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# Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer term. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays (if somewhat a bit strange without Easter!) and are looking forward to the two Easter Bank Holiday days. We hope also that all the pupils are rested and ready for a hardworking and crucial term which features end of year assessments and pupil reports amongst many exciting and engaging activities.

We are already half way through April, but it is still a busy month in school. This week is egg and bonnets week (see article towards the front of the newsletter) which culminates in egg dumping finals before we break up for the long Easter weekend. In addition, amongst many other things we have Bingo nights THIS week, new caterers and April also sees the arrival of an incubator with hatching eggs. An 'eggciting' month all round.

We do hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful and we extend a warm welcome to the parents of the new Nursery children who start next week.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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### Egg Dumping

Children are invited to take part in an egg dumping competition THIS week in their classes, a reminder text went out last Friday about the need for each child to have a **hard boiled** hen's egg for this purpose (not duck, not dinosaur or concrete and not varnished!). Each class winner will then go through to the 'Grand Final' in Thursday morning's assembly where the 'School Champion' will be crowned.



### Easter Competitions

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to bring in eggs or bonnets that they have decorated at home in the first half of this week. Judging will take place after lunch on Wednesday. There will be prizes for the most original and they will go on display outside the classrooms.



Children in Key Stage 2 are invited to bring in **hard boiled** eggs (i.e. they will need 2, one for decorating and one for dumping) THIS week with the egg decorating competition being also judged after lunch on Wednesday.

Hopefully you will have received advance information about this by text too.

### BINGO NIGHTS

These take place THIS week- TOMORROW!! (for Foundation Stage & KS1 families) and on Wednesday (for Key stage 2 families). Families are welcome on either night we are just suggesting who could attend on each night to even up numbers. **Tickets for these events are still available from the School Office. All tickets cost £3.50 which includes a Bingo book, a hot dog and a drink)** Tickets MUST be shown on the night to receive your Bingo book (additional books will be on sale at the door priced at £1). Additionally, there will also be a 'stand up bingo' game after the interval costing £1 with a cash prize.

We hope all those who attend will have a really enjoyable evening. There are some fantastic chocolate prizes to be won.



We will be repeating the nights on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of June. Please make a note in your diary...we hope to see you there.



### Ongoing Sporting Success

The school's Multi skills team took part in an area inter school competition last half term and were worthy winners.

Our Dodgeball teams entered the local tournament and both teams made it through to the final and so we were winners and runners up!! Our Year 3 & 4 Tennis team took part in an inter school competition and did very well and were runners up.



The Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics team that qualified from the Allerdale finals represented Allerdale in the County Finals on the Wednesday of the last week of last term. The team came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams

and contributed to Allerdale being the winning borough!

Our Key Stage 2 Gymnastics team took part in the County Finals on the Thursday of the last week of last term and did incredibly well and were not far off winning the event.



The sporting success of our teams continues to be a testament to the sporting skills of our pupils, the emphasis we have in the curriculum for sport and our excellent staff PE team. It is highly unlikely any other school in the County has as many winning teams and so many teams involved in County finals! Our 'Sporting Roll of Honour' which we publish in the July newsletter will be a good read!!







## Rock Challenge

Our Rock Challenge entry really lit up the stage at the Sands Centre last month. The children all performed magnificently and their behaviour back stage was impeccable. We are all so very very proud of them.



Photos from the rehearsals are in the film and photo gallery of our web site or you can follow the QR code,

Official photos of the main event are available through Nick Scott photography and details of how to look at these &/or order them are below:

Nick Scott Photography – Official Photographs

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To place any photograph orders please click 'add to basket'

The school has ordered a complete set and some of these will be displayed in school soon.

We had an assembly congratulating all who took part towards the end of last term. We still have not received the official video. Once we have received it this will be shared in assembly and uploaded to our web site.

Whilst not winning the competition the school received 6 awards for excellence. These were for

- Choreography
- Entertainment
- Concept
- Lighting
- Visual Enhancement
- Stage Use



Finally, a REALLY BIG THANK YOU goes to Mrs Walker, Mrs Chambers and Alexandra Chambers. Without these 3 the show would not go on...we are

extremely lucky as a school to have such talented adults helping the children be the best that they can be.

## Cyclewise

Children in Year 5 and some from Year 6 had a good week at the start of March on their



bikes learning how to cycle safely.

The instructors were impressed at the enthusiasm and also the behaviour of all who participated. The results of the proficiency tests have been shared with the children and they have all achieved the second level of proficiency bar one child who couldn't take the final test because of an injury.

Children from Year 4 took part in the beginner Cyclewise training on the last day of term. Again, the instructor (a different person) was extremely impressed with the attitude and behaviour of our pupils and all passed their first level. The Year 4 children will move on to the more advanced training in Year 5.

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## Circuits

The 'Circuits Day' for this half term is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Children can come to school dressed in sports clothes.



# Governors' Board



I'm Jill and I have recently been appointed as a Local Authority governor at Beckstone. On a school governing board there should be one Local Authority governor, and I was delighted to have been appointed to this role late last year.

I work in the Governance Team at Allerdale Borough Council as the Legal and Licensing Manager and previously worked at Citizens Advice Allerdale providing money advice and housing advice for a number of years. Prior to this I worked for Children's Services in Workington and I was a Learning Support Assistant at Lakes College for a time. I was also the Secretary of the West Cumbria Credit Union in 2017/18. I have a lot of experience of working with the local community and I love to get involved in roles which improve our area. I was therefore very pleased to be asked to be a governor at Beckstone.

