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Dear Parents,

We hope and trust you all had an excellent long Easter weekend, it was quite strange Easter not being in the main holidays. Easter returns to the holidays next year albeit it being the final weekend of the holidays and school re-starting the day after Easter Monday.

We have less than 4 weeks of this half term left and there is a bank holiday this coming Monday. Despite the short period of time there are a myriad of activities and events taking place and we hope that this newsletter will keep you up to speed with all that is happening.

Of note are the end of Key Stage tests that will be taken by our Year 2 and Year 6 children in the week beginning the 14th May. We wish them every success and are confident they will do well.

Finally can I wish you all an excellent half term when it comes and hopefully we will have a return of the good weather!

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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All in all they were 'eggcellent' competitions and that's no 'yolk'!



Easter Competitions



The eggs and bonnets this year were of an amazing standard (probably the best ever!!!) and a wonder to behold. There is a gallery of all the designs on our web site; it is well worth a look. Simply click on the film and photo gallery or follow the QR code here. There is also a section showing the winners in each category although all were worthy winners and the judge, the cook Susan Armstrong, had an almost impossible job.



Cook

Judging the eggs was Susan Armstrong's last job before leaving for a new knee operation. We understand she is recovering well and all at the school wish her a speedy recuperation.



Egg Dumping

All the pupils took part in an egg dumping competition that ran over the first week of this term. The finals took place on the last day as the school broke up for Easter and Erin from Year 3 was the eventual winner. She is pictured here with her trophy that she can keep.

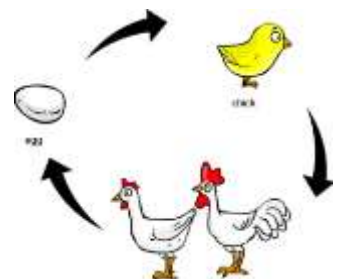


Running alongside the pupil competition was a staff one and this was won by Ms Forster against Mrs Needham. Ms Forster was representing Mrs Pike who was on Nursery home visits at the time. She is pictured with her prize at the top of the next column.



Living Eggs

The school again is incubating eggs which will hopefully hatch into chicks within a week. The incubator is in Nursery but all classes can watch events within school via a live webcam. The eggs arrived on Monday (29th April). The hatching process is very exciting and certainly catches the children's imagination as well as raising their awareness of life cycles. When the chicks hatch they are either yellow (male) or brown (female). Your children will no doubt keep you up to date with developments and once they are hatched you are welcome to visit after school to look at them, they should be really cute! They will go on tour round the school next week.



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Attendance Cup

The class with the highest attendance of 98% for the second half of the Spring term was RJT and they are pictured below with their certificate and the trophy.

Consistent attendance is vital for success at school and it is the statutory duty of every family to ensure their children attend consistently and punctually.



May – The school testing month!

The timetables for the Year 2 & 6 SATs are in the revision zone on our web site and are also reproduced on the back page. The Y6 SATs take



place in the week beginning the 14th May.

The Year 2 SATs take place the same week. The Year 2 tests are in the following form:

Subject	Test paper
English reading	2 papers: short text and questions; longer text with separate questions
Mathematics	2 papers: arithmetic; mathematical reasoning

Supporting Your Child during their SATs week:

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practise.
- Make good use of the web site – Revision Zone
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading (the character, the plot, their opinion).
- Make sure your child has a good sleep and healthy breakfast every morning



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; **XXXXX**. 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. Of particular note are the 'Boot Camps' with daily practise in Literacy and Maths. To access these click on the link in the 'Revision Zone' and enter the following;



Email: **xxxxxxxx** with the password **xxxxx**

These log in details can also be found when clicking on 'Boot Camp'



Governors' Board

Parent Governor Vacancies

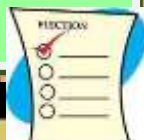
Two of our serving parent Governors are coming to the end of the service term and have expressed an interest in standing for re-election. These two vacancies however are open to any parent

At Beckstone Primary, we take the role of the Governing Body very seriously. The challenges faced by those involved in education continue to grow as standards are raised whilst funding is constrained. The expectations placed upon the staff and Governing Body continue to increase and although it is a voluntary position, the appointment requires dedication and time, after school hours and at times, during school hours to ensure support to both the business and educational elements of school governance. The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children in the school by:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

If you want to submit a nomination on your behalf then please ask the School Office for an application form, 'job description' and a Governor Code of Conduct document. Application forms must be accompanied by a passport sized photograph and be countersigned by two sponsors, who must also be parents of children currently attending the school and include the names and ages of their children. The closing date for the receipt of nominations by the school is Tuesday 14th May. Please note that incomplete nominations will not be accepted.

