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Newsletter no. 6 – February 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second newsletter of 2019. Half term is already just over two weeks away and it marks the halfway point of the school year!

We are in full flow of class assemblies with many Fridays this term and early next hosting performances by many classes. All parents are welcome to attend, the dates are on the back of the newsletter. It is perhaps a good policy to arrive for 9am to get a seat as the Hall often gets full at these events.

As always there is a lot of information, about life in school - successes and developments - to share with you, so please do take the time to read this newsletter carefully.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and useful and would very much welcome feedback either verbally or in writing. Please use the Parent Suggestions box at the top of the school hill or indeed the 'Parents' Online Suggestion Box' on our web site. If ever you wish anything to be included in a newsletter then please do let me know

I hope you all have a fabulous half term when it comes

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

This newsletter has been sponsored by the following local businesses, please look out for their advert and support them when you can. Please mention that you have seen their advert in the school's newsletter!!

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- The Wobbly Wand



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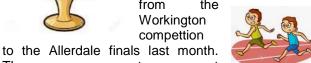


Sporting Success

Year 5 & 6 Athletics

Workington competiion

Our Athletics team progressed from the



They now go on to represent Allerdale in the County finals at the end of March..

Quicksticks Hockey

The school's Year 3 & 4 Quicksticks Hockey teams did very well in the Workington competition last week. One team won the event and the



other came third! The winning team is now representing Workington in the Allerdale Finals next Thursday (7th).

Football



In addition, our football team did very well at a knockout event at the Sands centre a week last Saturday. Despite not reaching the upper part of the competition all enjoyed the event and the sporting behaviour shown was excellent. The girls'

football team play at the Sands centre this coming weekend. Our thanks go to Ms Gorman and Mrs Chambers for accompanying theses teams on their days off.

Sporting Achievement



The school awards trophies for sporting behaviour on a termly basis.

The children who won for showing their sporting values last term can be seen in the Sporting zone of our web site. They are also shown below, and they were awarded the trophies in early January. Their trophies are kept with them in class for the term. Trophies will be re-awarded at the start of the summer term.

Key Stage 1









school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children).

The cost of milk for the second half term in the Spring is **£6.50** and needs to be paid by Friday, 1st March,

dressed in sports clothes.

is on Wednesday 13th February.

Children can come to school



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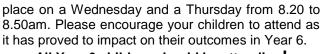
Creativity Cup

Alex was awarded the Creativity Cup for this half term. He was awarded it for his all-round creative approach to all of his tasks. He also has a real fair for art and his drawings are amazing.



Revisewise

Free revision classes for **REVISE WISE CLUBS** Year 6 children now take



All Year 6 children should be attending!

Give Blood – Help Save a Life!

The next donor session is on Friday 15th February at the Bridge Centre from 3 to 7pm. Further details can be found at www.blood.co.uk



Mrs Trotter's Lego League team entered a tournament with many other schools at

Energus towards the end of last month. The Lego league

after school club had been

Lego League

working

design

are

on robot

and we



delighted to announce that they won 'Best Roboť at the competition. The winning trophy (made out of Lego of course) is pictured.



School Matters!



Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance at school is a parental responsibility. The latest figures show 34 children had less than 90% attendance in the Autumn Term (!). The vast majority of these were down to family holidays. Please think of the importance of your child's education before booking holidays. When on holiday during term time they miss vital work and lose touch with their circle of friends



Hello everyone, as we welcome in a very cold February! Brrrrrr

We have just held our Spring 1 Governors meeting and one of the topics we discussed, which has been the subject of many previous discussions, is the issue of parking and the hazards and risks associated with both people, particularly children, and vehicles moving around in such a tight spot at the start and end of the day. This is especially an issue in the evening between 4 and 4.30pm when many parents are coming up and down the hill and into the car park to collect children from afterschool clubs or Beckstone Extra.

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We are very limited on space for our staff; there are only around half the number of spaces for cars as we have staff working at the school, and due to the rather unique positioning of our building in the village, we have few alternative options. As you are all aware, it is also increasingly difficult for you to drop off and collect children and the beginning and end of each day due to the restricted parking options in and around the village itself and we do not wish to make it any more difficult for anyone, so in the first instance, could I ask that you all be very aware of the risks and take extra care if you do drive up to the school for any reason and really think about the implications of where you might park your car, both on the school grounds and in and around the village; are you blocking anyone in? Are you restricting the access so tightly that larger vehicles might not get past? Are you restricting the view, meaning that a person, particularly a child, may walk out unknowingly in front of a moving vehicle?! Is there space for emergency vehicles to pass?