As a new governor, I am still learning and getting to understand how Beckstone operates and so far have only attended a handful of Governor meetings. Everyone has been very helpful and welcoming and I am very impressed with how the school is run and with the lovely atmosphere.

I attended the Governor Challenge Day and really loved meeting everyone, children and staff alike. The children were all very helpful and polite and I really enjoyed the day. I was particularly impressed with the standard of reading I witnessed and the enthusiasm that the children have for reading. I have been appointed as the Literacy Governor for Beckstone which suits me perfectly, as I have a real passion for literature and a huge love for books.

There is no more important duty than educating young people. I am developing a good understanding of the challenges faced by teachers and school leaders and as a governor I am looking forward to working with them and with our families, to ensure that our children receive the very best education we can provide.

To familiarise yourself with who the Governors of the school are please do have a look in the Governor Zone of our web site.



Hello everyone and Happy Easter! I hope you have all had a fantastic break and the children are ready to bring on the Summer Term.

There's lots going on in April, despite it being such a short month – this week alone there will be lots of Easter activities for the children to take part in, starting with the egg dumping competition, plus Easter bonnet or decorated egg competitions throughout the school – good luck everyone!! We also have our prize bingo evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, with lots of chocolate to be won, so I hope to see you there, it's always a good fun night!

A warm welcome to our newest Governor recruit Jill, who has just recently joined the Board as the Local Authority Governor. You can read all about Jill in this month's blog.

I'd like to say a huge well done to all of the children and staff that took part in Rock Challenge 2019 – you were magnificent! Not only in your performance, for which you won 6 excellence awards, but your behaviour ahead of and during the event – I have heard some very encouraging and positive things about you and it makes me very proud to be part of a school that conducts itself like we do. I often hear great feedback about the great behaviour of our pupils, particularly during special and extra-curricular events and another recent example is the Year 4 and Year 5 & 6 children who took part in Cyclewise. Well done again to all those who were involved.

Thank you to all of you that attended Parent's evenings and completed the annual Parent Questionnaire – we take your feedback seriously and really appreciate your views. If you ever have any suggestions for how we can continually improve, please don't hesitate to use the Suggestion Scheme or get in touch.

I hope everyone has a great Easter!

Vicki Martin  
Chair of Governors







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### Fitter Future

The school is investing in an online fitness training system. It can be used in class, in the Sports Hall and at wet play and lunchtimes. It can even be used at home with the family! Details about the latter use will be sent home in the near future.

The fitness programme consists of many age appropriate workouts ranging from 5 minutes up to an hour. The fitness instructor is flanked by 2 children, one who is doing an alternative easier workout for those that need it and one doing a more strenuous workout for those that want to push themselves.

We hope the children enjoy using the system and become more fitter in the process which will serve them well for the rest of their lives. We hope in time, once released for home use, it will benefit you too!



### School Meals

The school now has a new School Meal provider – Caterlink. For

those of you with children at Workington Academy you may know them already as they provide the meals there. The firm promises high quality nutritious food as well as nutritional workshops for parents, an executive chef, support for the school to grow its own produce and meal tasting sessions. It is early days, they have not yet served a meal at the school, so we will provide you with more information and their menus in the next newsletter. In Caterlink's own words:



*Caterlink are specialist caterers within schools. We're passionate about fresh, healthy food that tastes great. The right nutrients can affect everyone's mood, behaviour, health, growth and even their ability to*

*concentrate. Encouraging a well-balanced diet establishes healthy eating now and for the future.*

The great news is that we are able to keep our meal prices the same as before which makes them as cheap if not cheaper than making a packed lunch and they promise to be much more nutritious to boot as the caterer has to adhere to strict nutritional standards.

The ordering system should work along similar lines to the previous provider as they also have online ordering as well as a direct debit facility. Indeed, we may soon be able to offer the option of paying for other services such as Breakfast Club or Beckstone Xtra electronically, we will let you know more in the near future.

### Free Sports Festival

## Free Sports Festival

Saturday 18th May - 11am-4pm



Bookings are now live for our free  
 Workington Go sports event.

This is a free event that has a variety of activities taking place in Vulcan Park, Hall Park and Workington Leisure Centre throughout the day.  
 Some sessions have limited slots so book now!

Choose from street art, cheerleading, archery, panna football, crafts, games, boxing and so much more...

**BOOK NOW!**



Special thanks to Sport England and New Balance for assisting with funding for this event.

Workington Town Council have organised what promises to be an excellent sports festival for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. If you or your child(ren) would like to take part in many of the exciting sporting activities that are on offer (they are listed at the top of the next page) then Sessions can be booked at [www.visitworkington.com/workingtongo](http://www.visitworkington.com/workingtongo) by calling Workington Town Council on 01900 702986 or by following the QR code.





