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Newsletter no. 2 – October 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the October newsletter. There are only 3 weeks left of school until half term however it is a busy time as witnessed by the dates on the back.

Indeed over this month we have; Our Book Fair; Harvest Celebrations; a residential for Year 6; a 'Circuits Day'; Cinema Nights and Reception 'Come & Play' sessions amongst many other events. Details of these and more are within the newsletter.

Please take time to read the contents of this newsletter then you can really involve yourself in the life of the school and learn more about how to support your child.

If you would like articles on anything to do with education in future issues then please do get in touch with school. In addition please remember your views are always welcome and can be given in person, via the parent suggestion box at the top of the hill or through our web site

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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

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- Councillor Marjorie Rae
- Cumbria Coast Karate
- Curzon Street Dental Hygienist
- Harrington Pharmacy
- High Harrington Community Centre
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- Step by Step
- > The Wobbly Wand



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Book Fair

Our Book Fair will continue to be open until Wednesday at morning playtimes and after school. You should have received a flyer detailing some of the books available but



there are many more, it is worth coming up after school for a good browse. Please do support the Fair if you can, the school earns commission on everything sold towards extra books for your children to read in school.

HARVEST

Harvest

October is traditionally the month of Harvest. To mark this celebratory time of year Key Stage 1 children will be performing Harvest songs for Harrington Over 55's on Thursday 11th October. They will then share their songs with the school on Friday 12th October in an assembly where we are asking for food donations for the local Foodbank. Further details of the food that would be welcomed are described later in this newsletter.

Our Key Stage 1 pupils will then sing their Harvest songs in Church for parents from 2pm on Monday 15th October. All parents are welcome. Children can go home from Church with a parent or will be escorted back to the school for the end of the school day.



<u>Gurning</u>

In recognition of the 'World Gurning Championship' that takes place every year at Egremont Crab Fair the school held its own annual Gurning competition which

was enjoyed by all. Photos of the event and all the

finalists (pictured overleaf) are in the film and photo gallery of our web site as well as the details of the knockout. The final took place between Boe from Y6 and Alfie from Y3 with Boe winning the event. Congratulations to all the children who took part, they were great sports!







The Gurning Finalists and the winner, Boe from Y6 are pictured above,

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Sporting Value Trophy

Mia-Anne was absent when the Sporting Value Trophies for the Summer term were issued at the



end of the last year and consequently her success was not mentioned in the September newsletter. Mia-Anne who is now in Year 3 was chosen to win the award for the sporting value of 'Teamwork' and was awarded the trophy in assembly early in September. Previous winners can be seen on our web site by clicking on the relevant academic year and then the 'Sporting Value Trophy'. The full suite of trophies will be presented in an assembly in early January for pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 who show the displayed sporting values in abundance this term.

Summer Reading Challenge



A very big 'Thank You' to all who emailed or handed in photos of their children reading over the Summer. There photostory of some the photos emailed that can be seen on our web site which is well worth watching.



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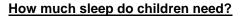
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Below are the approximate hours of sleep <u>needed</u> by children of different ages, as recommended recently in a Government Health report. We thought it may be of interest to you particularly when discussing bedtimes!

3 years

daytime: 0 to 45 minutes

night-time: 11 hours 30 minutes to 12 hours

4 years

• night-time: 11 hours 30 minutes

5 years

night-time: 11 hours

6 years

night-time: 10 hours 45 minutes

7 years

night-time: 10 hours 30 minutes

8 years

night-time: 10 hours 15 minutes

9 years

• night-time: 10 hours

10 years

• night-time: 9 hours 45 minutes

11 years

• night-time: 9 hours 30 minutes





Creativity Cup

The first Creativity
Cup winner of this
school year is
Willow from Blue
group in Nursery.

She has impressed the staff with her all round creative talents and is a worthy winner.

Donations

The school would very much welcome any donations of





unwanted or unused Lego.

Classes would also very much welcome any donations of traditional board games, Top Trumps sets or chess

and draught sets. We are aiming to redress the use of technology for gaming by encouraging the children to play traditional games which involve the skills of turn taking, maths etc.