In the event of more than the 2 sitting candidates for the vacancies there will be an election by secret ballot. The application forms will then be shared with the parental community as it details what each candidate could contribute to the Governing Body of the school. Ballot forms including these statements will be issued, if necessary, after Tuesday 14th May.



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



and then it was May...!

Summer term is flying in already, I hope everyone had a lovely Easter.

The start of the Summer term saw a big change to our school meals, as we have changed providers to Caterlink. They have introduced new menus, with lots of fresh produce and using local suppliers and the feedback from the children and staff so far has been great. They are particularly enjoying the yummy sausages and the fish finger wraps! If your child is currently bringing packed lunches to school, ask them whether they'd be interested in giving the new menus a try – I'm sure they won't be disappointed. I'm really looking forward to the next Governor Challenge Day later this month so that I can try them out myself.

Caterlink is also introducing a new Parent Pay system, hopefully to be in place later in the month, whereby you will be able to pay for your child's meals on line. We hope to extend this service to enable online payment for other services too in future, so look out for the upcoming information.

The nursery has just had a brand new track installed outside the new classroom, complete with bike shed! The track is rubber and looks fantastic, ideal for our little learner cyclists. Take a look if you're passing by.

The warmer weather has many of us spending more time outside and it's an ideal time to make changes to our lifestyles and fitness by taking the opportunity to walk to or from school. This has the added health benefit of getting some Vitamin D from being outside in the sunlight, which is something many of us have low levels of up in this part of the world. It also helps with the traffic congestion around the village!

Finally, I'd like to wish lots of luck on our Year 2 and Year 6 children who will be doing their SATS this month. I'm very proud of all of you already, so keep up the hard work, make sure that you get plenty of rest and play in between and be the best that you can be. Don't worry, you know more than you think!

Best Wishes

Vicki Martin
Chair of Governors





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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 very soon to book your child a place.

Creativity Cup

Dylan from Year 1 was awarded the Creativity Cup for this half term. She was awarded it for her all round artistic flair which she applies to all aspects of her work.



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 assembly last week. Their trophies are kept with them in class for the term. Trophies will be re-awarded at the end of the summer term.

Key Stage 1



Ethan





Charlie





Scarlette





Zak





Isla



Key Stage 2



Reece



Vinny



Harvey



Ava



George



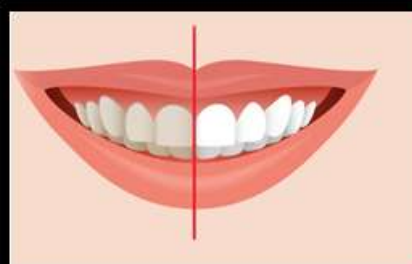
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Bingo Nights

These were a great success and raised over £860 and hopefully were enjoyed by all.

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



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Half Term Activities

Any information the school receives about local activities for half term we will upload into the holiday activity zone of our school web site so do keep a look out! An example is the 'Time to get Up' exhibition at the Beacon Museum in Whitehaven, aimed at FS, KS1 & Y3 children.



Herbs

The herbs have returned. 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 (in front of Mrs McGill's class, to the left of the front door as you look at it) 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.

Circuits

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



School Budget Pressures

As many of you will have seen on the news there are schools all over the country suffering from budgetary pressures. The Governors have

managed the finances well to enable the school to weather the climate of austerity for a number of years however the pressure is now on our school finances. The impact of increased employer pension contributions, increased national insurance, the apprentice levy, pay rises and inflation with no additional budgetary funding to compensate has put immense pressure on the budget.

One of the necessary actions we are being forced to take is to introduce a charge for our after school clubs (aside from invited team members of a sports team prior to an event). After school clubs have been free with the school budget absorbing the associated staff costs, it is no longer in a position to do this sadly. The charge will begin after the next half term and has been set at £10 per half term (just over £1 per week) and payable in advance.

