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Dear Beckington families,

Autumn 2 Timetables

Over the past few weeks, staff have been reviewing our daily timetables and as a result we will be introducing some changes to the structure of the school day after half term. Although some of these changes may appear small, we believe they will have a significant impact on the quality of learning, consistency of provision across the school and, most importantly, outcomes for our children.

As a school, we are continually reflecting on our practise and asking ourselves a simple question: *how can we be the best we can be?* Through our review, we identified opportunities to create greater consistency across classes, strengthen key elements of our curriculum and ensure that children begin each day with a clear sense of purpose.

The changes are designed to:

- create calm, purposeful starts to each morning;
- ensure greater consistency in learning routines across the school;
- maximise teaching time and reduce unnecessary interruptions;
- provide additional opportunities to develop foundational skills;
- strengthen children's love of reading through daily exposure to high-quality texts.

One of the most noticeable changes will be the timing of our daily worship, which will now take place at the beginning of the school day- *10.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 9.00am on Thursdays*. Bringing the school together earlier each morning provides a calm and consistent start to the day, allowing us to reflect together, celebrate achievements, reinforce our values and strengthen our sense of community.

Teaching and learning sessions will be aligned more closely across classes. To create a more consistent experience for children as they move through the school and will help us make the most effective use of staffing and support throughout the day.

We will be increasing the time dedicated to the building blocks of future success, including, handwriting, spelling, mental arithmetic and the recall of key knowledge. These skills underpin success across the wider curriculum, and regular practice is essential in helping children become confident and fluent learners.

Perhaps the most exciting development is the reintroduction of daily whole-class teacher reading sessions. During these sessions, teachers will read aloud high-quality texts to spark children's interest in rich reading texts. Pupils will encounter a diverse range of books, authors, themes and perspectives, in the hope that they will then select more diverse books to read themselves.

Reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. These sessions will help to build vocabulary, comprehension, curiosity and a genuine enthusiasm for books, whilst also ensuring children experience rich and varied literature throughout their time at Beckington.

As with any change, we will monitor the impact carefully and gather feedback from both staff and pupils. We will review the revised timetable during the spring term to ensure that the changes are delivering the benefits we intend. We also welcome feedback from families. Once the new routines are embedded, if you have any thoughts, questions or observations, please do get in touch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are excited about these developments and the positive impact they will have on children's learning, confidence and enjoyment of school.

Yours sincerely,



Rory McGrath
Headteacher

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<u>Robins</u>	<u>Blackbirds</u>	<u>Owls</u>