In addition the school would also very much welcome any of the following;

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

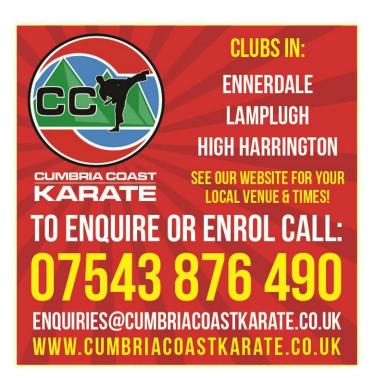


Thank you in advance for any donations



Circuits

The 'Circuits Day' for this half term is on Thursday 18th October. Children can come to school dressed in Sports Clothes.



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 Autumn is £9.00 and needs to be paid for by the first Friday of next half term, Friday 2nd November. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.

> Milk for next half term is £10.00 payable by Friday 2nd **November**

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.

Give Blood - Help Save a Life!

The next donor session is on Wednesday 3rd October at the Oval Centre from 3 to 7pm and



on Tuesday 16th October from 3pm to 7pm at the Bridge Centre, Central Square, Workington. Further details can be found at www.blood.co.uk

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported the coffee morning last Friday by

sending in cakes or prizes and also attending the event. It was organised by Year 6. A particular BIG thank you needs to go to Mrs Chambers who is the driving force behind this event. The children all had a great time.



They really enjoyed organising games and stalls, eating the cakes and the event raised £970 which is

wonderful. Further pictures of the Coffee Morning are available on our website under the 'Film and Photo Gallery' link or use the QR code here.

Workington Amateur Swimming

In relation to the above and to help with next year's team (!) we would encourage you to explore the possibility of enrolling your child in Workington Swimming Club if your child enjoys swimming. Swimming is



a very enjoyable sport and is a very effective way of getting and keeping fit at any age. As well as developing strokes the club provides opportunities to swim in teams and races and be a potential future member of the school swimming team. The Club meets on a Monday and Friday at 7pm and new members are always welcome. Children from Reception upwards who can swim can join if they wish.

For further information:

Club E-Mail: workingtonasc@outlook.com

Phone Number: 07846 363 973

or alternatively you can complete a contact form online at https://workingtonasc.com/contact-theclub/ or follow the QR code.



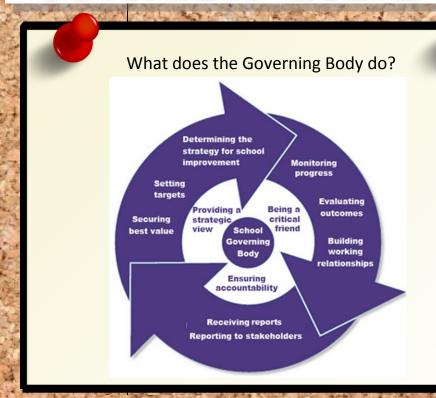


Covernors' Board

The Governors next meeting is THIS Tuesday 2nd October – this is the Annual General Meeting where Officers for the year are elected.

It is preceded by the first Staffing & Finance Committee of the year.

Further details next month! The Governors also will have a 'Challenge Day' next month when they are in school all day on Tuesday 20th November,





Can you spare an hour or so 4 times a year?

Do you have ideas to raise school funds?

Can you offer help at events?

Pop along to our next meeting and find out how you can help.

Thursday 8th November 3.30pm

FREE Beckstone Xtra places if booked in advance

All welcome

The September meeting saw the election of Officers:

Chair – Mrs Bernie Cunningham Secretary – Mrs Hayley Campbell Treasurer – Mrs Debbie O'Pray

FAB then also began planning events and fund raising activities for this year, the committee will plan them in detail at their meetings. The main event of this term is the Christmas Fair which takes place on Friday 30th November 2018. Further details of this event will be released in next month's newsletter. An additional date which is being planned is a Saturday morning Christmas party in December for those who wish to shop and wrap without children around for a couple of hours.

The meeting also agreed establishing a '100 Club', details in the next article and funding some 'catch up' reading books.

Thanks to all who attended.



KEEP CALM

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F.A.B

(Friends at Beckstone)

Minutes of the last meeting and indeed previous ones can be viewed on our web site or by following the QR code below.



100 Club

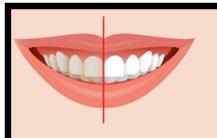
The recent FAB meeting agreed to setting up a '100 Club' for interested families at the school.