We hope you all understand the reasoning behind this move and also realise that an after school club, even with that charge, is still absolutely good value for money for enhancing and enriching your child's school experience.



School Meals

The school's new School Meal provider – Caterlink has now been producing

meals since the Spring Break.

The quality of the meals, the choice offered and additional extras such as water flavoured with fresh fruit have been very exciting. The children have been heard to state that the food is the 'best they ever had'. We are very pleased the impact has been so good. We have put a copy of the menu on the following page for your information.

It is early days and we have yet to sort out direct debit facilities and online meal ordering for parents and indeed pupils however this is likely to be put in place soon and we will keep you informed.

If your child has a packed lunch we would recommend you let your child try the new meals and we are confident they would really like them.



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 18th 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 page after the School Menu) then Sessions can be booked at www.visitworkington.com/workingtongo by calling Workington Town Council on 01900 702986 or by following the QR code.



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Summer Silver Menu 2019



		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Main	50% Plant Based Spaghetti Bolognese	Sausages with Baked Potato Wedges and Gravy	Roast (as advertised) with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken and Bean Fajitas with Rice	Salmon Fish Finger / Fish Fingers, Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetarian	Wholemeal Pasta Neapolitan with Spinach	Quorn Sausages with Baked Potato Wedges and Gravy	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mixed Bean Cassoulet with Rice	Cheese and Pepper Whirl with Chips
	Sandwich	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Cheese Wrap	Hot Roast Baguette	Humous and Roasted Veg Brown Baguette	Fish Finger Wrap
Week 2		Carrots	Sweetcorn	Fresh Mixed Seasonal Vegetables	Grated Carrot Salad	Baked Beans
		Garden Peas	Green Beans	Chocolate Cocoa Cookie	Cauliflower	Garden Peas
	Dessert	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie Yoghurt	Chocolate Cocoa Cookie Yoghurt	Iced Sponge Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt Station
Week 3		Fresh Fruit Platter	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Platter	Fresh Fruit Salad	
	Main	Beef Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges	BBQ Chicken with 50/50 Rice	Roast (as advertised) with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	50% Plant Based Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	MSC Fish Fingers, Chips, Tomato Sauce
	Vegetarian	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Baked Jacket Wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Leontil and Basil Puff Pastry Turnover with Roast Potatoes	Vegetarian Fajitas with 50/50 Rice	Vegetable Pasty with Chips
Week 4	Sandwich	Tuna Mayonnaise Sandwich	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich	Hot Roast Baguette	Cheese Brown Baguette	Fish Finger Wrap
		Crunchy Carrot Sticks	Green Beans	Fresh Mixed Seasonal Vegetables	Broccoli	Baked Beans
		Peas	Coleslaw	Apple Flapjack	Sweet corn	Garden Peas
Week 5	Dessert	Chocolate and Banana Square Yoghurt	Lemon Drizzle Yoghurt	Apple Flapjack Yoghurt	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	Fruit and Yoghurt Station
		Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Platter	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Platter	
	Main	Wholemeal Beef and Red Pepper Pizza with New Potatoes	Beef Meatballs with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	50% Plant Based Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice & Curry Bread	MSC Fish Fingers, Chips, Tomato Sauce
Week 6	Vegetarian	Wholemeal Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Chickpea Aloo Chat with Rice	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Leontil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice & Curry Bread	Red Pepper and Cheese Frittata with Chips
	Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Egg Mayonnaise Sandwich	Hot Roast Chicken Baguette	Tuna Mayonnaise Wrap	Fish Finger Wrap
		Sliced Carrots & Green Beans	Sweetcorn	Broccoli and Cauliflower	Tomato & Onion Salad	Garden Peas
Week 7			Tomato Salad		Diced Cucumber	Baked Beans
	Dessert	Mixed Fruit Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread Yoghurt	Sliced Cheese, Apple and Biscuits	Apple Pie with Custard	Fruit and Yoghurt Station
		Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Platter	Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Platter	
Week 8		Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Platter	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Platter	



Outside Archery (age 8+)

Model Trains
3 hr | Free

Panna Football
1 hr | Free



Street Art (Graffiti)
(age 8+)



Craft Activities
5 hr | Free



Cookery Demonstration



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

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 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.



