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Dear Parents,



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019!!

For the new Nursery starter parents, welcome to your first newsletter at Beckstone Primary. A newsletter is sent out usually on the first school day of each month and contains information on activities at the school as well as important diary dates on the back.

If you ever mislay your newsletter then it is always available on the school's web site (address on the title bar) and the diary dates are there too, alternatively spares are available from the School Office.

As always there is a lot of information, about life in school, to share with you e.g. changes to collection arrangements, 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

Here's to a fabulous 2019!

Best wishes,
Mr Warbrick



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New Web Site

We are very pleased to announce that our 'new look' web site is up and running. We do hope you like it and would welcome any comments. Please do have a look at the site, it is packed with useful information and links as well as class zones that will be updated regularly as the rest of the year progresses.



Mayor of Allerdale Christmas Card Competition

Three of our pupils, Tom from Year 1, Kate from Year 3 and Neve from Year 5 were runners up in the competition to design the Mayor's Christmas Card. This was no mean feat as there were over 1,200 entries. The winners are pictured with the Allerdale Mayor, John Crouch, who is no stranger to the school as he has cooked with the children and has given cooking demonstrations in previous years.



Christmas Fair

The fair raised a record £1,796 and has been



further boosted by a £1,000 boost from Barclays Bank thanks to a parent (Mr McAllister), our thanks go to him and Barclays. Thank you also to all who donated items to sell and to all who attended and supported the event. The generosity of our school community is very impressive indeed.

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Christmas Raffle

The 'Friends at Beckstone' annual Christmas Raffle took place on the penultimate day of last term.

The £1,002 raised from the raffle goes to support your child through FAB's purchase of resources to enhance learning or through their subsidy of school trips. We would like to thank all who donated prizes and bought tickets.

The raffle results were:

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| £100 | Julie R c/o Joey-James |
| Hamper | Louise S |
| Hamper | Devon T |
| Hamper | Dennis O'N |
| Hamper | Lisa C |
| Bottle Hamper | James W |
| Basket Hamper | Chris c/o Charlie F |
| National Trust Voucher | Carol H |
| Haighs Voucher | Mario B |
| Motor Museum Voucher | Anne C |
| Family Aquarium Voucher | Billy C |
| Family Aquarium Voucher | Jules McK |
| Workington Town RLFC Voucher | Wesley S |
| Timeless Beauty Voucher | Lloyd S |
| Beacon Voucher | G Flynn |
| Dominoes Pizza Voucher | Chris c/o Charlie F |
| Leisure Centre Voucher | Lucy c/o Miss Jackson |
| Galloping Horse Voucher | Billy C |
| Top to Toe Voucher | Jodie Y |
| Tree Tops | Tony C |
| Body Shop Gift Set | Julie R c/o Joey-James |
| PIMMS | Linsey F |
| Champagne | Cole M |
| Prosecco | Lisa G |
| Prosecco | Ethan D |
| Port | Kayleigh S |
| Roses Tin | Nathan T |
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The next set of parents' evenings are in March (just before the Easter holidays). Please make a note of the dates from the back page of this newsletter. It is essential someone from home attends.



Sporting Success - Year 5 & 6 Athletics

We entered 2 teams into the Workington tournament last month and from 14 teams one of our teams were runners up and the other one was fourth! As a result one of our athletics teams will now appear in the Allerdale Finals on the 15th of this month.

Swimming Spring 2019

3JWa, 3LJ and 3/4DP will be having swimming lessons this term. Lessons begin THIS Monday coming, 14th January and finish on Monday 25th March. Children will need a bag, a towel, appropriate swimwear and a hair brush or comb. Time is tight and the children will not have time for any 'beauty' treatments before returning to school on the bus! Again, please can all note that **swimming is statutory and all should take part unless medical**

advice states otherwise. There is no better sport for overall health than swimming. It's great for your heart and circulation, provides natural, low-impact resistance for building muscle and as it challenges your body it will help release endorphins - your body's natural pain and stress fighters which can fight off infection and also make you feel happy.



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 in the Spring is **£8.00** and needs to be paid by Friday, 11th January. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.



Circuits

The 'Circuits Day' for this half term is on Wednesday 13th February. Children can come to school dressed in sports clothes.



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!

Give Blood - Help Save a Life!

The next donor session is on Friday 18th January at the Oval Centre from 7 to 9pm. Further details can be found at wblood.co.uk





Governors' Board

Hello everyone and happy new year!

I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas break, have managed to spend some time with family and friends and are refreshed and ready to bring on 2019! A big welcome back to our fantastic staff and children - I know the staff are excited to get started on your new topics with you this term! Plus a warm welcome to our new starters in nursery this month - we look forward to working with both our new children and parents/carers as you begin your learning journey along with us.