The club will work by players paying £1 a month totalling £10 to cover all draws this school year from this month up to July (£1 a



month). For this subscription players choose one number which will be drawn in an assembly. The winning number's owner will receive £30, second place £15 and the third place £5.

The Chair of FAB, Mrs Cunningham, has sent further details with this newsletter and vou will be able to return a slip if you wish to take part.



Wouldn't you like cleaner teeth?

It's easier and cheaper than you think.

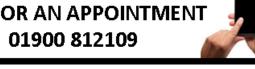
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SWYP Poppy Making Workshops

The South Workington Youth Partnership has worked successfully with all classes across the school. They made 'poppies' with children from every class - each child made 2 poppies, one is being used as part of the school's Remembrance display at the back of St Mary's CofE Church (see next article) and one for display by the Town Council in Workington.. Year 6 children then designed a Remembrance flag to be used in the Town Parade. The winning design, by Lilia, is shown at the top of the next column. Our thanks and appreciation goes to the SWYP and the Town Council for providing the funding for this initiative.



Church Display

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the WW1 Armistice the school was asked by Councillor Harrington to create a display in Church including WW1 helmets and the names of the soldiers on the Harrington Cenotaph who lost their lives in the Great War. The display is being set up today and as well as featuring the above requests the poppies mentioned in the previous article provide a cascade of poppies. Our thanks go to Mrs Potts who was the driving force behind this effective and touching public Remembrance display.

Allerdale 100

Children from Year 1 upwards received a visit from 'Black Knight' presenters who relayed the experiences of WW1 through being dressed in actual costumes and showing and sharing artefacts. They left a lot of resources for follow up work and again we are grateful to the Town Council for funding this.

As part of the Allerdale 100 campaign the Town will see a 'barbed wire' display which will feature details of people from Workington who lost their lives in the Great War donated by pupils and adult residents alike.

Researching one of the fallen could be a historical activity you could complete with your child. This could be done by researching a relative or taking a name from the Harrington Cenotaph. Details of how to conduct such research and use appropriate websites were kindly donated by the Allerdale 100 team. The research instructions can be found on our web site in the 'World Wars Commemorative Zone' or by following the QR code.



World Wars Commemorative Web Site Zone

This zone, mentioned above has a lot of information about the Wars, details of Walter Tull (the first Black English footballer who lost his life in WW1) and some personal reflection

on family members of people associated with the school.



If you would like to add details of your family or any research undertaken as part of the Allerdale 100 project detailed above then we would very much welcome it.



Remembrance Parades

The school will also be joining in the Harrington Remembrance Parade in the morning of the 11th November. The Parade will leave the British Legion at

9.15am and arrive at Church at 10am. We will then be taking part in the Workington parade at 2pm. We will soon be looking for pupil volunteers to represent

the school on this historic occasion. The day will involve taking part in the Harrington Parade, returning to School for lunch and a chill out and then going to town for the afternoon parade. We may need parental transport help at this point. Further details will be issued soon.





School Savings Account

Encourage your child to start saving towards Christmas or for something special they would like 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.

Encourage your children to save towards Christmas.

Non Uniform Day



The first non-uniform day of the school year took place on Friday 21st September and was in aid of genetic disorder support charities. The 'Jeans for Genes' day raised

£296, a big thank you to all who supported it.

There is a non-uniform day this month on the last day before half term (Friday 1th October) and is in support of the 'Miss Evie' local



charity. This charity provides support to families when their young children are ill and in hospital and also support if there is a child bereavement. It is a very worthwhile cause and urge all to support this day.

Diabetes Charitable Support



Mrs Vaughan, the school's Business Manager, has raised over £350 for Diabetes Research through being sponsored for daily walking. She chose this charity to show

support for one of our pupils. She began her challenge in the summer term

② Tempest

and completed 1 million steps last month. Very big congratulations go to her for such a Herculean effort!



Cars on Eadie Street & Catholic Church car park

Please can anyone collecting children from school <u>avoid using Eadie Street</u> (which is residents' parking only). We have witnessed cars parking on the

bridge and therefore blocking emergency access, cars parking on the waste ground by the beck and then trying to drive away through children and even some cars doing a 3 point turn!!. Some of our children are very small and cannot be seen easily in a rear view mirror. We are sure that if anyone injured a child in such a way they would find it very difficult to live with themselves.