**Outside Archery (age 8+)**  
1 hr | Free

**Model Trains**  
3 hr | Free

**Panna Football**  
1 hr | Free



**Street Art (Graffiti)**  
(age 8+)  
1 hr | Free



**Craft Activities**  
5 hr | Free



**Cookery Demonstration**  
45 min | Free



**Boxing**  
5 hr | Free



**Indoor Archery (age 8+)**  
1 hr | Free



**Bowling**  
4 hr | Free



**Face Painting**  
5 hr | Free



**Football Coaching**  
1 hr | Free



**Racket Ball (age 8+)**  
30 min | Free



**Atlantis Inflatable**  
(age 5+)  
45 min | Free



**Cheerleading (age 5+)**  
1 hr | Free



**Sports and Games**  
3 hr | Free



**Circus Skills**  
5 hr | Free



**Snorkelling & Canoeing (age 8+)**  
1 hr | Free

## **Uniform is Compulsory!**

This is a polite reminder that all children should come to school in school uniform. The policy is:



Dark navy sweatshirt  
Sky blue polo shirt  
Dark grey or black trousers/skirt  
Dark navy gingham dress  
Dark shoes/trainers



In the run up to half term some coloured footwear and non-uniform trousers were noted. Please ensure that this is not the case with your child as we will be having some routine uniform checks in the very near future.

In addition, please note that nail varnish is not allowed to be worn in school and the **ONLY** jewellery should be stud ear-rings and watches. If you

are thinking of having your child's ears pierced please wait until the start of the summer holidays so that there is time for the ears to heal before your child would need to remove them for PE in term time.

## **New Uniform Order List**

Due to an increase in costs from the supplier the prices of some Uniform items have had to change. Uniform is sold at cost and the school is not making a profit from it. A copy of the new list and a description of what is available is on the following page.

Please remember when ordering for September please have your orders into the Office in good time so your orders will be ready before the end of term.

Please also remember that if you are eligible for free school meals then you are also eligible to receive £25 worth of clothing vouchers for each of your children. If your child receives free school meals because they are infant age it is therefore very much worth your while still applying. You are eligible if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £ 16,190. Note: From 1st May 2009 where you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to Free School Meals, this may be extended
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

If you receive working tax credits you may not be eligible for free school meals or clothing grants.

Children who receive Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

Free school meals and clothing vouchers are available to statutory school aged children attending full time education (full days only 9am to 3pm), excluding private nurseries and further education colleges.









Where possible all parents and guardians should apply online -

[https://emsonline.cumbria.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal\\_LIVE%2F](https://emsonline.cumbria.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F)

(or use the QR code) you will receive an immediate response advising you whether you are eligible or not. If you are unable to apply online please contact the free school meals team - telephone: **01228 606060. Once you have been registered you DO NOT need to re-apply each year!**



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	(26-28")	5-6			
	30"	7-8			
	32"	9-10			
	34"	11-12		£11.00	
	(35-36")	XS Adult			
	(37-38")	S Adult			
	(39-40")	M Adult			
<b>POLO SHIRTS</b> Colour: SKY	(22-24")	3-4		£8.00	
	(26-28")	5-6			
		7-8			
	32"	9-10			
	34"	11-12		£10.30	
	(35-36")	XS Adult			
	(37-38")	S Adult			
	(39-40")	M Adult			
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	28"	7-8			
	30"	9-10			
	32"	11-12		£15.00	
	34"	XS Adult			
		S Adult			
	36"				
<b>FLEECE JACKETS</b> FULL ZIP/JERZEES 870B Colour: NAVY	(22-24")	3-4		£12.90	
	(26-28")	5-6			
	30"	7-8			
	32"	9-10			
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### Revisewise

Free revision classes for Year 6 children now take place on a Wednesday and a Thursday from 8.20 to 8.50am. Please encourage your children to attend as it has proved to impact on their outcomes in Year 6.

**All Year 6 children should be attending!**

These revision classes will then be offered to Year 5 children after the Key Stage 2 SATs week in Mid-May. Year 5 parents please look out for a letter in the middle of next month to book your child a place.

### Donations Needed

The school would also very much welcome any of the following;

- Games, puzzles and jigsaws
  - Construction Equipment e.g. K'Nex, Meccano or Lego
  - Railway or road sets
  - Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Good quality books
- Comics/games for wet playtimes



Thank you in advance for any donations.

### **Give Blood – Help Save a Life!**



The next donor session is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 10am to 4pm at Energus or on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at the Oval

Centre from 3 to 7pm.

Further details can be found at [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)

### **Safeguarding/Child Protection**

Full details on the county's policies, procedures and processes with regard to safeguarding plus analysis of outcomes of serious case reviews can be accessed through the Cumbria LSCB Web Site at [www.cumbrialscb.com](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) The site also has a parental information zone.

In addition to the above the school has a 'Safeguarding Zone' on its web site which contains the above link as well as relevant school policies, further information and a diagram showing how we keep your child safe in school. It is well worth a look.

**Sharing information is in the best interests of children and their safeguarding. The school reserves the right to share and receive information from other agencies that may have had dealings with your child.**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



If you ever have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can outline their concerns and the Safeguarding Hub will give advice (consultation) and if necessary undertake an assessment of need.



**0333 240 1727**

There is now also an adult NSPCC helpline where any concerned adult can seek advice if they are concerned about a child and would like advice on whether to make a referral. The number to call is



**0808 800 5000**

### **Domestic Violence**

Debbie Cook, our Educational Support Manager has trained to be a 'Domestic Violence Champion' and is a resource available to any adult who would like to confidentially share incidents with her and is a very good source of advice. Just contact the School Office to get in touch with her.