I'd firstly like to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors, as elected at the Annual General Meeting in October after my predecessor Angela Johnson took the difficult decision to leave us after over 14 years of hard work and dedication to the school. Huge thanks to Angela for all of her time and commitment over the years and best wishes moving forward; I hope that I can continue in her stead and aim to follow in her footsteps in continuously supporting and improving our school.

I have been Vice Chair for Angela since she took up the role of Chair in 2017 and have been a parent member of the Governing Body since 2015. I have two children currently attending the school, two step children who have previously attended, and having previously been a pupil at this school myself (many years ago!) I've been involved with the school in one way or another for a long time. As a full-time working mum, being a Governor is a way for me to be a part of the school community. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvements or fundraising or would like to take a more active part in our school community, please get in touch!

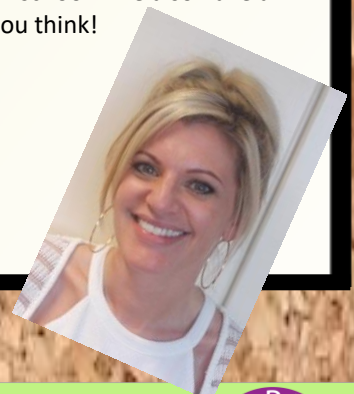
There are busy times ahead for us all, not least the upcoming SATS for our year 2 and year 6 pupils. Both the children and staff will be working hard to achieve their very best in the upcoming assessments, and it is so important that they have the support of parents and carers in making this possible. The dates for the assessments are the week beginning Monday 13 May and Year 1 pupils and some Year 2 have their phonics check in the week beginning the 10th June. We would always ask that you do not take children out of school during term time, it is especially important that they do not miss these assessments, both to the children themselves but also their hardworking teachers and the school as a whole, as the results of those assessments show us where our strengths and weaknesses lie and help us build on those to keep on improving. Revisewise sessions are free revision sessions for Year 6 children that are now taking place on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8.20 to 8.50am and are a great opportunity to help them be the best they can be!

There are lots of things in the diary for the upcoming weeks and months, so please take a look at the back of the newsletter and note down anything that relates to your child's year group or classes and for new parents and carers, take a look at our Facebook page, where you can keep up to date with everything happening in school. We also have a new and improved look to our school website, so please visit the page and let us know what you think!

Thanks for taking the time to read and I look forward to bringing on 2019 with you!

All the best

Vicki Martin
Chair of Governors



VEHICLE ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL SITE

The Governors are concerned about the number of vehicles that access a very tight school site, particularly picking up from after school clubs. This issue will be discussed at a meeting soon, in the meantime there is a plea from the Governing Body that all parents seriously give thought to whether a car is needed for picking up and children be collected on foot instead. If cars are used, then it is requested that car parking spaces are used around the back of the site rather than simply parking up at the front and causing congestion to others/boxing staff members in.

Your co-operation with these requests would be welcomed.





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School Matters!



Holidays in Term Time

It is of the utmost importance to your child's education that they attend school consistently as learning is planned in a progressive way and one day follows on from the next in each subject. Of course, there will be times when a child is too poorly to come to school. However, this should be a rare event as prompt regular attendance will really help your child do well at school.

The Corporate Director of Education has written to all parents in Cumbria regarding the law and holidays in term time. His letter is reproduced on the next page. Please do take note and put your children's education FIRST!!

Easter Holidays



Many of you may be aware that the Easter Holidays this year do not contain the Easter Festival. As a result, it is more like a 'Spring Holiday'. School breaks up on Friday 29th March and then the children start back on the 15th April. Good Friday falls in that very week so school will then be closed to pupils again on Friday 19th April. The first 4 days of the week will include the traditional egg decorating, bonnet

decorating and the annual egg dumping competition. The school will also be closed on the following Monday, 22nd April for the Easter Monday Bank Holiday. This is different to previous years and we felt it was important all knew and realised this.

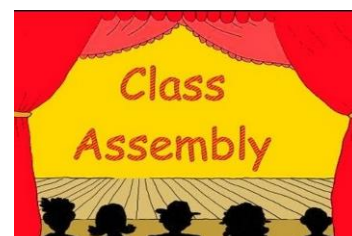
Term Dates

Whilst writing about dates the eagle eyed amongst you will have noted that dates post summer term 2020 have not been released yet. The dates after this time are currently under discussion and being considered by the Governing Body and the Workington Primary Heads Association. Under new legislation schools can now decide their own holidays as long as they are open for 190 days a year for children. We will keep you informed of developments and will let you know the dates once they have been agreed.