Please remove any danger by not picking up in a vehicle on Eadie Street. It would be difficult to live with yourself if you hurt a child.



In addition we have had a request from the Church to ask parents not to use their car park as it is in frequent use for services etc.

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.

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Phil Doyle or Nicola Jones on 01772 713819 or Alternatively email:

admin@stepbystepeducation.co.uk

Safeguarding/Child Protection



a look.

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

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

Sharing information is in the best interests of children and their safeguarding. The school reserves the right to share and receive 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



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 in order to support any children whose lives are affected by such an occurrence.



Use of Apps & Social Media

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 an app called 'Hello Neighbour' which focuses on breaking into neighbour's houses and is a survival horror game that has disturbed some of our pupils.

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. Finally whilst discussing social media we would like to remind parents that the school and other children should not be a focus for discussion on these forums, this is directly against the policy of the school. If parents have concerns about the school or another child then in the first instance this should be reported to a member of the school staff.



Knock & Run/Ding Dong Ditch

Another Kidsafe session resulted in some children discussing the 'knock and run' style games that

they know 'others' do. What seems like a bit of fun to some can be very scary for people living on their own and for elderly people. Please discuss the dangers of this with your children, particularly with Halloween soon.



Cinema Nights

There are 2 Cinema Nights, one for Reception & KS1 and one for KS2. If you have children in both ends of the school then we can accommodate that with an older child going to the younger sitting or vice versa.

The film being shown is 'Peter Rabbit'. It has a PG rating for 'comic violence'. As a result we



will assume we have your parental permission if you book your child into one of these nights.

Further information and booking forms will go out soon. Peter Rabbit' will be shown on Monday 15th October from 3.15 to 5.15pm for Key Stage 2 children and on Wednesday 17th October at the same times for Reception & Key Stage 1 children. The cost of the films including care and copious refreshments is £5 per child payable when booking.

Knife & Fork Use

Please can all parents support their children in learning to use a knife and fork properly.



Please ensure your children practise at every meal time at home – thanks!



10 things you want children to say

BBC News recently covered research with a panel of 1,000 parents for communications app ClassDojo, to uncover the top phrases that parents of primary-age children long to hear from their children. We thought we would share the top 10 with you as we found them amusing and on the whole very true!!

- 1 "The toys are all tidied away completely and put in the right boxes."
- 2 "Let me tell you about what I learnt at school today."
- 3 "I've got myself ready, so I can go to bed early."
- 4 "Thank you for tidying my room."
- 5 "I've put all my clothes in the laundry basket."
- 6 "Would you like to see how well I've done my homework?"
- 7 "I think I've watched enough TV for one day."
- 8 "I've already packed my school bag with everything I need for tomorrow."
- 9 "There's a letter in my school bag that you should probably read."
- 10 "I can see you're on the phone, so I'm going to play quietly."

The School on the Hill

National Poetry Day takes place THIS Thursday on the 4th October. We thought we would use it as an opportunity to share a poem that was given to the school that was written by a parent of a Year 6 leaver in July, Caroline Hyde.

In a charming West-Cumbrian village,
On a hill overlooking the sea,
There's a school that's so very special
And it's called 'Beckstone Primary'

It started as 'Harrington Junior's'
In Victorian times, long ago,
Where great-grandparents sat in the same rooms,
Generations of families would grow.

A place to feel welcome and cared for,
As we learnt to read and to write,
And playing with friends in the playground,
Or out on the field when it's bright.

There's always fun and adventure,
With projects, school trips and such,
And the special memories made there,
Is why children love it so much!

There's Sports Day, Bingo, Assemblies, Rock Challenge, Swim Galas and more, And charity days raising money, With kindness deep at its core.

We hope there'll always be Beckstone,
That wonderful school on the hill.
It's a place to remember with fondness,
And love it forever, we will!



Appointments

This is a gentle reminder that if you are collecting your child for a medical appointment during the school day please bring along their appointment card and

show it to the Office staff. They will then collect your child from their class and bring them to you whilst you sign them out.

New Starters

Our 2 Reception classes have been photographed. The pictures have been sent to the Times & Star who no longer have a photographer to cover this feature but have asked schools to submit them. The pupils look very smart in their new uniforms.

