

Becontree Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back to Becontree for the start of the new school year. I hope you all enjoyed a great summer break. We saw today that your children are refreshed and ready for what's to come.

Sadly, tensions in communities across the country tarnished the summer for many people following the Southport attack that led to the tragic death of three young children. In the words of the Education Secretary: ***"These events are a deeply powerful reminder of the importance of education – to help people tell truth from lies, encounter and understand those from different backgrounds, and grow strong and inclusive values. We want to continue to work with you to make your schools and colleges positive, safe and welcoming places as students and staff return this month."***

With our school motto of **Respecting One Another** at the heart of everything we do, I am confident that we will continue our strong home/school and community partnerships over the coming year.

Detailed below is information about some key areas of focus for us as a school during this academic year. Thank you for your feedback in July that has helped to formulate some of our priorities. As we start a new school year, as always, we are happy to hear your views about what's going well and where we could improve further.

Marie Ziane (Headteacher)



Parent Consultation Feedback

Relationships

We were very pleased to read that 95% of parent/carers told us that they have positive relationships with school leaders and staff.

Responses about positive relationships amongst parents/carers were lower and an area we would like to develop this year.

Communication

We were pleased to find out that the majority of parents/carers feel that communication is effective between home and school through the use of text messages, emails and the school website.

Last minute communication was raised as a concern by a few parents and we have already amended some communication systems that will hopefully improve this.

Collaboration

We were happy to read that you feel that we have a number of school and community events in place that children and families enjoy.

We have taken into account your ideas for other celebrations we can organise. These will be built into our programme over the next two years.

School Improvement Priorities

Every year, we develop many areas of our school. Areas that are given the highest priority become part of our **School Improvement Plan**. This year, we have a focus on 4 main areas of our work. Throughout the year, we hope to work collaboratively with you in relation to each area.

Relationships and collaboration (pupils, parents and staff)



Teaching and learning in Maths (continued from last year)



Developing children's language and communication skills



Making sure our school site enables us to provide high quality education for ALL children



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Watch this Space ...

A taster of some things that are on their way to you over the next few days. Please look out for them as they will include important information for you about the school year.

Themes and Events Overview

We have updated our [Themes and Events Overview](#) for this year in response to suggestions from parents/carers. It will be published by the end of this week; circulated via email and a copy saved on the school website. It includes key dates for whole school events for the whole of the school year.

To ensure you receive important information about events that are taking place, we will also include some further detail on each year group's [Curriculum Information letter](#). Hopefully this will ensure you receive information in advance of events and avoid a last-minute rush for you.

Curriculum Information Letter

At the beginning of every half term, general information for each year group is shared via an email but also saved on the school website. This includes information about daily organisation, home learning expectations and key events and dates coming up. From year 1 to 6 it also includes some suggested activities to do with children at home, linked to the work they do in class.

<https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.com/curriculum/>

Attendance Newsletter

You may have heard that the government have made changes to when Local Authorities will issue a penalty notice in relation to irregular school attendance.

Mrs Stock will be sending out an Attendance Newsletter in the next couple of weeks which will outline all the changes, so please watch out for this.

School Lunch Menu

In response to parental request, parents/carers are now able to access a school menu with pictures to show what the meals might look like. This can be found here:

[School Menu/School Grid | Becontree Primary School](#)

School Grid are looking to see if pictures can be put on the APP to make it even easier. Please watch this space for any updates!



Our first community event of this school year will be celebrating **Black History Month**.

We would like some support from parents/carers to help us to plan an after-school event for all of our school community to enjoy that celebrates black history and culture.

If you can help, please speak to Jackie Moldrich, our Parent Support Adviser for more information.

Help us to keep you updated

As a school, we are using the **Groupcall Xpressions APP** for communicating key messages with parents/carers.

Many of you already use the APP but we need all parents/carers to sign up and use it.

Please contact the school office if you need help.



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