Class Assemblies

This term sees most of the class assemblies. These are on Fridays and start promptly at 9.05am. Parents are welcome to attend and can take photographs/video if they wish as we have no objections from parents for this. We will also film the assemblies and DVDs can be ordered after the event and these can be ordered for £3 after the assembly. We endeavour to get these DVDs to you later the same day if we can.



Finally, no fire drills are planned for these times so if the fire alarm does sound please leave by the rear doors of the Sports Hall and muster on the back playground.

Donations

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.



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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



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Dear Parent/Carer

December 2018

RE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

Absence from school due to family holidays taken in term time can be disruptive to children's education. It can also be disruptive to other pupils in the class. In addition, I am concerned that there could be some misunderstanding of the law in relation to absence from school because of holidays taken during term time

Any absence from school should be avoided unless for medical reasons, as it can have a serious effect on your child's educational progress, and can create difficulties for them on their return to school, particularly if they are joining a new school or class. It is important to note that only the Headteacher can authorise absence from school. Parents/Carers cannot authorise the absence themselves.

Schools can only grant requests for holiday absence in term time in exceptional circumstances. If you believe that your circumstances are exceptional you can make a request to the school. In considering a request, the school will take into account the child's age, the time of year of the absence, and the nature of the visit. The Headteacher will also consider the child's stage of education and progress and the child's overall attendance record. It is highly unlikely that leave will be authorised if examinations or other important tests will be missed. Headteachers will not authorise absence unless they believe your circumstances are exceptional. In all cases it is best to have a discussion with the Headteacher in order to look at the issues as they affect your child.

All unauthorised absences, including holidays that have not been sanctioned by the Headteacher, are accumulated and parents who fail to ensure regular attendance of their children at school can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. The amount is £60 if paid within 21 days and £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. It is therefore essential that parents take this into consideration if they are thinking of a family holiday in term-time.

Many people are working very hard to help your child to succeed. I trust you will support us in this matter, in partnership with your child's school.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Macilwraith'.

John Macilwraith
Executive Director – People (Deputy Chief Executive)

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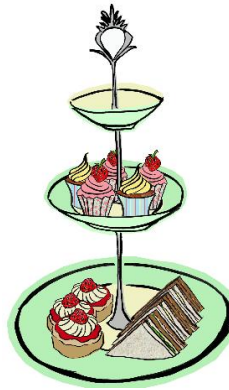
The next meeting of the 'Friends of Beckstone' will take place in the staff room of the school on the last day of this month, **Thursday 31st January at 3.30pm**. We can provide FREE Beckstone Xtra places for those wishing to attend as long as they are booked in advance. We will be planning events for the rest of the school year, do attend if you can.



100 Club

The third draw took place in the last assembly of last term. The winner of the £30 was number 66 (Samantha Musgrave) the £15 number, 54, (no-one has this number, so the prize goes to the school) and the £5 number was 64 (Oliver Kirkpatrick). 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 £8. Please see the School Office if you wish to join.



Rock Challenge Coffee Morning



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 (you can bring alcohol if you wish), entertainment by Sasha and a raffle to win a hamper. This is GREAT VALUE!



There will also be lots of fun and games to raise much needed funds.

Tickets are available through the School Office.

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

The Rae Way – Back Path

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



Courteous Parking

Please can all parents using cars near the school please park courteously and legally. We have had complaints about parents parking in front of people's drives, parking on Eadie Street which is for residents only and also very near the start of the back path on the Main Road. This latter one is a concern as there is no crossing here and cars parked near or on the red tarmac are obscuring vision for cars and pedestrians and can make it very unsafe to cross. With regards to this the Governors are lobbying the Council to use money from recent housing developments to improve the crossing there.

Edinburgh Trip

Confirmation details about the trip have been sent out. Payment dates etc were in





the letter. This trip to Edinburgh will run from the 6th to the 8th February 2018.

Derwent Rotary Dictionaries – Year 3



We had a visit in the last week of the autumn term from Workington & Derwent Rotary who very kindly presented a dictionary to every child in Year 3. It was very kind of them and the dictionaries will be treasured. The children in Year 3 are pictured above with their dictionaries. Of note was the man on the right who was Mr Warbrick's and Ms Gorman's Headteacher at Secondary School!!

Meningitis & Septicaemia – Know the Signs & Symptoms

There is a credit card sized Meningitis help and advice card with this newsletter. Please keep it in a purse/ handbag/ medicine cupboard. It provides advice on symptoms in babies and toddlers as well as children and adults and stresses the importance of getting medical help quickly if these occur, time is of the essence if someone contracts meningitis. We hope you found the cards useful and thank Ms Maskew for sourcing a whole school set. There is also a free mobile app that can be downloaded at www.meningitisapp.co.uk



Use of Social Media & WhatsApp – PARENTS!

