taking place on **Monday 21st October** and **Wednesday 23rd October**.

Sign-up sheets will be made available in the school playground at the start and end of the day from the 7th October.

If you prefer, you can also contact the school office to book a slot, from this date.

Please remember...

LBD ONLINE School Admissions <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

[Applying for a Reception place for your child for 2025](#)

We will be sending out Information on how to make an ONLINE application for your child to start school in September 2025, when we return after the half term break.

[Applying for a Secondary School Place for 2025](#)

The deadline for submitting your application is 31st October 2024.

. This is an ONLINE application only.

If you need any help with this, please see our PSA, Jackie Moldrich

Recycle Week

Recycle Week is an annual national event that aims to encourage people to recycle more and avoid unnecessary waste. Our Eco committee will be encouraging families to take part in a project over the half term. Information will be shared in a school assembly and a flyer will be sent home just before the half term.



Remember to check out the **Themes and Events Overview** for other activities next term.