Domestic violence is on the increase and causes terrible harm to victims and the associated children.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure it is eradicated. We are working closely with the Police and the school will learn of any incidents to support any children whose lives are affected by such an occurrence.







## Children's Mental Health

Following on from last month's article on Child Mental Health the graphic below gives tips on how to nurture your child's mental health. It is worth a read and reflecting on.

## How to nurture a child's mental health



## School Milk

Milk is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children).

The cost of milk for the first half term of the Summer is **£7.50** and this needs to be paid by **THIS Thursday (18<sup>th</sup> April)**. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.



## Book Fair

Thank you to all who supported our Book Fair recently. With sales of nearly £900 (!!)

we have been able to purchase well over £500 worth of high quality books for free. Your support of these events is vital and it is a win-win situation with your child being able to buy books they are interested in and then benefiting from the new good quality books we are able to provide in return!





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## 100 Club

The March draw took place in an assembly towards the end of last term. The number 2 was the first number drawn and as no-one had bought that number the £30 winnings go back to FAB/PTA the £15 number, 41, belonged to Mrs Sutton and the £5 number was 64 belonging to Oliver Kirkpatrick. The next draw is on the Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. New players continue to be welcome as there are still a few numbers left. (if a non-player number is drawn then the prize will go to FAB), the cost for the rest of the year is £4 (draws in April, May, June & July). Please see the School Office if you wish to join.



## Non Uniform Days

First of all, 'Thank You' for your support of the recent Non Uniform Days, there has been a flurry of them.

WORLD  
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World Book Day – this was magnificently supported as always and the costumes were absolutely fantastic. Many of the outfits can be viewed in the Photo Gallery zone of our web site or

by following the QR code.

We were able to fund the purchase of a book for every child on this day and we hope they liked them.



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief. The non-uniform donations as well as the sale of red noses (which were very popular and sold out quickly) raised over £600! Some of the pupils and staff with red noses are pictured at the top of the next column.



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Non uniform day – chocolate donations for the Bingo Nights. Thank you all ever so much for the support on this day. There are now some really fantastic and delicious prizes for this week's Bingo Nights so please do **BOOK A TICKET!**...see previous article.



**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Wear a Hat Brain Tumour Day – this was on the last day of term and children were invited to wear hats in support of a very worthwhile Charity that has supported one of our pupils. The response to this appeal was phenomenal and we raised nearly £350 with Mason from 1/2LS raising £50 alone!

Other Charity donations/actions of note are:

- Neve from 5JMcG's footsteps for Cancer where she completed 10,000 steps on each day in March raising £40.
- Mrs Rosser encouraged staff to wear odd socks and also booked a wide range of delicious cakes that she sold in the staff room to raise money for the West Cumbria Down's Syndrome Association on World Down Syndrome Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. She raised an amazing £60!!



Non Uniform Days this half term are:



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – CfM Superhero Day. Children can dress as a superhero if they wish and/or bring a donation to support CfM's Cash for Kids appeal

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Circuits Day – see above. Children can come to school in Sports Clothes.





<p><b>Beckstone Cleaning Services</b></p> <p>High quality domestic cleaning...with a 'smile'</p> 	<p><b>Beckstone Electrical Services</b></p> <p>Part 'P' Registered</p> <p>Small electrical jobs a speciality</p> 
<p><b>Contact Harvey on 07576378635 or email: harvey.reid_69@btinternet.com</b></p>	

### Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 April 2016** and **31 August 2016** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2019**.



If you know of any children with birth dates between these times and would like their child to come to this school, then please ask them to get in touch with the School Office as soon as possible.

Children born between **1 September 2016** and **31 December 2016** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **January 2020**.

Children born between **1 January 2017** and **31 March 2017** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **April 2020**.

Forms for applying for any of these intakes are available from the School Office or just ring and we can post them out.

### Beckstone's Extended Services



Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£4.00 from 7.30am, £3.50 from 8am); Educare (our popular afternoon child care provision for morning Nursery children – see table alongside) Please note that unfortunately we are unable to offer facilities for packed lunches for Nursery children.

Beckstone Xtra (again £3.50 an hour) runs from the end of the school day until 5.15pm



The prices for our extended services are extremely competitive to support families in these difficult economic times. The

price per hour is only £3.50. This is very good value and an extremely competitive rate for child care.



### 15 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

12:10—1:10 p.m. = 1 Voucher

12:10—2:10 p.m. = 2 Vouchers

12:10—3:10 p.m. = 3 Vouchers

A charge of £3.10 will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and midday care from 11.50am to 12.10pm.

\*Vouchers cannot be split, for example if you collect your child at 1:45 p.m. you will be charged 2 vouchers, likewise if you collect your child at 2:30p.m. you will be charged 3 vouchers regardless.

### NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

12:10—1:10 p.m. = £5.00

12:10—2:10 p.m. = £8.50

12:10—3:10 p.m. = £12.00

Please note Vouchers can be used in Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra or banked to use elsewhere.

### Carer & Toddler Club

This runs every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 to 3pm. There is no cost to join but a £3.00 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments etc.