Beckstone Primary School aims to have a positive and open ethos and any parents who have concerns or problems can openly approach a staff member, use the parent suggestion link on the web site or the box at the top of the hill. We aim to provide a high-quality education service and wish to ensure all are happy with the service we provide for your children.

It has come to the school's attention that there are discussions about the school on social media platforms and in 'WhatsApp' groups. In some discussions there has been mention of individual classes, staff etc. This can be hurtful and SHOULD NOT be happening at all. The use of social media rather than discussions in the playground etc leave a trail and this can then be seen by staff members who can then be upset about their portrayal on these platforms with no come back or redress whatsoever. It is inherently unfair.

If there are concerns, please discuss with classroom staff or indeed Mr Warbrick who would rather have open and frank discussions than people posting messages about school staff which then poses more difficult issues for him to solve regarding staff upset and parents breaking the school's policy on use of such media.

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Use of Social Media & Online Gaming – PUPILS!

Please can all parents make sure they are aware of the apps and the social media their children have access to. Disturbingly we have found out through Kidsafe discussions that some of our children use a wide range of online games and apps that have disturbing content and shouldn't be seen by children of a Primary age. In addition we have just learnt that there is a **Year 6 WhatsApp** group where there have been a number of unpleasant comments, recordings, pictures etc. **Please can all parents of year 6 pupils check their phones and we would ask you to ensure your child is not part of this group!** The minimum age for WhatsApp is **13** and this may be raised to 16 soon!



In addition, there are games for the PlayStation, Xbox etc that allow children to talk to each other and sometimes strangers when playing the game. Of particular concern at the moment is **'Fortnite'**. This game has a **12** rating as it contains moderate violence but also allows open and unfiltered contact to others. Last term the school was becoming involved in a number of issues where 'online chats' had resulted in name calling, threats and upset and often 'last night's' game spilled over into classrooms and staff have had to sort issues out. Furthermore, we have learnt from some children that they stay up until very late (way past recommended sleep times – see following article) to play these games. As a consequence, there are some pupils who are coming to school too tired and upset to focus on their learning from playing a game that has a rating above their years! We are urging parents of pupils who have access to this game to curtail its use and put their child's learning first!



All social media apps including Facebook and Instagram have a minimum age of **13!** There is an important reason for this as children under this age do not have the emotional maturity or social awareness of how to use them properly. Anything written is never deleted and could come back to haunt your child later in life. We understand that you may be

under pressure from your children to allow them access to these apps (e.g. Snapchat) or sites such as Facebook and Instagram but please dissuade them and tell them Mr Warbrick has said 'no'. Childhood is a very special phase in life and it should last as long as possible and not be shortened through accessing adult media.

How much sleep do children need?

Below are the approximate hours of sleep **needed** by children of different ages, as recommended recently in a Government Health report. If one assumes children are woken up at say, 7.30am for school then 'sleep times' have been added to the recommendations...these are not bed times, but times children **need** to be asleep, so bedtimes consequently need to be earlier, perhaps half an hour before!

- 3 years - 7.30pm**
- daytime: 0 to 45 minutes
- night-time: 11 hours 30 minutes to 12 hours
- 4 years – 8pm**
- night-time: 11 hours 30 minutes
- 5 years - 8.30pm**
- night-time: 11 hours
- 6 years – 8.45pm**
- night-time: 10 hours 45 minutes
- 7 years – 9pm**
- night-time: 10 hours 30 minutes
- 8 years - 9.15pm**
- night-time: 10 hours 15 minutes
- 9 years - 9.30pm**
- night-time: 10 hours
- 10 years - 9.45pm**
- night-time: 9 hours 45 minutes
- 11 years – 10pm**
- night-time: 9 hours 30 minutes



Safeguarding/Child Protection

Safeguarding is
everyone's
 responsibility.



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 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.

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.

Do you have concerns about a child or young person?

If you have a concern about the safety or well-being of a child or young person, you should contact the County Triage Team. They are a team of social workers, police and health workers who will give you advice or take action if required.

You don't need to give your details. All calls are taken seriously.

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Changes to Child Collection & Safeguarding

If for some reason you are unable to collect your child when this is the normal procedure (all FS & KS1 children as well as KS2 ones who are collected) and you have nominated someone else to collect them then we are changing procedures. If the collecting person is a regular person known to staff then all is fine, if it is someone new then we would ask that you tell them your child's **date of birth**. This will then act as a **password** and the member of staff will not release your child to this person unless the correct date of birth is given. This is an additional safeguarding measure and we hope you are happy with this further level of security for the children.