In the meantime, we are taking a look at some potential options that we may be able to implement to relieve the congestion on the school grounds at the peak times, to try and minimise the interactions between parked and moving vehicles and the children. We'll let you know if we're making any changes and if you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Wrap up warm and think of Spring!

Vicki Martin Chair of Governors



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Chinese New Year

This is celebrated globally on Tuesday next week (5th February). It is the Year of the Pig. The chart below can help you work out which Chinese animal sign you are. It is believed that you

show the traits of the animal sign you were born into. School meal pupils will have a special Chinese themed lunch on that day.

Donations Needed



One particular item that we would very much welcome at the moment are any unwanted car BOOSTER Seats as the school needs a number for transporting children in cars as a routine or in an emergency.

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

Games, puzzles and jigsaws • Construction Equipment e.g. K'Nex,

- 660
 - Meccano or Lego

 Railway or road sets
 Bileas and Trileas
 - Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception

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- Good quality books
- Comics/games for playtimes



Thank you in advance for any donations.



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

Carer & Toddler Club

This runs every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 to 3pm. There is no cost to join but a \pounds 1.50 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments etc



Dragon	Confident & idealistic	1940	1952	1964	1976	1988	2000	2012
Snake	Attractive & romantic	1941	1953	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013
Horse	Optimistic & good leaders	1942	1954	1966	1978	1990	2002	2014
Sheep	Kind hearted & artistic	1943	1955	1967	1979	1991	2003	2015
Monkey	Naughty but clever	1944	1956	1968	1980	1992	2004	2016
Cockerel	Outspoken & high profile	1945	1957	1969	1981	1993	2005	2017
Dog	Frank but pessimistic	1946	1958	1970	1982	1994	2006	2018
Pig	Fair but materialistic	1947	1959	1971	1983	1995	2007	2019
Rat	Emotional & opportunistic	1948	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008	2020
Ox	Powerful & faithful	1949	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009	2021
Tiger	Independent & optimistic	1950	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010	2022
Rabbit	Honest & elegant	1951	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011	2023





Rock Challenge Afternoon Tea

The Rock Challenge fund raising committee will be hosting an adults' Afternoon Tea on Sunday 3rd February at the Green Hut, Crooklands. Tickets will cost £10 per adult which will include food, tea & coffee, entertainment and a raffle.



The raffle tickets are also available to buy even if you are not going to the event. There are some great prizes. You may have noticed the tickets being sold at the end of the day yesterday and today (1st) and

they are also available from the School office. They will also be on sale round the classes next week. They are $\pounds 1$ a ticket and all the money goes to the Rock Challenge.



Griends at Beckstone (PTA)

Tickets are available through the School Office after school TODAY only!

It promises to be a great afternoon and is supporting a very worthy cause.

FAB News

The Friends at Beckstone have organised 2 sets of Bingo Nights, in Easter week

and in June. The dates are on the back of this newsletter so please note the in your diaries.

The support FAB gives the school is invaluable and we would like to thank all involved for the tremendous work they do.

100 Club

The fourth draw took place in the assembly yesterday the



winner of the £30 was number 81 (Tracey Curwen) the £15 number, 89, (no-one has this number, so the prize goes to the school) and the £5 number was 26 (Mr Warbrick – it was a fair draw...honestly!!). The next draw is at the end of this month for January. 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 £7. Please see the School Office if you wish to join.

The Rae Way – Back Path

Please be careful using the back path in frosty weather as it was an issue last year and already this year with frost making the tarmacked parts of the path slippy.



Unfortunately, the school is unable to grit this access path as H&S regulations only allow the school to grit pathways into the building within its grounds. The local Council sadly do not have the resources to employ gritters. In cases of bad frost, it is therefore advisable to access the school from the front entrance if you feel the



Rae Way is too dangerous.

Paths in school in icy weather

The school's caretaker will grit the hill and paths as the crow flies to the entrance doors. There is not the time nor the facility to grit everywhere, please do not stray from the gritted

areas/gritted lines to the doors as the slip hazard greatly increases and it is only incumbent on the school to grit walkways to entrances only.

Edinburgh Trip

30 of our Year 5 pupils will be visiting Edinburgh



this month on a city residential trip. They have an action packed 3 days and will be able to see many of the famous and historic sites \Edinburgh has to offer. We wish them a great trip.

This trip to Edinburgh will run from the 6th to the 8th February 2019.



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 The site also has a information parental 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 had have had dealings with your child.