**DO YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND WORKINGTON?**

**DO YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN?**

**30 HRS FREE CHILDCARE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES**

**LOOKING FOR A NURSERY SETTING?**

 <b>Beckstone Primary</b> 01946 830423	 <b>Distington Community School</b> 01946 830526	 <b>St Michael's Nursery &amp; Infant</b> 01900 608111	 <b>Derwent Vale Primary &amp; Nursery</b> 01900 601233
 <b>St Gregory's Catholic Primary</b> 01900 606050	 <b>Westfield Nursery &amp; Primary</b> 01900 874000	 <b>Ashfield Infant &amp; Nursery</b> 01900 606301	 <b>Seaton Academy</b> 01900 66982

THE SCHOOLS ABOVE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE A PRE-VISIT WITH YOU, TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES THEY OFFER OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!

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**TROPIC**

### School Absence Advice

The graphic below is an easy to follow guide from the NHS on illness and return to school. It can be used as a 'cut out and keep' guide or it is also available in the Parenting Information zone of our web site.



### Mother's Day



All children in school drew a picture of their Mum or female guardian for the News and Star. The paper had a special supplement close to Mother's Day and we meticulously counted all entries to ensure all children had a picture and uploaded them to their site. In addition, we sent the hard copies. Sadly, for some reason beyond our control the newspaper did not include all the pictures and some were missing, largely in Year 3 & 4. We have contacted them to say how disappointing this was. If you know your picture was missing then we have all the scanned images in school and can provide you with a copy if you request one from the School Office.



### Parent Questionnaire



Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire at the Parents' Evenings last month. The responses and free text comments are being analysed and will be reported back to you in the May newsletter.



All the pupils will complete a questionnaire devised by the School Council by the end of this month too. Incidentally there is now a School Council zone on our website in the 'Pupils' section.

## When should my child return to school?



<b>Chicken Pox</b> When all spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> None*	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from last episode	<b>Glandular Fever</b> None*	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> None*	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> None*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Flu</b> Until recovered	<b>Head Lice</b> None*	<b>Threadworms</b> None*	<b>Tonsillitis</b> None*		



**Step by Step Education** is growing its reputation as the preferred supply agency to many local Schools and Nurseries.

We are looking for:

**Teachers and Nursery Nurses.**

If you would like to join our team with excellent rates of pay, regular work and local knowledge call:

Phil Doyle or Nicola Jones on  
**01772 713819** or

Alternatively email:

[admin@stepbystepeducation.co.uk](mailto:admin@stepbystepeducation.co.uk)



### **School Savings Account**

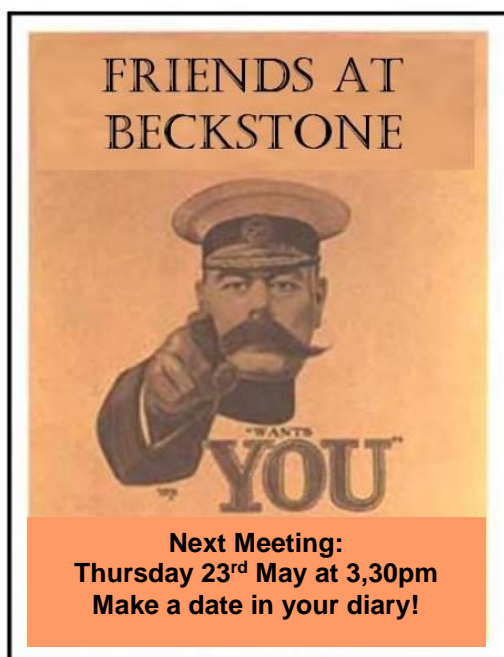
Encourage your child to start saving for something special they would like (or for next Christmas!) and make use of our school savings account facility. Simply call in at the School Office to open an account if your child does not already have one



### **FAB News**

The Friends at Beckstone's next meeting is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.30pm in the

staff room. Make a date in your diary. Beckstone Xtra places are provided free for all parents attending.



### **Beano Artist**

Kev F. Sutherland, one of the artists on the Beano, visited the school last month and worked with children from Year 4 to Year 6. The children had a great time producing their own comics and posing for caricatures.

The day started with a talk in assembly and Bella from Reception is pictured here drawing Bart Simpson for the whole school!



## **FREE Spring Family Fun Day**

**Saturday 20th April  
1pm-4pm**

Moorclose Community Centre,  
Needham Drive, Workington

Come along for a fun filled afternoon including: Spring Crafts, Chalk Art, Storytelling, Birds of Prey, Face Painting and more!

All activities are FREE and everyone is welcome. Fun for all ages.



### **Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to all who attended the meetings before the holidays. If you were unable to attend and have not re-made an appointment, please do so as soon as possible. We expect 100% attendance as it is vital that school and home work closely together for the benefit

and educational progress of the children.





Please use School Angel every time you shop online for anything from great holidays & hotels to the latest iPad, mobile phone or must have fashions. All the major UK retailers have agreed to make a donation to your school every time you shop from the School Angel website.



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Your School Needs Your Help – School Angel makes it easy, simple and free for you to make a real difference to your school children

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## School Fund

**We need donations to this fund** as funds are getting REALLY tight so please help if you can. The fund is donation based (for example the businesses advertising in this newsletter provide donations to this fund) and is used to fund the coaches for sporting events, buy many consumable items and fun activities for the pupils as well as many other things for school that enable us to provide services free of charge.

Please have a ratch down the sofa or anywhere to find some spare money to donate to the school to support all the children.