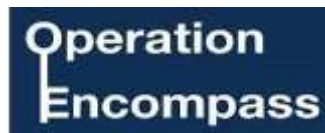
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There is now also an adult NSPCC helpline where any concerned adult can seek advice if they are concerned about a child and would like advice on whether to make a referral. The number to call is



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.

Cyber Security Awareness



We have arranged a training session Friday 12th July for parents from 9.15 to 10.30am. The session will be run by the Police and will teach you how to keep your child safe online. There will be a certificate at the end too. **Please make a date in your diary!**



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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 second half term of the Summer is **£9.00** and this needs to be paid by Friday 7th June. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.



100 Club

The April draw took place in an assembly last week. The number 32 was the first number drawn and the £30



was won by Vicky Carruthers, the £15 number, 7, belonged to no-one so the money has gone back to FAB and the £5 number was 79 belonging to Mrs I. Byrne. The next draw is at the end of this month. 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 £3 (draws in May, June & July). Please see the School Office if you wish to join.

Non Uniform Days

The Non Uniform Days this half term are:

Friday 3rd 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 17th May – Circuits Day – see earlier article. Children can come to school in Sports Clothes.

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



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 3rd May from 10am to 4pm at Energus or on Monday 13th May at the Oval

Centre from 3 to 7pm.

Further details can be found at www.blood.co.uk

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.

Please let friends/relatives know we now have a number of spaces for Nursery in September. We can offer the full 30 hours too!

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?

LOOKING FOR A NURSERY SETTING?

30 HRS FREE CHILDCARE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

 Beckstone Primary 01946 830423	 Distinction Community School 01946 830526	 St Michael's Nursery & Infant 01900 608111	 Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery 01900 601233
 St Gregory's Catholic Primary 01900 606050	 Westfield Nursery & Primary 01900 874000	 Ashfield Infant & Nursery 01900 606301	 Sexton Academy 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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School Angel is Super Simple

No accounts, No passwords, No email or names needed. Just click on whichever shop you want to use and schoolangel will make sure your donation gets right back to school.

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

Simply click on the 'Shopping Gateway' link on our web site or scan the code



Walk to School & Walk to School Week

This is a reminder that children who walk to school on a regular basis will receive a badge at the end of this term.

In addition the school has volunteered to take part in 'Walk to School' Week which runs from the 20th to the 24th May, the last week before this coming half term. Please do encourage your child to take part. The County would welcome any photos of pupils walking to school, ordinary images or fun ones and they will publish some in the County's road safety brochure. If you would like to submit photos please email them to admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

Thanks in advance!



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



Workington Sea Cadets

Workington Sea Cadets welcome new members from aged 10 upwards. There is more information at www.sea-cadets.org/workington or ring 01900 871381. We do have pupils who are members there.

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

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.

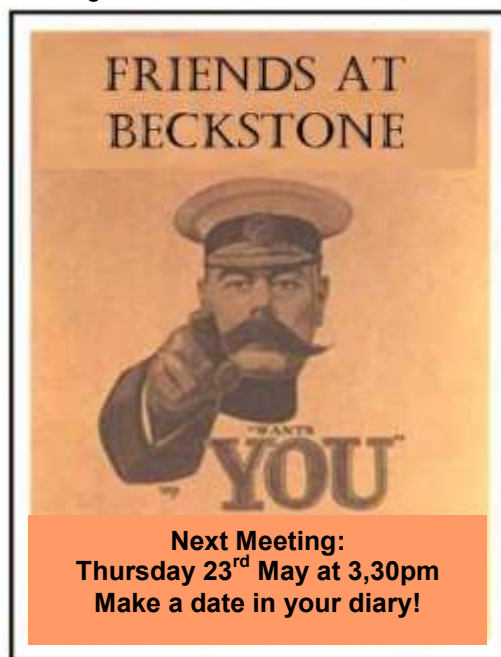
Please help if you can by donating to this fund.



FAB News

The Friends at Beckstone's next meeting is on Thursday 23rd May at 3.30pm in the staff room. Make a date in your

diary. Beckstone Xtra places are provided free for all parents attending if booked in advance.