Ms Cunningham's RAC class:



Mrs White's RJWh class



Shoelace Tying



If your child is unable to tie their laces then please do try to teach them at home, it is the role of parents to help their child with this.

Halloween



The first Wednesday after half term (31st) will be a Halloween, spooky themed day and your child is invited to come to school in costume and everyone who comes in a costume will be able to parade for the school

(Costumes can be sourced at competitive prices from supermarkets nearer the time).

There will also be a Halloween themed lunch and parties with refreshments for all year groups (including Nursery!). The FAB are funding many of the festivities but a £1 donation towards costs would be most welcome.

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!

New Look Web Site

At some point this term our web site will undergo a complete makeover and will have a new design. This is a very exciting development and we shall keep you informed about its launch:

THIS.....



TO THIS....



Herbs



Our 'Help Yourself' herb garden will be closing for the winter soon and the herbs are going on their holidays.

They will return next Spring when again parents are

welcome to take herbs to enhance their cooking – the large sign gives hints on how they can be used.



Parental Commitments

- To read with your child every day for at least 20 minutes.
- To ensure your child learns their appropriate times tables (as set by the teacher).
- Ensure your child completes their weekly 'Friday' homework which will consist of one piece of maths work, a reading comprehension and on occasion a 'learning challenge'.
- To make sure your child arrives at school regularly and on time and let the school know immediately of any absence.
- To ensure your child's attire follows the uniform policy and they have the correct PE Kit when needed.
- To support the school's behaviour policies and guidelines and show respect to all involved in the school community.
- To give consent for your child to make accompanied off site visits in the school locality.
- To give consent for data to be held on record about your child and their contacts and to ensure the school has up to date contact information.
- To allow your child's name and images of your child to be used on the school web site,

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Parental Expectations

There is now no requirement on schools to have a 'Home/School agreement. The school does keep data consent forms and included parental expectations on the children's reports. A newer slim line version of the reports will be issued at the Parents' Evenings in November and that panel has been removed. Instead it has been reproduced at the top of this page for your information. Please do make a mental note of all expectations.

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.



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

Dog Mess on Back Path

The path to the rear of the school continues to be ruined by the unthinking and inappropriate use by dog owners. There is now a lot of dog dirt and it has already been brought into school on the shoes of some of the



CLEAN IT UP!

users of the path. Dog owners at the very least should be bagging their dog's poop as this path to the rear is being increasingly used by children and families from the school and should quite rightly be **free from dog**

Please report dog mess to Allerdale. This can be done by phone or through the 'Allerdale App' on an iPhone or Android phone. The more reports they receive the more likely it is that action will be taken.



Lost Property

Already the box is filling up We cannot stress enough the importance of labelling clothing!



Foodbank

We have a permanent Foodbank collection point in school. The collection bin can be found near the door that leads into the front playground by the Reception classes. There are around 600 families in the area that regularly have needed to use the Foodbank so any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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

The Foodbank has a special Harvest appeal this month, this is detailed below:



Nursery Intakes



Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 December 2015 can

receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **January 2019**.

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.

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 below) 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 for 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 11.50amto 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

S essions 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.

After School Clubs

An up to date list of after school clubs is displayed below for your information.



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 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

Extra Curriculum Clubs September/October 2018

	<u>Mc</u>	onday	
3:15 – 4: 15 p.m.	Hockey	Mrs Chambers	Year 3 and 4
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Raspberry Pi	Mr Wilson	Year 5 Girls only
	<u>Tu</u>	esday	
2:45 – 3.15	Choir	Mrs Yoxall & Mr Milner	Key Stage 1 & 2
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Athletics	Mr Wise	Year 5 and 6
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Rock Challenge	Mrs Walker	KS2 Only
20	Wed	nesday	201
8:20 – 8:50 a.m.	Revise Wise	Mr Wilson	Year 6 only
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Lego Club	Mr Fleming	Key Stage 1 only
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Netball	Mrs Chambers	Year 5 and 6
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Mindfulness	Mrs Walker	Year 5 and 6
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	SAT's Booster	Miss Gorman	Year 6 only
	<u>Thu</u>	irsday	
3.20 – 8:50 a.m.	Revise Wise	Mr Wilson	Year 6 only
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Art and Craft Club	Debbie	Key Stage 2 only
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Art and Craft Club (making helmets for 100 years Armistice Day)	Mrs Potts	Year 5 and 6 only
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	First Lego League	Mrs Trotter	Year 5 and 6
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Gymnastics	Miss Gorman	Year 3 and 4
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Raspberry Pi	Mr Wilson	Year 5 Boys only
Va	Fi	riday	
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Gymnastics	Miss Gorman	Team only



The nasal flu vaccine

- Almost all eligible children will be able to have the vaccine as a nasal spray (up the nose), which is a quick and painless process.
- Serious side effects are uncommon but many children can develop a runny or blocked nose, headache, some tiredness or loss of appetite that lasts for a short period.