**Please help if you can by donating to this fund.**



## Walk to School



This is a reminder that children who walk to school on a regular basis will receive a badge at the end of this term. Last term's badge that was given out on the last day of last term is pictured here.

## Foodbank

The Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies. Local professional care-workers within Allerdale and Copeland refer them, with a food voucher, to the Foodbank centre where they are given food supplies, a cup of coffee and help in finding other professionals who can help them out of their crisis. For further details of the work of the Foodbank and how you can be involved contact; the North Lakes Foodbank; email:

[info@thefoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@thefoodbank.org.uk) [www.thefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.thefoodbank.org.uk)  
or tel: 0750 2311 452

A list of foods welcomed is below:



Reg Charity No 1067541

## Shopping List

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to the North Lakes Foodbank

Thank you!

- \* Milk (Full Fat or Semi- Skimmed UHT)
- \* Fruit Juice (1 ltr carton UHT)
- \* Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets)
- \* Biscuits or snack bars
- \* Cereals (Medium sized boxes)
- \* Tinned Meat
- \* Tomatoes (Tinned or Carton)
- \* Tinned Fish
- \* Tinned Fruit
- \* Tinned Vegetables
- \* Soup (Tinned no Cuppa Soup)
- \* Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- \* Instant Mash Potato
- \* Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- \* Sugar
- \* Jam
- \* Pasta (Medium bags of dried pasta. No sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes)
- \* Tea Bags/Instant coffee (Med)



**No Low Calorie Foods**

## Nursery Plea

Please can all supervising adults ensure no children play on or with the Nursery equipment before school. The Nursery staff come to school early to set up the outside activities only to find that before the learning activities have begun the equipment has been moved, played with and sometimes not able to be used e.g. chalks being stepped on. In addition, the play equipment should not be used by any pupils until the start of the school day.

Your Help is Needed



**Please can all parents help with this!**



## High Harrington Community Centre

The Community Centre is in Crooklands, High Harrington and is colloquially known as the 'Green Hut'. It is a very competitively priced and useful

resource for all in the community to use.

To hire this facility for any event then please contact Marjorie Rae on 01946 831004. The

venue can be used for children or adult parties, meetings etc. and hire rates are very reasonable indeed. If you do hire this venue, please let Marjorie know you read about it in this newsletter.

Also, please pass on the following details to anyone you think may be interested:

Ladies Club, every Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.45pm. All ages are welcome to attend. A great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends.



## **Ladies Club**

**Tuesday**

from 1.30 to 3.45pm at High Harrington Community Centre.



All ages are welcome to attend.

*"A great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends"*

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**



### **Breakfast Club Sandwiches**

On the last Friday of each month the Breakfast Club serve bacon or sausage sandwiches at a cost of 50p per child or £1.50 per adult. Parents can purchase a buttie as they drop their children off and can eat in or take away. The take-away option is also available to any parents even if their child is not in the Breakfast Club. The next Breakfast Club sandwich day is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**For all the family**

**Messy CHURCH**

**MESSY MARY'S**

Taking place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

**4pm - 6pm**

**In St Mary's Parish Church Hall**

Come and join us for church with a difference

Messy craft, games, interactive worship and delicious food!

If you would like more information please contact

The Rev. Julia Powley on 01946 830215



### **Facebook**



The school has a live Facebook page – it is called "Beckstone Primary School (Official Facebook Group)", you should be able to search for the group



or you can use this address or QR code.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1922762928000636>

The top of the Facebook page should look like the image above...there appears to be other sites with the school name on but these are not official:

We have created this page to let you know when our school website is updated and to send messages. It is for information only and doesn't accept comments.

If you are a Facebook user and would like to receive news feeds and updates about the school, then don't forget to 'join' the group and select the "see first" button. The Facebook page has open access and will also contain links to updates on our web site and messages from school – there is no facility to message school, please use other methods. As a result, any photos etc. will only appear from our web site following clicking on a link. It is hoped this will dissuade children who are under 13 using Facebook but will allow adults to receive updates about the school.

Indeed, please note no children should have Facebook accounts under the age of 13 and applications to join the group will be refused/accounts will be deleted.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE

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WORKINGTON DERWENT ROTARY CLUB  
"fighting hunger,tackling food waste "

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

### Shopping Gateway



We are in partnership with a charity called 'School Angel' to raise money for the school. This is really simple to use and you can visit via our web site by clicking on the 'Shopping Gateway'

Once on the page all you need to do is click on the logo for whatever shop/service you would like to visit. The school will receive commission from these firms at no extra cost to you; it is just a gateway to access websites.



**PLEASE DO TRY  
TO SUPPORT THE  
SCHOOL WHEN  
YOU SHOP  
ONLINE....  
PARTICULARLY IF  
BOOKING  
SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS!!**

### QR Codes

QR stands for 'quick response'. QR Codes, if you don't know, are those funny black and white boxes you see in newspapers and magazines such as the image alongside. These are placed within this newsletter at relevant points to give you quick access to websites mentioned. All you have to do is install a free QR code reader to your



phone/tablet, just search the App/Play store using 'QR', and simply scan the code.

Why not try downloading it and scan this code and see if it works. It should take you directly to our school web site.