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.



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



Debbie Cook. Educational Support



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.



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Reading

Reading is a focus for the school. Teachers plan guided reading sessions across the week and hear children read as



part of that activity and our Senior Teaching Assistants have the responsibility for further one to one reading and completing the reading records. All our Senior Teaching Assistants are highly trained (see alter article) and have a wide range of experiences in supporting children with reading. In addition there is ongoing dialogue between teacher and senior teaching assistant about each child's level of reading and when it is appropriate to move them on to the next stage.

There also MUST be a commitment from home to hear children read. Please ensure you are reading daily with your children and at least 5 times a week. Please choose good quality texts or off the shelf schemes but please not Oxford Reading Tree as your child will read those anyway. Finally when completing reading records please comment on your child's fluency and understanding only, if there are other issues then please make an appointment to see the staff in your child's class.

There are now prize draws for Reception, Key Stage 1. Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2 every fortnight. The draws are aimed to encourage reading and your child(ren) can explain what they have to do to be included in the draw.

All children across the school <u>in every Key Stage</u> should be reading daily!

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.

Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies

Now winter is here it is to be hoped that inclement weather is not serious, and that the heating system works effectively. If this happens not to be the case and the school is forced to close, then the following will be points of information;



A text message will be sent to all parents (*it is of vital importance we have an up to date mobile number contacts for every* child)

- The County Council web site carries information on schools that are closed
- CFM and Radio Cumbria will be informed, and closure details will be included in their broadcasts
- The school web site will be updated underneath the 'Weather Warnings' link

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

Nursery Intakes

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



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

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.

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 <u>as soon as possible.</u>

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

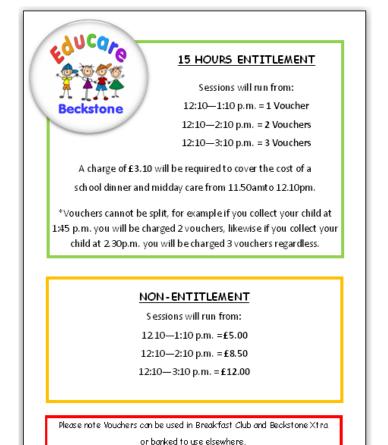
Nursery children – see table alongside) Please note that unfortunately we are unable to offer facilities for packed lunches for Nursery children.

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.



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.

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.



All ages are welcome to attend.

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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 www.thefoodbank.org.uk or tel: 0750 2311 452

A list of foods welcomed is at the top of the next page.



Carlisle United Half Term Soccer Camp

Details of this offer from Carlisle United are below. Application forms are available from the School Office on request.



COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

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WHITEHAVEN The County Ground, Coach Road 18 February £10 full course Girls only course also available! *



Off by Heart Choral Challenge

Children from Reception upwards took part in a choral speaking challenge. The poems were enjoyed by all at the



school and children then voted for their favourite. Videos of the recitals can be seen in the film and photo gallery of our web site.



The overall winner was class 3JWa with their rendition of 'Gran, Can You Rap?' by Jack Ouseby. As their prize they will receive a special cookery session and will bake somatising of their choice.





Non-Uniform Day



The next non-uniform day is next week on Thursday 7th February. It is in aid of Deaf Charities and coincides with the school taking part in the national 'Sign2Sing' Day. This year the children are learning 'Greatest Day' by Take That and will be singing the lyrics as they sing.



Facebook



The school has a live Facebook page – it is called "Beckstone Primary School (Official Facebook Group)", you should be able to search for t<u>he group</u> 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.



<u>Times Table</u> <u>Rockstars</u> All children from

Year 2 upwards now



have access to 'Times Tables Rockstars'. They have their own Avatar and can earn coins to 'buy' goods for it. They can log in at <u>https://play.ttrockstars.com</u> or follow the QR Code. Please encourage them to take part regularly at home, they should know their username and password, if not their teacher can provide this. There are rewards such as badges and certificates to be won and there is a year group leader boars displayed for each class to see in the computer room.- see below:



Cyclewise

Children in Year 5 and some from Year 6, who returned booking forms earlier this school year, will



be taking part in Cyclewise week during the week beginning the 4th March 2019. All children taking part will need warm and waterproof clothing. They will also need a cycle helmet (the instructors will have spares if they forget). In addition, all bikes need to be road worthy and have air in their tyres and brakes that work! Bikes should be locked up against the fence in the Infant yard at the start of each day. If you wish your child to leave their bike on site during the week then they can bring it in at the end of the day and leave it in the corridor.





