



Co-op Academy
Beckfield

Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

Dates for your Diary

W/c 11 th December 2017	Christmas Class Parties
Tue 12 th December 2017	Year 3 & Year 4 trip to Leeds City Museum
Fri 15 th December 2017	Whole School Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 15 th December 2017	School closes for Christmas
Wed 3 rd January 2018	School Re-opens
Mon 15 th January 2018	Deadline for Primary School Applications for children starting Reception class in September 2018

Academy Update – our New Name

As from 1st December 2017, we are now called Co-op Academy Beckfield, new exterior signs will appear in the New Year. We will keep you up-dated during this exciting time!

Staffing

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Chadwick (Year 3 Teacher) and Mrs Wright (Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant). We thank them very much for all their hard work and we're sure you'll join us in wishing them well for the future. Our new appointments for January are: Miss Robinson (Year 3 Teacher) she's been in school yesterday and today and has introduced herself to parents. Mr Williamson (Year 5 Teacher) and Mrs Jakes (Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant).

Children in Need

We raised £181.46 for Children in Need. Thank you so much for your kind donations.

Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

All children have been invited to have a school Christmas dinner on Friday 15th December. If your child would like one but hasn't already ordered, please see Miss Durn in the office. The meal costs £2.40 (it's free if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and 2 or if you entitled to free school meals). Remember, if your child is having a school dinner on Friday and they normally have sandwiches, don't send them with a packed lunch!

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on Friday 15th December (there will be no charge for this).

Bad Weather

In case of extreme weather, you will receive a text from school, please check your phone for messages. If we don't have your up to date phone number, we will be unable to contact you, make sure you let school know when you change your number. The children still play out in winter, so please make sure they are dressed appropriately in a warm coat, waterproof footwear, hat, scarf and gloves.

Supervision Responsibilities – Before and After School

The school gate to the main playground opens at 8.30am for parents/carers and children. Children will need to be supervised by parents/carers before school starts at 8.45am. The Pastoral Team will be in the playground from 8.40am. At the end of the day there will be supervision by school staff between 3.00pm – 3.10pm. After this time there will be no supervision for children in the playground. Additionally there will be no supervision for children playing on any playground equipment before and after school. This will also apply to any siblings or children who don't attend our school. This notice is given as a disclaimer and is in the interests of the Health & Safety of the children.

Punctuality & Attendance

Please note that the doors to allow children into school on a morning open at 8.45am. The doors will close at 8.55am and in the interests of safety the main gate through to the playground will be locked at 8.55am. Any children who arrive after 8.55am are classed as late and must sign in through the main entrance. It is very important that children attend school every day on time. If your child is ill, please phone school on 01274 662363 and leave a message. If you don't call in on the day your child is unwell, the absence may be unauthorised. School will contact parents/carers on the first day of absence if there has been no contact.

We all have to work together on improving attendance as this has a huge impact on children's learning.

Attendance figures

Our school
attendance
target is
96%

Class	W/C 13th November 2017
Reception	94.8%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	96.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.6%

Classes who achieve 96% or over receive an extra playtime.

AUTUMN TERM ATTENDANCE PRIZES

We are running an incentive, again next term, to improve attendance in school. At the end of this term, any child who has had 99% attendance (or above) will be entered into a prize draw (to be drawn out at random) prizes to be confirmed.

Every child will have a chance to win if they come to school each day. Attendance is paramount to learning, please ensure your child attends school as each day lost will have an impact on their learning.

Following our recent Ofsted Report, the local authority have stated we need to improve our attendance. When a child's attendance falls below 95%, the case may be passed to Leeds City Council and legal proceedings may follow.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

