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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone! It has been so great to see you all this week, we missed you! The children look so smart in their uniforms, thank you for supporting us by ensuring children arrive at school on time with everything they need.

Just a reminder, the school day starts at **8:45am** and children should be in their classrooms by this time. Family breakfast is open everyday in the school hall from **8:15am**. Here is some useful information to make note of...

If at any time during the school year you have any queries or concerns please see your child's class teacher in the first instance. Each phase also has a team leader, who is part of the Leadership Team. They are also available to answer any queries or concerns.

Mrs Hobin: Early Years
Ms Lees: Key Stage One (Years 1&2)
Mrs Fitzpatrick: Lower Key Stage Two (Years 3&4)
Mrs Baldry: Upper Key Stage Two (Years 5&6)

Should you wish to discuss anything further please make an appointment to see either **Mrs Saddington** (Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Lead) or **Mrs McCarthy** (Headteacher). For pastoral concerns, speak to **Mrs Whittle** and for attendance, please see **Mrs Craig**.

Please make sure that your child's uniform and PE kits are clearly labelled to avoid confusion.

School Information Management System



Hopefully, you received a message regarding the school's adoption of a new information system, Arbor, earlier this week. As is often the case, there have been a few snagging problems which we have been working to resolve. The new system has a parent app which will allow you greater access to your own information. For example, you will be able to change details such as phone numbers without having to come into the office. Arbor will be the portal for most communications with school, including booking meals, clubs, parent evening slots and for payments. We will continue with TrackIt lights for supporting our behaviour policy. We will send a message as soon as the app is available to download. Thanks for your patience as we work with the company to get things right.

Site Safety

Please help us to maintain a safe environment. Riding bikes and scooters on site is not permitted at the start or end of the school day—this applies to children and adults. Please ensure that you dismount before entering the premises. Once you have collected your child at the end of the day, you are responsible for their supervision. The trim trail on the playing field is suitable for children from year 3 upwards—please do not encourage younger children to use it. In this school we treat others with dignity and respect—failure to do so will result in a bar from the premises.

There is a parent Code of Conduct on the website <https://primarysite-produced.s3.amazonaws.com/beece-hill-community-primary-school/UploadedDocument/bbfc5ceb-8bd4-45ca-b997-93ceebaa046a/parent-code-of-conduct.pdf>

STAY SAFE

WIGAN WARRIORS OFFER

This year the Competence Team at Wigan Warriors will be coming into school to offer free weekly adult learning workshops which will start at the end of September. Take a look at the link for more information or see Mrs Foster in the top building. Dates to follow.

<https://beece-hill-community-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/stream/news/ull/1/-/>

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13.09.24—UKS2 Getting to know you meeting (followed by meeting re Willersley Castle)
24.09.24—Year 2 trip to Liverpool
25.09.24—Year 1 trip to Liverpool
30.09.24—Y6 residential at Willersley Castle w/b 14.10.24—Parent Conferences
18.10.24—School finishes for half term



ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at school is important so that pupils can maximise their educational opportunities. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, this is classed as persistent absenteeism.

The national framework for good attendance will have significant implications for families. From the start of this year, families who have ten or more unauthorised absences (5 days) within a 12 week period will be issued with an Education Penalty Notice (EPN). From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be **£80 if paid within 21 days**, or **£160 if paid within 28 days**. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012. The fine applies to each parent and each child. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

To ensure good school attendance, medical appointments should be arranged outside of school hours. Absences relating to genuine illness must be supported by medical evidence such as; a copy of the prescription, the label from the medication with your child's name on it or a stamped appointment card or letter. We will not authorise absences for birthday celebrations, shopping, looking after younger siblings or holidays.

The school is keen to support parents in ensuring children attend school every day. If you would like any advice or support, please talk to Mrs Whittle or Mrs Craig.

From the table below, you can see how many days your child will have missed according to their attendance percentage for the academic year.

What you can expect from school:





School Term Dates 2024-2025

| AUTUMN TERM 2024 | |
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| Staff INSET day | Monday 2nd September |
| School opens and term begins | Tuesday 3 rd September |
| HALF TERM | Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October |
| School re-opens | Monday 28 th October |
| School closes for Christmas | Friday 20 th December |
| SPRING TERM 2025 | |
| Staff INSET day | Monday 6th January |
| School opens and term begins | Tuesday 7 th January |
| HALF TERM | Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February |
| School re-opens | Monday 24 th February |
| School closes for Easter | Friday 4 th April |
| SUMMER TERM 2025 | |
| Staff INSET day | Monday 2nd June |
| School opens and term begins | Tuesday 22 nd April |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 5 th May |
| HALF TERM | Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May |
| School re-opens | Tuesday 3 rd June |
| School closes for Summer | Friday 18 th July |

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