Strive for Five

Please ensure you are reading daily with your children and at least 5 times a week. We trust parents to be honest when signing that their child has managed 5 sessions!

The Prize Draws are going to be extended into Key Stage 2 **in the very near future** to encourage further reading, it will have a focus on Accelerated Reading in Year 3 & 4 and on 'Spellbinding' Passports in Year 5 & 6 (your children will be able to explain this).

All children across the school in every Key Stage 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.



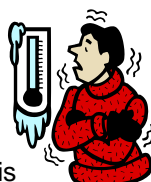
New Curriculum & Topic Grid

School staff have been working hard refining the curriculum on offer to the children to ensure it is relevant, stimulating as well as fully

meeting National Curriculum requirements. It is being designed so children have planned opportunities to apply the skills and knowledge they have learnt in their own projects. The web site curriculum zone will be updated with further details soon, in the meantime the topics your children will be studying for the rest of the year are reproduced at the bottom of this page.

Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies

With winter 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 sources 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















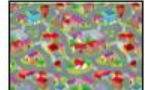













Shopping Gateway

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

|  | | Learning Topics Year B 2018-2019 / 2020-2021 | | | |  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| | Autumn 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 1 | Spring 2 | Summer 1 | Summer 2 |
| Curriculum Enhancements | Off by Heart Choral - 4 th Oct | Parliament Week 12 th -18 th Nov | KS1 Big Garden Bird Watch Off by Heart individual on World Book Day 7 th March (poetry focus) | Fairtrade Day | Take One Picture 20 th May | Health Week |
| Nursery | Why do you love me so much?  | How many colours in a rainbow?  | Where does snow go?  | How does that building stay up?  | How many pebbles are on the beach?  | Why can't I have chocolate for breakfast?  |
| | | Talk for Writing book: Brown Bear | Talk for Writing book: Brown Bear | | Talk for Writing book: The Train Ride | |
| Reception | Why do squirrels hide their nuts?  | Festivals and Celebrations  | What happens when I fall asleep?  | | Are we there yet?  | Do cows drink milk?  |
| Year 1 & 2 | Memory Detectives   | | Stems, Stalks and Stings   | | Land Ahoy!  | |
| Year 3 & 4 | Ancient Egypt  | | Gods & Mortals  | Myths & Legends  | Tremors  | Tremors  |
| Year 5 & 6 | Darwin's Delights   | | Evolution of Childhood  | Marvellous Mountains  | Blood Heart  | |



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 barked to use elsewhere.

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 as soon as possible.

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.

Carer & Toddler Club

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



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.



School Meals

The menu for this term is reproduced at the bottom of this page and was sent home as a flyer before the school broke up for Christmas. It is also available on our web site and is a handy reference to encourage your child



to have school meals and also to help them with their choices. Information about menus can be found at www.dolce.co.uk and there is also a School Meals Zone on our web site.

We are pleased to announce that the cost of the school meals for those in Key Stage 2 will remain at £2.20. The School Meals Consortium is however folding at the end of this term and the school is advertising for a new agreement with a meals provider, either the current one or someone different.

We will keep you posted on this as there may be some major changes ahead.

Our school meals are of a high quality with a fabulous array of choices, served by an excellent and committed canteen staff. Indeed the school continues to receive a '5' for its hygiene and cleanliness under the 'Food Safety & Hygiene Regulations Act.



We do encourage all children to have a school meal as the balance of Nutrition is designed to ensure a healthy and long life

Please note the school does not have facilities for storing packed lunches at appropriate temperatures and that packed lunches **MUST** be healthy. Please give serious thought as to why your child should not have a school dinner, particularly in Years Reception, 1 & 2 when they are **FREE!**

Free School Meals
Are you entitled?

Free School Meals Application

Eligibility for Free Meals brings **other benefits** such as a uniform grant, free milk, free instrumental hire and

| | | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | Weeks starting: 31st Dec 21st Jan 11th Feb 4th Mar 25th Mar | Weeks starting: 7th Jan 28th Jan 18th Feb 11th Mar 1st Apr | Weeks starting: 14th Jan 4th Feb 25th Feb 18th Mar 8th Apr |
| CHOICE CUMBRIA | DINNER TIMES PIZZA & PASTA | Pizza Margherita (v) Creamy Pasta Carbonara Baguette Bar Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings) (gf) Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Ice Cream (gf) Shortbread Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Pizza Margherita (v) BBQ Beef Chilli Deli Wraps Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings) (gf) Potato Wedges, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Strawberry Delight (gf) Vanilla Cookies Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Pizza Margherita (v) Pork & Bean Stew (gf) Sandwich Selection Stuffed Jacket Potato (gf) Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad Bar Ice Cream & Peaches (gf) Apple Crumble & Custard Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) |
| | AROUND THE WORLD | Mild Chicken Korma (gf) Quorn Cottage Pie (v) Sandwich Selection Stuffed Jacket Potato (gf) Rice, Seasonal Roast Vegetables, Salad Bar Jelly & Peaches (gf) Lancashire Cookie Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Chicken Fajita Cheese & Egg Flan (v) Sandwich Selection Stuffed Jacket Potato (gf) Vegetable Rice, Seasonal Roast Vegetables, Colelaw, Salad Bar Spiced Apple Crumble & Custard Butterscotch Biscuits Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetable Korma (v) (gf) Baguette Bar Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings) (gf) Rice, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Salad Bar Chelsea Buns Chocolate Crunch Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) |
| | WEDNESDAY ROAST | Roast Chicken Breast (gf) Moroccan Vegetable Tagine (v) (gf) Deli Wraps Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings) (gf) Roast Potatoes, Swede Mash, Cabbage, Gravy, Salad Bar Syrup Sponge Rice Pudding (gf) Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Roast Chicken Breast (gf) Seasonal Vegetable Pie (v) Bread Roll & Fillings Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings) (gf) Roast Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy, Salad Bar Chocolate Sponge Oat Cookies Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Roast Chicken Breast (gf) Lentil & Vegetable Pie (v) Deli Wraps Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings) (gf) Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Garden Peas, Gravy, Salad Bar Shortcake Strawberry Delight (gf) Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) |
| | SCHOOL FAVOURITES | Baked Sausages Quorn Sausages (v) Bread Roll & Fillings Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings) (gf) Mashed Potato, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Salad Bar Chocolate Catherine Wheels Fruity Flapjack Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | All Day Breakfast All Day Vegetarian Breakfast (v) Baguette Bar Stuffed Jacket Potato (gf) Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Mixed Salad, Salad Bar Arctic Roll Lemon Drizzle Cake Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Cottage Pie (gf) Cauliflower Cheese (v) Bread Roll & Fillings Stuffed Jacket Potato (gf) Diced Potato, Swede Mash, Cabbage, Gravy, Salad Bar Apple & Raisin Sponges Chocolate & Oatmeal Cookie Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) |
| | FISHY FRIDAYS | Fish Fingers Breaded Fish Fillet Italian Tomato Penne (v) Baguette Bar Chips, Baked Beans, Mushy Peas, Tomato Ketchup, Salad Bar Rhubarb Crumble & Custard Spiced Shortbread Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Fish Fingers Breaded Fish Fillet Cheesy Lentil Pasta (v) Deli Wraps Chips, Spaghetti Hoops, Garden Peas, Tomato Ketchup, Salad Bar Fruit Jelly (gf) Peach Sponge & Custard Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) | Fish Fingers Salmon & Garden Pea Penne Quorn Nuggets (v) Baguette Bar Chips, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Tomato Ketchup, Salad Bar Gingerbread Banana Slice Yoghurt (gf) Fresh Fruit Salad (gf) |

V = Vegetarian
CF = Gluten Free

BREAD AND SALAD
BAR AVAILABLE
DAILY

provides the school with additional funding. We ask that **ALL ELIGIBLE PARENTS OF PUPILS FROM RECEPTION UP TO YEAR 6** fill in the school meals registration form that is available from the School Office or apply online through the Cumbria County Council 'Citizen Portal'. This can be found by searching for it on the internet, using the link below or following the QR code.



https://emsonline.cumbria.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Please note that you may be able to qualify for FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) for your children if you are receiving Statutory Maternity Pay.

Please also note that the number of FSM claimants is a determining factor in the school's budget allocation, so we need everyone that is eligible to apply – thanks!!

For all the family



MESSY MARY'S

Taking place every 3rd 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

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.

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



Lost Property

The lost property bench was emptied 5 times (!!!) last term. It was again full at the end of last term. There were an awful lot of clothes and bottles and shoes left unclaimed – clothing is not cheap and what we see is a terrible waste of money. If mislaid clothes have their names in, then they can be returned to their rightful owners (this also helps if someone has taken home the wrong item of clothing). We cannot stress enough how important it is to **label all your child's clothing.**

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 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

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.