Influenza vaccination

All children in Years Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 in England are eligible for seasonal flu vaccination during the autumn of 2017. It is a nasal spray vaccination and will not only help protect the children from getting flu but it also stops them spreading the

disease to their family, carers and the wider population. As flu viruses change each year last year's immunisation for those that had it will not be effective.

The vaccination (Fluenz Tetra®) will be offered in school on **Thursday 4th October** and parents do not need to be present but can request to attend. The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Further details should be issued soon by the NHS. The only children who will be excluded are those where there is contra-indicated medical advice and there are very few this will apply to across the country.

Parents of younger children may like to know that children aged 2 upwards



and also in Nursery can receive their free vaccination through their GP or Pharmacies. We have placed an information booklet with

regard to this in the 'Parenting Information & Guidance Zone' of our web site.



Hearing

Reduced hearing can often occur in childhood and is normally caused by 'glue ear'. Hearing loss can seriously hamper a child's progress and speech. The Health Service has asked us to share the signs and symptoms with parents and who to contact if you would like your child to have a hearing test.

Glue Ear

Happier | Healthier | Hopeful

Do you notice any of the following in your child?

- · Not always responding to sound
- Changes in behaviour becoming tired & frustrated
- Poor concentration
- · Changes in performance at school
- · Delayed speech development

What is Glue Ear?

Glue Ear is a temporary build up of fluid in the ear. It is one of the most common childhood conditions. 8 out of 10 children will have a period of glue ear at some point.

What to do

Your local Children's Hearing Clinic can do a simple hearing test. To arrange this you can speak to your GP, Health Visitor or School Nurse or you can contact us directly yourself:

Carlisle area: London Rd Community Clinic
Penrith area: Penrith Health Centre
Wigton area: Wigton Surgery
O1900 705248
Workington area: Workington Hospital
Whitehaven area: Footsteps Centre
O1228 608030
01768 245616
01900 705248
01900 705239

Residentials

- Year 6 are going to an adventure activity centre in Hexham called 'Kingswood' from THIS Wednesday 3rd to Friday 5th of this month. We wish them an excellent and enjoyable stay. They will be involved in lots of adventurous activities in a safe environment and memories for life will be made there.
- In addition Year 5 pupils have the opportunity to go on a city residential trip to Edinburgh. This



will take place from Wednesday 19th June to Friday 21st June 2018. Further details will be sent out soon.

Shoebox Appeal



The school is again supporting 'Operation Christmas Child'. To bring the joy of Christmas to a child in a part of the world where there is poverty and deprivation. You are invited to fill a shoebox with presents for a boy or a girl. All details about how to join in and

what sort of items to put in the shoebox should be in a leaflet accompanying this newsletter. If you do not have one then spares are available from the School Office.

Making a shoebox could be a half term activity with your child!

Completed boxes can be dropped off in school anytime up until Friday 16th of November.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

CHAILENGS.

Rock Challenge

The school has registered to take part in Rock Challenge – a competitive dance event at the Sands Centre in Carlisle on Friday15th March 2018. Further details will go out in due course.



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.

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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

School Cardigans

Another item to our clothing range is school cardigans with the school logo embroidered These can on. be through bought the School office at a cost of £12.50



School Fund

We are in need of 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.

Reception Come & Play Sessions

These take place from 2pm on Tuesday 30th October and Thursday 1st November. Families will be invited to sign up for their preferred day nearer the time. It is vitally important that everyone does choose a time so that you can get a greater understanding of



the curriculum in Reception and how you can support your child with their learning. You will be able to take your child (and siblings if you need to) after the event.

