

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is obviously my final newsletter ahead of finishing work at North Beckton next Wednesday. It has been a fantastic 5 and 1/2 years working alongside the staff and parents of the school to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for the children. Whilst I will be sad to leave, I am doing so knowing that the school is in a great place to continue to move forward, with the support from TTLT, to provide excellent educational opportunities for all North Beckton pupils.

I am hoping to see you all at our end-of-term assemblies next week so that I can say my "goodbyes and thank-yous" in person.

For those who are celebrating, please have a lovely Christmas or a happy Chanukah; for everyone, please have a restful holiday.

Regards, Ms Helm: Head Teacher

As you all know, Ms. Helm is leaving the school at the end of this term and is moving to another part of the country.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Helm for many years, having first met her at Curwen Primary back in 2006. She has always been passionate about teaching and meeting the needs of the children, ensuring that they are at the centre of everything that she does. Her hard work and leadership has meant that North Beckton is now a thriving school and she will be much missed, not only at this school but across the Trust and in Newham as a whole.

On behalf of the Trust, I would like to say a massive thank you to Ms. Helm. She will be greatly missed by us all.



Mr Paul Harris CEO, The Tapscott Learning Trust

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR END-OF-TERM CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

North Beckton End of Term Celebration Assemblies

(The children are welcome to wear Christmas/celebration clothes on both these days)

Monday 19th December 2022

Year 5 and 6	09.15- 10.15am
Nursery	AM - 11.00 (in class) PM 2.00 (in class)
Year 3 and 4	2.00-3.00pm

Tuesday 20th December 2022

Reception	09.15- 10.15am
Simmonds Class	10.45 – 11.30 (in class)
Year 1 and 2	2.00- 3.00pm

Staff changes

As is often the case at the end of a term, there are a few staff changes I would like to share with you.

Firstly, Mrs Lathigra will be retiring after 30 years of service and commitment to the children of North Beckton.

This truly is an inspiration to us all and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Mr Mackenzie and Mrs Khan have both decided to move on from North Beckton for different career reasons. We wish them all the best with their new roles. Mrs Lawrenson will be in touch with our year 6 parents in the new year so introduce the two new Year 6 teachers.

Mrs Kyriacou (Ms Badea, as was) has decided not to return to school after her maternity leave as she has now moved out of London. We also wish her all the best for the future.

We are delighted to share that Mrs Khadam will be back from her maternity leave in January and she has been into school to visit us this week, ahead of starting back at work.



Our new school choir singing at Beckton Christmas lunch.



The children do not need to wear their school uniforms next week.

Monday is either the children's Christmas parties or their end-of-term assemblies; the children are welcome to dress accordingly for these events.

Tuesday is Christmas jumper day (and the assemblies for some children and parties for others!).

Wednesday is the final day of the term!



IMPORTANT DATES

School will close for the holidays at 1.30pm on Wednesday 21st December; please come and pick your child up promptly on that day.

School will re-open for children on Tuesday January 10th at 8.40am

After school clubs and tuition will start on Monday 16th January.