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!!**

Strive for Five Reading Draws

Please encourage your children to read regularly so they can be entered into the fortnightly draws to win a book and chocolates for parents. We are impressed at the number of boys who are reading regularly in Key Stage 1, this has improved dramatically this year.





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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FRESH FOOD

PLUS PACKET AND TINNED PRODUCTS
AVAILABLE TO ALL, AT

WORKINGTON BRITISH LEGION
JANE ST. WORKINGTON
ON THE

THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

DOORS OPEN 11.00A.M. be prompt!

Organised by FareShare and
WORKINGTON DERWENT ROTARY CLUB

"fighting hunger,tackling food waste "

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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.



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 24th May.



Every child deserves a family

Fostering

If you have ever wondered about fostering but would like to know more and have your questions answered then there is an information event at the

Washington Central Hotel at 11am on Saturday 11th May. Please see flyer below which also details an information line and the County's fostering web site.

Cumbria County Council

Foster

...there are so many ways to show you care

We will support you on every step of your fostering journey

Many people who consider becoming a foster carer are not aware that there are many different types of fostering.

Find out more at an upcoming event in your area

Tuesday 30 April	Saturday 11 May	Saturday 25 May
Fostering drop in	Information event	Information stand
Costa Coffee, Washington Square, Workington	Washington Central Hotel, Workington	Party in the Park, Vulcan Park, Workington
12.00pm to 2.00pm	doors open 10.00am, presentation at 10.30am	11.00am to 4.00pm

If you cannot make an event call 0303 333 1216 or visit cumbria.gov.uk/fostering

Serving the people of Cumbria cumbria.gov.uk/fostering



Rock Challenge



This year's performance is now available to view on our web site. It is well worth a watch. There is a montage of the preparations for the event below.



School Swimming Gala



The school swimming gala takes place on Wednesday 22nd May from 10am. The school house teams will be competing against each other for the school trophy. Children from Key Stage 2 will be watching the event. Parents/families are welcome but please note that the children from Key Stage 2 attending have priority over seating – there should be spare seats though at the back.

Last year's winners were Yellow House who took the trophy from Red House who had won the previous year.



Summer Term Swimming

Whilst on the subject of swimming Y2 children start swimming from Monday 13th May for the rest of this term. There will also be a series of 'catch up' lessons for those children in year 6 who didn't achieve national expectations last year, also beginning in June. Finally pupils who are able to swim have an exciting opportunity to experience open water swimming in Lake Windermere. There are lots of trained lifeguards around and the children will be provided with wet suits.

Be Sun Wise

As the days get hotter (hopefully!!) it is important that thoughts go to protecting children from the sun. The children at the school spend a lot of time outdoors during the school day and lunch times in particular are times when the sun is at its hottest. We shall be holding assemblies stressing the need for protection against the sun.



Please help your child by applying sun screen **before** they get dressed in the morning (it should last for the school day so children don't need to be applying it at school), ensure they have the minimum of skin showing and provide them with a hat to wear outside to protect their heads...remember

'Wrap, Splat and Hat!'

www.wrapsplathat.co.uk



Parental Questionnaire Outcomes

Thank you also to all who completed the parents' questionnaire at the Parents' Evenings last half term.

We have been able to analyse the outcomes and the approval ratings to the nearest whole % are displayed below.

The outcomes are impressive and we are very pleased that the service we offer to you is of a high quality (with all responses 96%+) and we will strive to



ensure this always remains the case.

Thank you to all who made comments too, these have been shared with staff.

The annual questionnaire is vital to us as it helps us analyse areas of strength and also areas to improve on and it forms part of our School Development Plan.

In addition the pupils have completed a questionnaire devised by the School Council and this will be analysed too to contribute to school improvement.

Helena Thompson Museum – Harrington Wall



10 'artists' from Year 5 & 6 will be working with a professional artist to create a 'Harrington Wall' outside the Helena Thompson Museum on the afternoon of the 22nd May. The artists' names will go on a plaque for posterity!