School Prospectus



The updated version for 2018/19 will be available on our web site or on request from the School Office early this month. It contains useful information on all school policies/procedures & will be updated in the next few weeks

Advertising

The school newsletter has been supported by local businesses since the school opened and we are very appreciative of the support we receive. The cost of an



advert is £5 per month and the newsletter goes into well over 300 houses locally. If you would like to advertise your business however large or small (even baby-sitting services) then please do get in touch with the School Office. Adverts are subject to the approval of the Governing Body

Punctuality & Start of the Day

Please ensure that your child arrives on time to school every day – this is a statutory responsibility for all parents.

Doors open at 8.50am and everyone should be in class by 9am. No child should be unaccompanied on the school

should be unaccompanied on the school yards prior to the doors opening. If work means you have to drop off your child early then please use the Breakfast Club. Latecomers <u>must report to the school office</u> and dependent on age will either be escorted from there to class or will go by themselves. <u>Parents are not to escort children to classes after this time</u>.

Please do not open outside doors for children or parents after the 9am bell rings. Also please could parents with children in Nursery and the main school not use Nursery's internal doors but go round the outside instead to drop off their main school child(ren). Reception parents will need to leave via the end of corridor door that they entered.

It is important these procedures are followed to avoid children being missed from the register or from not ordering their lunch.

IMPORTANT CHANGE*

In addition to encourage independence we ask that Key Stage 2 and from October half term Key Stage 1 children come to class <u>on their own</u>. If your child is late on a number of occasions and no reasons are given you will be called in for a meeting. It is a statutory responsibility for parents to ensure their child arrives at school **ON TIME.**



Some of the changes detailed above resulted from a Security Meeting on the 10th September. Collection arrangements at the end of the school day have been tightened up with after school clubs all exiting the Breakfast Club door (gates are open again) but we politely request that parents do not enter the building, if a child has left something in their locker they will need to go and get it themselves,

Collection from Beckstone Xtra will be via the outside of the building and via a bell push on the Nursery door. If the care service has moved to the computer room then there will be a notice on the door and parents will need to go round the building and ring the doorbell on the door at the top of the disabled ramp in the car park. There may be some other procedures that could be subject to further change to ensure the security of the building at all times.



Reading

Further to the information on the importance of reading in the last newsletter the following advice may also provide useful in supporting your child.

What else can I do to help my child talk, read and write?

- Ask your child what she/he thinks about the book? What makes you think that?
- Q Re-read pages if necessary.
- Talk about the cover, the name of the story (title), who wrote the book (author) and who drew the pictures (illustrator).
- Point out that we read to the end of the page, we turn the page, we read from left to right and top to bottom.
- Ask the child to tell you the story who, when, where, what happened and the end of the story.
- Use toys to bring the story to life for example, if reading The Three Bears use three teddy bears - you and your child can act out the story.
- Provide paper, crayons, chalk and paint so that your child can draw pictures about the story.
- Bring writing activities outdoors write in the sand, use brushes to paint with water, make letters with sticks.
- Let children see you reading and writing. Read in front of children. Write shopping lists and messages to friends. Explain how reading and writing help you get things done.

There is also a lot of information to help your child with reading in the 'Help Your Child to Read' zone on our web site.





Reading pleasurable activity whatever your age as the photograph of one of our pupils, Ava, reading to her new born brother shows. It is an opportunity to spend quality time with your child and you should make the most of it...that time goes quickly and if you don't make the most of it your child will have grown up and you



will no longer have that wonderful opportunity.

School Meals

The menu for this term is reproduced on the next page and was sent home as a flyer before the school broke up for



the summer. 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.

The cost of the school meals for those in Key Stage 2 will remain at £2.20. There are however national food



price pressures and the cost will be reviewed from January as the meal provider is reviewing their cost price due to inflation, we will keep you posted. The 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.

"I really like having hot lunches - they keep you warm on cold days!"

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

School meals also...

- encourage your children to try different foods, as well as enjoy familiar favourites
- provide at least two of the recommended
 5-a-day portions of fruit and vegetables
- get them thinking about healthy eating, which will help them make good food choices in the future
- help children's concentration and behaviour in the classroom.





Free School Meals Application



Are you entitled?

Eligibility for Free Meals brings other benefits such as

a uniform grant, free milk, free instrumental hire and also provides the school with additional funding. We ask that ALL ELIGIBLE PARENTS OF PUPILS FROM NEXT YEAR'S 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%2 F

Packed Lunches

Please note the school does not have facilities for storing packed lunches at appropriate temperatures and that packed lunches MUST be healthy – see the graphic guide below and please follow it. 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!

