



North Beckton News



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is our final newsletter before the Christmas break. I would like to use this opportunity to thank you all for making me feel so welcome in my first full term as Acting Head Teacher at North Beckton. Without exception, all the parents, staff and children have been incredibly friendly and welcoming and have made my decision to move from Curwen far easier! We have had another visit this week from our School Improvement Advisor from the Local Authority. After observing different lessons, in her report, she commented that the current strength of the school currently are:

- The consistency in curriculum delivery across year groups, in all year groups seen.
- The behaviour for learning was strong and there was good engagement and focus from the pupils.
- The pupils were confident and proud to talk about their work; they could explain the marking policy and could respond to and explain teachers' comments.

In the Spring Term, as a school, we are going to continue to focus on making sure our lessons are engaging and challenging for the children; in particular we are going to spend more time, as teachers, thinking about the afternoon lessons.

There are a number of events happening next week and it would be great to see as many of you as possible coming to watch one of our Christmas performances. Please make sure that you have got your tickets from the class teacher if you plan to come and watch, and please be reminded that it is likely to be quite busy so a 'ticket' doesn't necessarily mean a 'seat'! Don't worry, there will be lots of standing room as well!

For those that are celebrating Christmas, please enjoy and for everybody, please have a restful break and we will see the children back at 9.10am on Thursday 4th January.

Regards, Ms Alison Helm (Acting Head Teacher)



Christmas Countdown

Please discuss with your class teacher about which day your children are having their class party.

Monday 11th Dec

EYFS Christmas Concert 9.45am OR 2.15pm

Tuesday 12th Dec

KS1 Christmas Concert 9.45am OR 2.15pm

Weds 13th Dec

KS2 Christmas Concert = years 3 and 5 - 9.45am

KS2 Christmas Concert = years 4 and 6 - 2.15pm

Children's Christmas Dinner

Thurs 14th Dec

Panto Day and last day for Nursery

Friday 15th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day (donations for Richard House Hospice)

1.15pm finish

After School Clubs

The 'After School Clubs' selection letter has gone out this week. Please discuss this with your child and return it before the end of term so that we can start the clubs promptly after the holidays.

All children will be given at least one after school club, if their slip is returned on time.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term Events:

- 4th January: All children back at school.
- 19th January: 'Love of Reading' day.
- 7th February: Yr 5 Junior Citizens trip
- 27th/28th February: Parents' Evenings
- 1st March: World Book Day = Roald Dahl Theme
- 9th March: EYFS Mothers' Day celebration
- 23rd March: Sports Relief
- 19th—29th March: Places of Worship visits
- 29th March: Easter Competition
- Last day of Term
- 30th March—16th April: Easter Holidays
- 17th March: All children back in school.



A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped and attended our Christmas Fair last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying the 'festive fun'. Also a big thank you to the PTA and school Governors who put in a lot of time and effort to make this event so successful.

Collectively we raised over £800; well done!

This money will be used by the children to choose extra lunchtime equipment for the playground and also towards the pantomime which is coming into school next Thursday. All the children, from Nursery to Year 6 will have an opportunity to enjoy this treat.

An illustration of three children sitting on a purple rug and reading books. A girl with brown hair in a bun is on the left, a girl with dark curly hair is in the middle, and a boy with glasses is on the right. They are all holding open books. The background is light blue with white snowflakes. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'London Borough of Newham COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOODS'.

Winter Reading Challenge

Starts Monday 11 December to Saturday 6 January

We're challenging you to borrow and read 4 books over the Christmas holidays.

Borrow 4 books from any of Newham's 10 libraries. Get a sticker for each book completed and when you complete the challenge you will also get a certificate and will be entered into a prize draw.

1st Prize: £30 book token
2nd Prize: £20 book token
3rd Prize: £10 book token

Winners will be notified in January

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You can also visit readingagency.org.uk and take part in their online challenge.

The logo for Newham London, featuring the text 'Newham London' in a sans-serif font with a stylized red and white circular graphic element.