Sponsored Golden Mile

The school's annual sponsored event takes place in the first week after half term. Nursery will complete their challenge on Thursday 6th June and the rest of the school on Friday 7th Jun). The children can come to school dressed in sports clothes on their allotted days. Please help your child get some sponsors. All money raised will go to enhance the children's experiences at school. Thank you in advance for your support.



Congratulations go to Ms Cunningham on the birth of her son, Arlo in March. Mother and son visited school last week and everyone loved him!



Congratulations also go to Mr Heppell who has moved on to a new job as a recreational assistant and swimming instructor for GLL Leisure.

Parent Questionnaire Analysis - 2019

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know	Approval rating - % stongly agree or agree (not don't knows)
My child is happy at this school	218	73	3		2	99
My child feels safe at this school	221	73	2			99
My child makes good progress at this school	209	86			1	100
My child is well looked after at this school	221	73	1		1	100
My child is safeguarded well	211	73	1		1	100
My child is taught well at this school	223	73				100
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	182	109	3		2	99
This school deals effectively with bullying	139	99	4	4	4	97
This school is well led and managed	208	91	1		1	100
This school responds well to any concern I raise	168	108	7		13	98
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	185	106	7		23	98
I am kept well informed about events at school	212	81	13			96
Would you recommend this school to another parent	228	64			4	100

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.

To celebrate Star Wars Day – May the 4th (be with you!) try and complete the wordsearch.



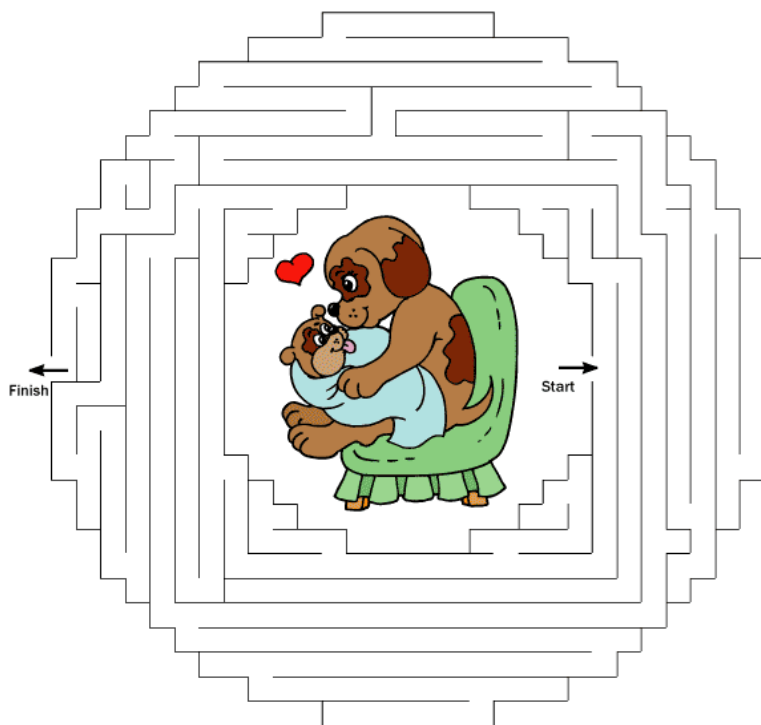
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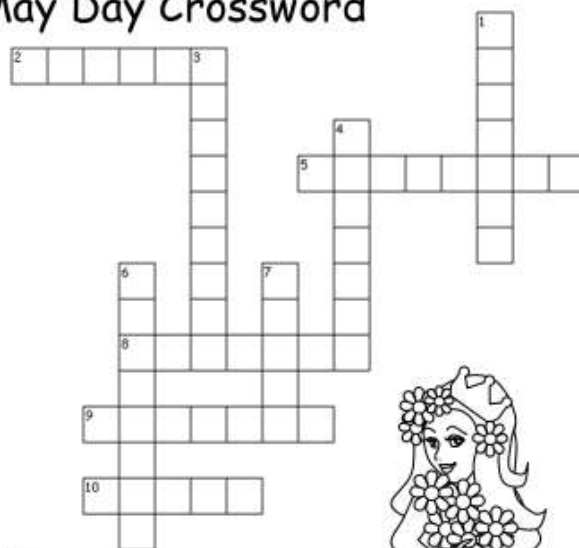
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LUKE SKYWALKER	DEATH STAR	LIGHTSABRE
HAN SOLO	OBI WAN	TATOOINE
CHEWBACCA	JEDI	R2-D2
LEIA	DARTH VADER	C-3P0

MAY



May Day Crossword



Across

2. An open container for carrying bread or flowers.
5. Another word for "flowers".
8. People who musically express themselves with voice.
9. Thin strips of decorative fabric.
10. To musically express yourself with movement.

