



# ACADEMY UPDATE

For parents and carers

## JANUARY 2018

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you Beechwood Primary Academy school priorities for the Spring Term. These have been determined following assessments and reviews of teaching and learning at the end of the Autumn Term and aim to further develop our school's effectiveness.

Over the next two terms we will be focusing on the following:

- We will reintroduce the Behaviour Policy to all staff. A **Class Dojo behaviour/reward leaflet** will be given to all children and parents. **Golden Dojo Award slips** will be introduced for MTAs and other staff to reward good behaviour out of class. *Please remember to go online and encourage your child to win Dojo Points!*
- We have a focus on **children's independent writing**. Golden pen winners are celebrated in the Market Hall and children are encouraged to use the skills they have learnt each term in their writing. Children have new spelling books to use in class and practice their words daily.
- All **SEN children** will have Target cards on their tables and their IEP needs identified and addressed.
- **Teaching Staff will be involved in an enquiry project**, an in-depth analysis of a particular line of enquiry e.g. girls engagement with Maths in KS2. And we will ensure that maths planning focuses on groups of children who need support. Maths Mastery and children being 'fluent' in maths will be encouraged and Chinese maths teachers will be visiting Beechwood this term.
- We will focus on **improving our current attendance data of 94.6% (Target 96% +)** through addressing persistent absentees and raising the profile of attendance with children and parents. **Termly attendance awards are presented to children in assembly, with one lucky winner receiving a Kindle Fire!**
- **Nursery and Foundation will be using the Pen Pals writing programme** and daily mark making. The Reception and Nursery spaces will be opened up and developed. Reception staff will help with nursery assessment. Nursery and Foundation will use the Tapestry programme to share the children's learning with parents online.
- **The English (Mrs Rust) and Maths leads (Miss Warren)** are to spend time in EYFS, to increase their awareness of what nursery/Reception children should be able to do by the time they reach KS1.

These will be reviewed again at the end of the Spring Term and a further update will follow at the beginning of the Summer Term.

I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school and your engagement with any learning opportunities that your child undertakes. We will be sending out our annual school reports on **Wednesday 28th March** and once again there will be an opportunity for you to share your comments and discuss your child's progress further by attending one of the parent evenings, which will follow early in Term 5. These dates will be shared on the newsletter in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Nettleship', written in a cursive style.

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