Use of Social Media & Cyber Bullying

It is National Safer Internet Day on the 5th February and the children will be receiving additional advice on how they should conduct themselves when online. The E-Safety agenda and message is one the school takes very seriously and reminds the children regularly about it.

Keeping your children safe from online bullying is also a major parental responsibility. There is a zone on our web site called 'Internet Safety' which contains extremely valuable advice, informative articles and videos to help



you in this role. It also contains a very useful document issued by the Department for Education called 'Advice for Parents and Carers on Cyber bullying'. The extracts below give a flavour of the sound advice contained in this document:

Advice for children

The following are some things that parents may wish to consider teaching their children about using the internet safely:

- Make sure you use the privacy settings.
- Always respect others be careful what you say online.

• Be careful what pictures or videos you upload. Once a picture is shared online it cannot be taken back.

• Only add people you know and trust to friends/followers lists online. When talking to strangers, keep your personal information safe and location hidden.

• Treat your password like your toothbrush – keep it to yourself and change it regularly.

• Block the bully – learn how to block or report someone who is behaving badly.

• Do not retaliate or reply to offending e-mails, text messages or online conversations.

• Save the evidence. Always keep a copy of offending emails, text messages or a screen grab of online conversations and pass to a parent, a carer or a teacher.

• Make sure you tell an adult you trust, for example, a parent, a carer, a teacher, or the anti-bullying co-ordinator or call a helpline like Childline on 08001111 in confidence.

• Most social media services and other sites have a button you can click on to report bullying. Doing this can prevent a bully from targeting you and others in the future. Many services take bullying seriously and will either warn the individual or eliminate his or her account.

• While you are on your mobile phone make sure you also pay attention to your surroundings.

Possible signs of cyber bullying

It is not always easy to spot the signs of cyber bullying as it can happen all the time, which is a feature that makes it different from other forms of bullying. Be alert to a change in your child's behaviour, for example:

- Being upset after using the internet or their mobile phone;
- Unwilling to talk or secretive about their online activities and mobile phone use.
- Spending much more or much less time texting, gaming or using social media.
- Many new phone numbers, texts or e-mail addresses show up on their mobile phone, laptop or tablet.
- After texting or being online they may seem withdrawn, upset or outraged.

• Not wanting to go to school and/or avoiding meeting friends and school mates.

- Avoiding formerly enjoyable social situations.
- Difficulty sleeping.
- Low self-esteem.

What to do if you suspect a child is being cyber bullied

If you suspect a child or young person is being harassed or bullied either over the internet or via mobile phone, ask them to give you details. If your child tells you that someone is bothering them online, take it seriously. Offer practical as well as emotional support. Print out the evidence for future reference. Talk to a teacher at your child's school if other pupils at the schools are involved.



There are many resources to help e.g. 'Block 'Em' is an easy to use app that can be installed on phones that quickly and easily block any

unwanted calls or messages.

A good way to supervise children's internet access and set boundaries about what they can and cannot do online is to create an agreement with them. If a child breaks the rules, restrict internet access for an agreed period of time. Please do stress to the



f time. Please do stress to the children that our school's policy is that we ask families to ensure that their children are not using social media sites such as Facebook, Bebo, Twitter or Instagram or adult messaging services such as WhatsApp to name but a few.

These sites all have minimum age limits that are set above the Primary age range as it is strongly believed that young developing minds do not have the maturity to deal appropriately with situations that can develop online.

An example from the terms and conditions of Instagram is below it is similar to other social media sites:



CHILDREN'S PRIVACY

Instagram does not knowingly collect or solicit any information from anyone under the age of 13 <u>or knowingly allow such</u>

persons to register for the Service. The Service and its content are **not directed at children under the age of 13**. In the event that we learn that we have collected personal information from a child under age 13 without parental consent, we will delete that information as quickly as possible. If you believe that we might have any information from or about a child under 13 then please contact us.

Rugby League World Cup

It is wonderful that Derwent Park has been chosen to be a host ground for 4 fixtures in the 2021 World Cup. It will be a very exciting time for the town. 8 of our pupils were at the Carnegie Theatre to witness Workington's success on a large screen early on Tuesday morning. They are pictured below.





Half Term Holiday Zone

As we receive information about activities in half term we will place the information in the Holiday Activity zone of our web site.