Down

1. The central pole used during mayday celebrations.
3. The passing down of culture through the years.
4. The reproductive part of some plants.
6. A yearly celebration or party.
7. Reigning female.



A picture to colour



Need to contact your Councillor?



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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



May

Wed 1st – May Newsletter out

- Fidaddle Music men visiting

Friday 3rd – Class Assembly 3/4DP

- CfM Superhero Day

Week beg. 6th – Chicks on tour around the school

Wed 8th – Class Photos

- Workington Academy Pre-Admission Evening for Y6 – 5.30pm

Thu 9th – Mayor of Allerdale Visiting

Fri 10th – Class Assembly 3LJ

Week beg. 13th – Y2 & Y6 SATs Week (Timetables below)



Key Stage 1:

Key Stage 1	
Monday 13 th	Reading Paper 1
Tuesday 14 th	Maths Reading Paper 1
Wednesday 15 th	Reading Paper 2
Thursday 16 th	Maths Paper 2

Key Stage 2:

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 13th – Y2 swimming starts

Tues 14th – Y1&2 Football competition

Thu 16th – Maths & Science EdExcel test afternoon for Year 5

Fri 17th – Circuits Day

Mon 20th to Fri 24th – Walk to School Week

Mon 20th – Golden Mile Sponsor Forms go home

Tue 21st – Governor Challenge Day

- 'Come & Play' 4-5pm for January & April Nursery cohorts

- Governors meeting 3.30pm

Wed 22nd – School Swimming Gala

- A group of Y5&6 artists visiting Helena Thompson Museum

Thu 23rd – Y5&6 Cricket Festival

- FAB(PTA) meeting 3.30pm

Fri 24th – 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**



	Summer 2019	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020
Start of Term	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 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 19 th July	Friday 20 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th 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 5th June – FS & Y1 transition morning

Thu 6th June – Nursery sponsored mile

- Y6 Love Rocks

Fri 7th June – Sponsored Mile

- Sue Hayman M.P. Visiting

- Y6 Love Rocks

Week beg. 10th June – Y1&Y2 Phonics Check Week

- **Y4 Times Tables Pilot**

Wed 12th – FS & Y1 transition morning

Thu 13th June – Workington Swimming Gala

Fri 14th June – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

- Non Uniform Day – Chocolate for Bingo Nights

- YR & Y6 Heights & weights

- Y5&6 group to East Croft for crafts

Mon 17th June – 'Off by Heart' Individual recitals

Tue 18th June – FS & KS1 Bingo Night 6pm

Wed 19th June – Y6 Jobs in the Community Event

- FS & Y1 transition morning

- KS2 Bingo Night

- Thu 20th – St Joseph's Induction day

Fri 21st June – Reception visiting Harrington Shore

- Y6 Workington Academy Tutor Day

Wed 26th June – Y5 English Transition Day at Workington Academy

Tue 25th & Wed 26th – Cockermouth Transition Days

Thu 27th June – Workington Football Cup

Fri 28th June – Y6 Transition Day

Mon 1st July – Wheelchair Basketball – Y3&4

Tue 2nd July – Sports Day (reserve on Thu 4th July)

Wed 3rd July – KS1 Summer Gincase Trip

- Year 5&6 fencing

Fri 5th July – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

- Y3&4 Summer Trip to Blackpool Zoo

- Y5 taster Day at St Joseph's

Tue 9th July – Reception Muncaster Summer Trip

Wed 10th July – County Finals Day

Thu 11th July – Nursery Summer Gincase Trip

- Reception & Y6 Heights & Weights

Fri 12th – Meet new classes day part 1

- Cyber Awareness training – Parents from 9.15 to 10.30 & Y6 from 11am to 12.20pm

- A group from 1/2LS visiting East Croft

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