Off by Heart Choral Challenge

Children from Reception upwards will have been learning a poem that they can chorally speak as part of the school's #Off by heart' challenge. Each class will perform their poem in assembly on Thursday 17th January and then classes will vote for their favourite rendition (they cannot vote for their own class). There will be a special prize for the winning class which will be announced the following morning. The poems are:



RAC- Snowball by Shel Silverstein

RJWh – Sounds Good by Judith Nicholls

1RM: Sick by Shel Silverstein

1/2LS – Now we are Six by A.A. Milne

2SF – Sticky Sticker by Gareth Lancaster

3JWa - Gran, Can You Rap? By Jack Ousby

3LJ: The Dentist & the Crocodile by Roald Dahl

3/4DP – Ah! To Bear the Salty Air by Brian Bendall

4JM; On the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan;

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



5JT – From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson;

5/6AN – Land of Nod by Robert Louis Stevenson;

6HG –My Shadow by Robert Louis Stevenson;

These are an excellent set of poems and some inspired choices. They are well worth looking up and reading on Google. The children will be well entertained that morning!

sign2sing

Non-Uniform Day

The next non-uniform day is a month away 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 will be learning 'Greatest Day' by Take That and will be able to sign the lyrics as they sing.

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Organised by FareShare and
WORKINGTON DERWENT ROTARY CLUB

"fighting hunger,tackling food waste "

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Magistrates Court Visit

Children from Year 6 have been invited to visit

Workington Magistrates Court on the last 2 days of this month with half going on the 30th and half on the 31st. This is an exciting opportunity to see the criminal justice in action. They will have a tour of the courts and anonymised cases will be discussed.



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.



BULLYING INTERVENTION GROUP
GUILD MEMBER 2018 - 2019

Bullying Intervention Group (BIG)

We are very pleased to announce that the school has been made a 'Guild Member' of the national 'Bullying Intervention Group' Alliance because of its ongoing work to ensure the school is as much a 'bully free' zone as is possible. Beckstone Primary is one of only a few schools in the North of England to receive this accolade.



Times Table Rockstars

All children from Year 2 upwards should 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

<https://play.ttrockstars.com> 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 to be won and there will be year group leader boards displayed for each class to see in the computer room.



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.

Winter Word Search

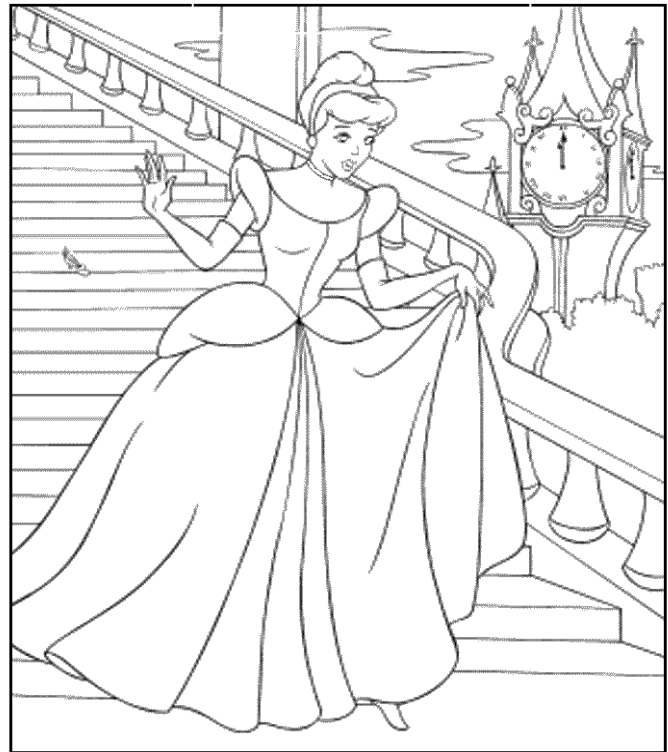
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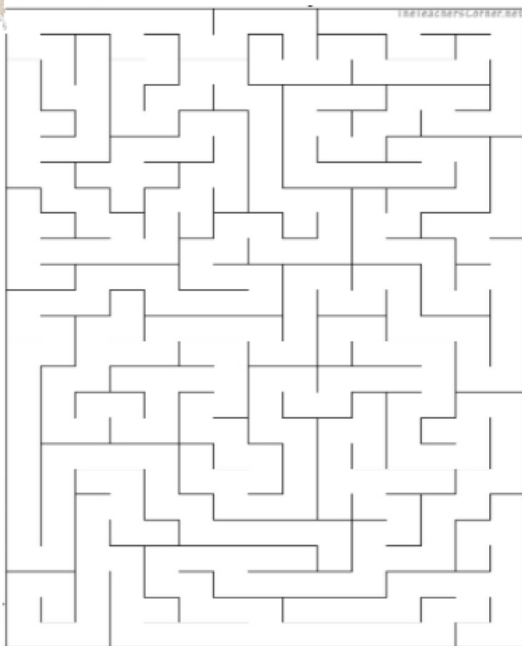
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Cinderella

Help the Prince to find Cinderella.

Good Luck!