Young Voices Trip

Key Stage 2 members of the school choir are going

to Manchester on Thursday 14th February to take part in the 'Young Voices' festival. There are also some parents going. The trip was a great success this year and the concert was enjoyed by the children and the parents that attended. On the day the children will sing 5,000 other children from schools across the North of England. Thanks, got to Mrs White who kindly took over the organisation of the trip in Mrs Yoxall's absence. Staff attending the event with the children are Mrs White, Mrs Needham, Ms Gorman, Mrs Chambers and Mrs Sewell.

Key Stage 1 members of the choir will hopefully join with Key Stage 2 members to perform the songs at the Carnegie Theatre later in the year for Mr Milner's Hospice at Home concert.

Teaching Assistants in School

The role and nature of the job teaching assistants carry out in school has changed dramatically over recent years. Our team of



Teaching Assistants (all 'senior') are highly trained,

receive ongoing professional development, have a wealth of experience and are educators in their own right. The teaching of your child is now much more of a team approach between teachers and teaching assistants and both have instrumental and vital roles in classrooms and very much complement each other's work. Indeed our Senior Teaching Assistants very capably take the lead in classrooms and can cover teacher absence or release for courses.



Mid-Day Supervisor Regular & Relief Staff

We have a vacancy for a mid-day supervisor and vacancies for mid-day supervisor relief staff to cover staff absence. If you are interested in either position, then please make yourself known to the School

Office and they will give you an application pack. The job has an hourly rate of £8.45. The post is subject to a DBS criminal record/safeguarding check. The job involves supervising children over lunchtime and working as part of a team.



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 15th February (the Friday before the half term holiday...amazingly the last school Friday in February!





Gymnastics Opportunities

blishman@hotmail.com

Lishman is

Bethan



gymnast who has recently been output of the system working with some of the classes in school. She runs classes at Workington leisure Centre. They are listed below. If you child has an interest in gymnastics and would like to take part please email Bethan at

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Classes based at Workington Leisure Centre

Monday 3.45-4.45pm - Beginners Monday 4.45-5.45pm - intermediate Tuesday 4-5pm - Beginners Tuesday 5-6pm - Intermediate Tuesday 6-7pm - Advanced Pre Squad Tuesday 7-8pm - Adult Gymnastics Tuesday 8.15-9.30pm - Elite squad Wednesday 1-1.45pm - Busy Bees Preschool Gymnastics Wednesday 4-5pm - Ultimate Beginners Wednesday 5-6pm - Intermediate Wednesday 6-7pm - Advanced Wednesday 7-8pm - Advanced Pre Competition Squad

Saturday 09.30-11am - Advanced Junior Elite



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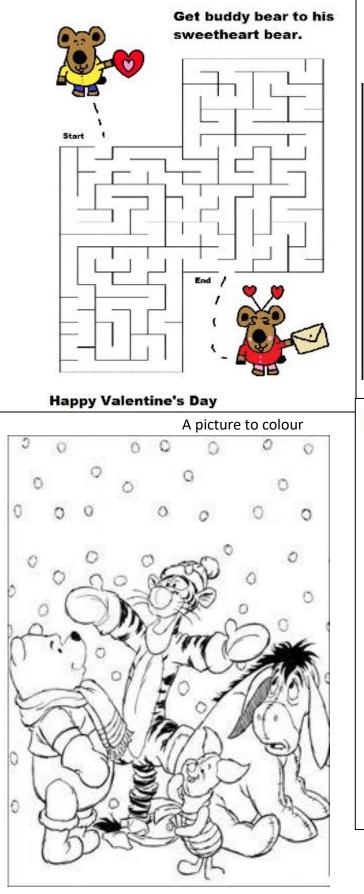


squad

Ms Cunningham will be taking maternity leave from the start of next month. We are looking forward to hearing all about her new baby when it arrives. The school will be appointing a teacher to cover RAC for the rest of the year early this month and there will be further details in the next newsletter. Mrs Boyd will ensure there is good continuity between the teachers.

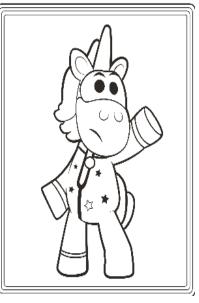


Articles, jokes, puzzles and reviews done by pupils would be welcomed on this page. All you need to do is hand it in to Mr Warbrick.



Spot the 5 difference





Chinese New Year Wordsearch

Can you find the twelve animals of the Chinese horoscope hidden in this puzzle?

R	J	Α	Н	Κ	W	Е	Α	G	J	L	S	А	В	Μ
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RAT, OX, TIGER, RABBIT, DRAGON, SNAKE, HORSE, SHEEP, MONKEY, ROOSTER, DOG, PIG