### Y6 Messaging

Some of the children in Year 6 continue to cause concern with their online activities out of school. Please can all parents ensure that their children are not using social media apps (the minimum age is 13 – just blame Mr Warbrick!). Please also regularly check their phones as sometimes things are written that are hurtful and that children wouldn't say to each other face to face. Certain posts about sexuality, threats of violence etc are illegal and your child is at an age where they can be prosecuted. Once something is written online it is there forever and can come back to haunt them. Some don't seem to realise that if it is deleted from their phone it is not deleted from others.

We hope and trust there will be no further upset or incidents from the mis-use of phones/tablets and that parents will vigilantly monitor their child's online presence.

**BEFORE YOU POST...  
THINK!**

**T** - is it true?  
**H** - is it hurtful?  
**I** - is it illegal?  
**N** - is it necessary?  
**K** - is it kind?

### Online Safety for Younger Children - Jesse & Friends

The National Crime Agency's CEOP Command has produced an excellent web site to help parents discuss online safety with younger children.

Children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before. It's never too early to talk to your child about what they do online and who to tell if they come across anything online that makes them feel worried, scared or sad.



Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations that follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. There's also a storybook for each episode, to help you and your child keep the conversation going.



The key message throughout Jessie and Friends is that if a child is ever worried by anything online, they should tell a grown-up they trust, who will help them.



All the resources can be found here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/>

or follow the QR code or type 'Jessie & Friends' into Google.

### East Croft Crafts

The school is supporting the residents of East Croft Old People's Home by visiting the home on one Friday each month as well as a 'Pet Therapy' session today. Around 6-8 children will go with staff to support the residents in craft activities or to read them. Hobans have agreed to support this worthwhile initiative by providing free transport on these days so we thank them! As well as supporting the residents we hope you agree that it is a good community building activity for the children.

### Herbs

The herbs are ready to be picked. Don't forget you are welcome **to help yourself** to a pinch of herbs to brighten up your home cooking. The sign above the herbs gives ideas as to how you can use them to add flavour to your cooking. You only need little sprigs to add bags of flavour!



### Revision



The 'revision' zone for pupils to use on the web site is growing all the time with revision materials for children at the end of Year 1 (phonics – this also applies to Year 2 children who did not achieve the pass mark of 32 out of 40 last time and will be sitting it again), and at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2. To access the area you will need to use the user name: **XXX** and the password; **XXXX**. Do have a look and encourage your children to use it. Of particular note is the Year 6 Revision Zone as their tests are really close now. There are a lot of resources to help them revise... see the graphic at the top of the next column.



Of particular note are the 'Boot Camps' with daily practice in Literacy and Maths. To access these, click on the link in the 'Revision Zone' and the log in details can be found when clicking on 'Boot Camp'



### Year 2 & Year 6 SATs

There is information for parents in the Revision Zone described above. The important thing is to support your child and to ensure they do not get stressed. We hope to host some parental briefings about the SATs in the near future and we will contact Year 2 and Year 6 parents about the in the very near future.

### Change of Assembly Date

3LJ and 1RM have now swapped their assembly dates with 3LJ's now on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May and 1RM's on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The dates on the back page are correct.



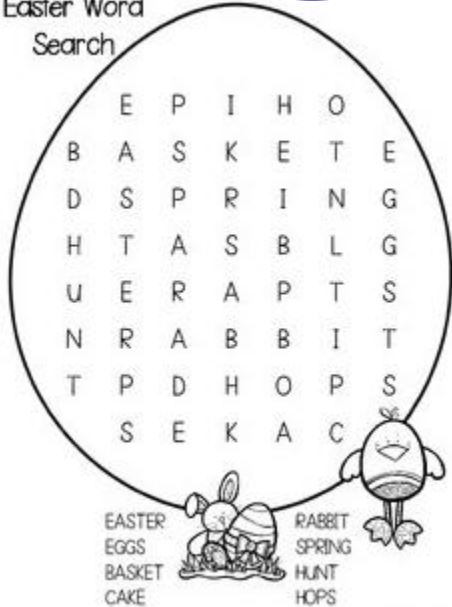
We welcome back Mrs Yoxall on a phased return this half term. We have all missed her and are delighted she is back with us. Mrs Trotter will be teaching Mrs Cunningham's Reception class this term, now called RJT and Miss McGill (pictured) will be teaching what was Mrs Trotter's Year 5 class which will now be known as 5JMcG.



# Kids Page

Articles, jokes, puzzles and reviews done by pupils would be welcomed on this page. All you need to do is hand it in to Mr Warbrick.

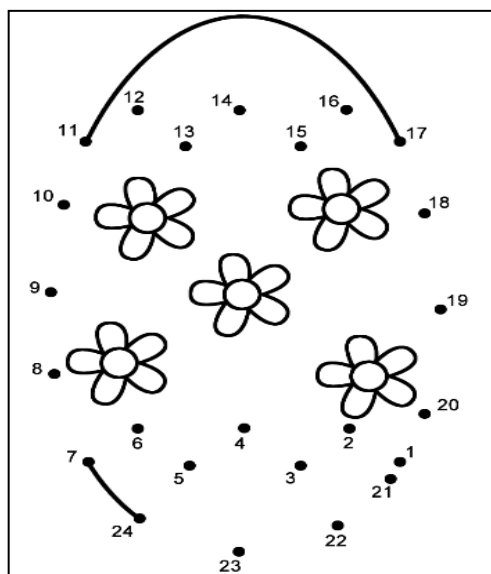
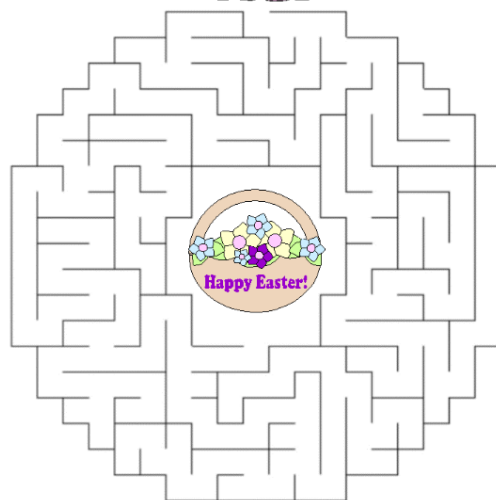
Easter Word Search