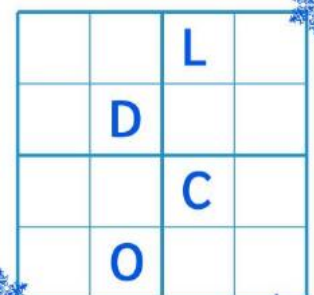
Spot **5**
differences!



Winter Sudoku



Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters C O L D. Don't guess - use logic



Need to contact your Councillor?



Marjorie Rae
County Councillor for
Harrington, Clifton and Stainburn

3 Springfield Avenue • High Harrington
Workington • Cumbria • CA14 4LV

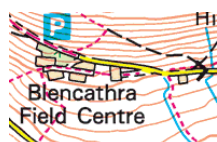
Tel: 01946 831004 • Mobile: 07719 325644
Email: marjorie.rae@cumbriacc.gov.uk



Building pride in Cumbria

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



| | Spring 2019 | Summer 2019 | Autumn 2019 | Spring 2020 | Summer 2020 |
|----------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | | |
| Start of Term | Tuesday 8 th January | Monday 15 th April Good Friday – 19 th April & Easter Mon – 22 nd April May Day – Mon 6 th | Wednesday 4 th September | Tuesday 7 th January | Tuesday 14 th April May Day – Mon 7 th |
| Half Term | Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February | Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2017 | Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October | Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February | Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2017 |
| End of Term | Friday 29 th March | Friday 19 th July | Friday 20 th December | Friday 27 th March | Friday 17 th July |

Dates for March to July



Thu 7th Mar – World Book Day
- Play in a Day
Fri 8th Mar – Class Assembly 2SF
Fri 15th Mar – Rock Challenge Day
- Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day
Mon 18th Mar – Cinema Night – R & KS1
Tue 19th & Wed 20th Mar – Planetarium visiting
Wed 20th Mar – Nursery 'Come & Play' session (April starters, 4-5pm)
Thu 21st Mar – KS2 Cinema Night
Fri 22nd Mar – Class Assembly RJWh
Mon 25th Mar – Circuits Day
- Last Y3&4 Swimming
- **Parents' Evening (N – Green & Yellow)**
Tue 26th Mar – Parents' Evening (N – Red & Blue)
Wed 27th Mar – Sports Hall Athletics Finals in Penrith
- Curriculum & Pupils 5pm, Governors 6pm
Thu 28th – Gymnastics County Finals
Fri 29th Mar – Class Assembly 3JWa
- **National 'Wear a Hat Day' for Brain Tumour Research**
- Break up for Easter
Mon 15th Apr – Children start back & Eggs & bonnets week
Thu 18th Apr – Egg Dumping Final
Tue 23rd Apr – Staffing & Finance 5pm, Governors 6pm
Mon 29th Apr – Eggs arrive for hatching into Chicks
Wed 1st May – Fiddaddle Music men visiting
Friday 3rd May – Class Assembly 3/4DP
- CfM Superhero Day
Week beg. 6th May – Chicks on tour around the school
Wed 8th May – Class Photos
- Workington Academy Pre-Admission Evening for Y6
Fri 10th May – Class Assembly 1RM
Week beg. 13th May – Y2 & Y6 SATs Week
Tues 14th May – Y1&2 Football competition
Fri 17th May – Circuits Day
Tue 21st May – Governor Challenge & Nursery 'Come & Play' 4-5pm
Wed 22nd May – School Swimming Gala
Thu 23rd May – Y5&6 Cricket Festival
Fri 24th May – Class Assembly 3LJ
Wed 5th June – Maths & Science EdExcel test day for Year 5
Fri 7th June – Sponsored Circuits Day
Week beg. 10th June – Y1 & Y2 Phonics Check Week
Thu 13th June – Workington Swimming Gala
Fri 14th June – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival
Mon 17th June – 'off by Heart' Individual recitals
Fri 21st June – Reception visiting Harrington Shore
- Y6 Workington Academy Tutor Day
- Wed 26th – Y5 English Transition Day at Workington Academy
Thu 27th June – Workington Football Cup
Fri 28th – Y6 Transition Day
Mon 1st July – Wheelchair Basketball
Tue 2nd July – Sports Day (reserve on Thu 4th July)
Wed 3rd July – Year 3 & 4 fencing
Fri 5th July – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival
Thu 9th July – Reception Muncaster Summer Trip
Fri 12th – Meet new classes day part 1
Mon 15th July – Meet new classes day part 2
- Curriculum Evening & reports out
- Curriculum & Pupils 5pm, Governors 6pm
Tue 16th July – Y6 Graduation 6pm
Thu 18th July – Fun Day
Fri 19th July – Beckstone's Got Talent & Break up for Summer