Happy Easter!



Help the Easter Bunny find his basket.



Join the dots

Find the 10 eggs and colour the picture

Easter Egg Hunt  
How many Easter eggs can you find?





## Need to contact your Councillor?



**Marjorie Rae**  
County Councillor for  
Harrington, Clifton and Stainburn

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Workington • Cumbria • CA14 4LW

Tel: 01946 831004 • Mobile: 07719 325644  
Email: marjorie.rae@cumbriacc.gov.uk



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All the local businesses advertising in the newsletter have made financial contributions to the school. Please let them know you have seen their advert in the newsletter if you use their services. If you know of anyone who would like to place an advert then they can contact the School Office.

## Diary Dates



	Summer 2019	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020
<b>Start of Term</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday – 19 <sup>th</sup> April & Easter Mon – 22 <sup>nd</sup> April May Day – Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April May Day – Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July

The County have said dates for 2020/21 will be released after the Easter weekend so they should be in next month's newsletter

## Dates for next half term



Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June – Maths & Science EdExcel test day for Year 5  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June – Sponsored Mile  
- Sue Hayman M.P. Visiting  
**Week beg. 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y1&Y2 Phonics Check Week**  
Thu 13<sup>th</sup> June – Workington Swimming Gala  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival  
- Non Uniform Day – Chocolate for Bingo Nights  
- Y5&6 group to East Croft for crafts  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June – 'Off by Heart' Individual recitals  
Tue 18<sup>th</sup> June – FS & KS1 Bingo Night 6pm  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Jobs in the Community Event  
- KS2 Bingo Night  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June – Reception visiting Harrington Shore  
- Y6 Workington Academy Tutor Day  
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> – Y5 English Transition Day at Workington Academy  
Thu 27<sup>th</sup> June – Workington Football Cup  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Transition Day  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July – Wheelchair Basketball – Y3&4  
Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Sports Day (reserve on Thu 4<sup>th</sup> July)  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 5&6 fencing  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival  
Tue 9<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Muncaster Summer Trip  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July – County Finals Day  
Thu 11<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Summer Gincase Trip  
- Reception & Y6 Heights & Weights  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – Meet new classes day part 1  
- A group from 1/2LS visiting East croft  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July – Meet new classes day part 2  
- Curriculum Evening & reports out  
- Curriculum & Pupils 5pm, Governors 6pm  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Graduation 6pm  
Thu 18<sup>th</sup> July – Fun Day  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July – Beckstone's Got Talent  
- Break up for Summer



## April

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Children start back & Eggs & bonnets week  
- Nursery home visits take place all week for April starters  
- Harbour Tales performance  
- Small group visiting East Croft for 'Pet Therapy' session  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> – 'Experience Easter' sessions at the Church for Y5&6  
- FS & KS1 Bingo Night 6pm  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Experience Easter' sessions at the Church for Y5&6  
- Reception 'Come & Play' 2-3pm  
- Egg & Bonnet judging  
- KS2 Bingo Night 6pm  
Thu 18<sup>th</sup> – Egg Dumping Final  
- Reception 'Come & Play' 2-3pm  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – **GOOD FRIDAY – School Closed**  
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – **EASTER MONDAY – School Closed**  
Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nursery April Starters start  
- Staffing & Finance 5pm, Governors 6pm  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Cooked sandwiches available in Breakfast Club  
- Love Rocks Y6  
- A group from 2SF visiting East Croft for a craft session  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Eggs arrive for hatching into Chicks  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 First Aid Day

## May

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> – May Newsletter out  
- Fidaddle Music men visiting  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Class Assembly 3/4DP**  
- CfM Superhero Day  
Week beg. 6<sup>th</sup> – Chicks on tour around the school  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos  
- Workington Academy Pre-Admission Evening for Y6  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> – Mayor of Allerdale Visiting  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – **Class Assembly 3LJ**  
Week beg. 13<sup>th</sup> – Y2 & Y6 SATs Week (Timetable below)



Date	Activity
Monday 13 May 2019	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2019	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2019	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2019	Mathematics paper 3

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Y2 swimming starts  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> – Y1&2 Football competition  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Circuits Day  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> – Governor Challenge Day  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – School Swimming Gala  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y5&6 Cricket Festival  
- FAB(PTA) meeting 3.30pm  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – Cooked sandwiches available in Breakfast Club  
- **Class Assembly 1RM**  
- A group from Reception visiting East Croft for a craft session  
- **BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM**