The school currently has a clear policy on packed

lunches which is being reviewed by Governors this week. However it is important that all families note that the following items are NOT ALLOWED in packed lunch boxes as it is very important that we are ensuring the next generation are fit and healthy:

Chocolate (*biscuits/sweets/puddings) Crisps

Fizzy drinks

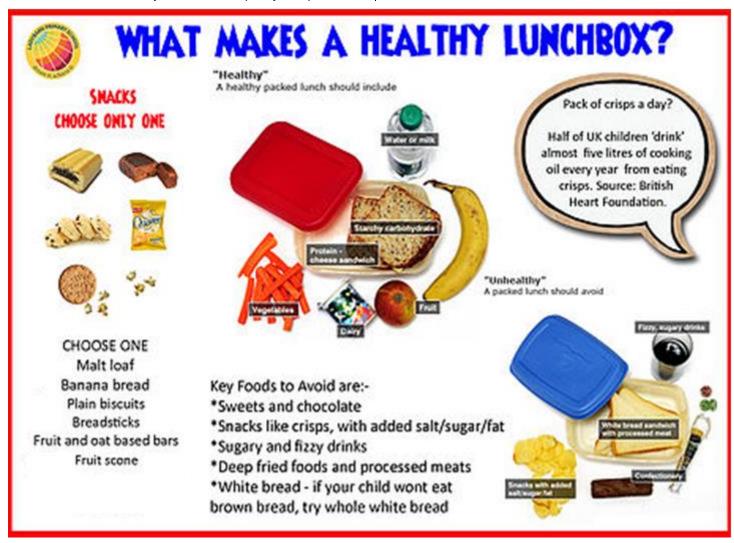
All research is showing that as well as being a cause of obesity regular intakes of such foods have other detrimental effects on health e.g. a child eating crisps daily would consume over 5 litres of oil a year which puts strain on many internal organs.



Summer Reading Challenge 2018 Summer Activities

Summer Reading Challenge

Sheryl McKeating from the School's Library Service will be visiting school on Thursday 11th October to present certificates to all those who took p[art from this school. Thank you to all families who supported the 'Mischief Maker' Reading Challenge.





Workington Academy Daytime Tours

Booking forms for the above offer are also available from our School Office.

Uniform Donations

At the end of last term we donated any unclaimed and un-named sweatshirts to a Grandparent, Mr O'Donnell, who does a lot of charity work in Moldova in areas where there is a lot of poverty. We were thrilled to receive photographs of the uniforms in use at a Moldovan school. They are pictured below.









Healthy Teeth



Mr Fleming has successfully procured a toothbrush and toothpaste for every child in the school. Later this month we will be focusing on teeth cleaning and will issue these packs. Please affirm the importance of having healthy teeth and brushing regularly at home.

Eye Tests

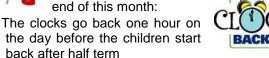
Following a recent news item it is important to draw every parent's attention to the fact that eye tests no longer take place in school and are not a routine check as many of the general public seemingly assume. It is important to study your child's vision and if

you have any concerns please book them for an eye test. NHS sight tests are **FREE** for all children. Eye problems can seriously affect your child's learning in school so if you have only the slightest concern it is worth booking a test. Teachers may also bring their concerns to your attention during the Parents' Evenings in November.





Please remember two important things at the end of this month:



back after half term

• A reminder to hosting a few pay' on the

 A reminder that school will be hosting a 'Halloween Themed Day' on the Wednesday after half term, which is Halloween. Children will be invited to come to school in a Halloween costume

and bring a £1 to cover refreshments.





Pare

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.

Can you spot ten differences between these two pictures?

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Harvest Wordsearch & Colouring

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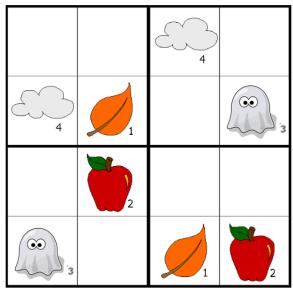




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Autumn Sudoku



Each row, each column and each of the large four squares should have one of each image. Fill in the blanks!

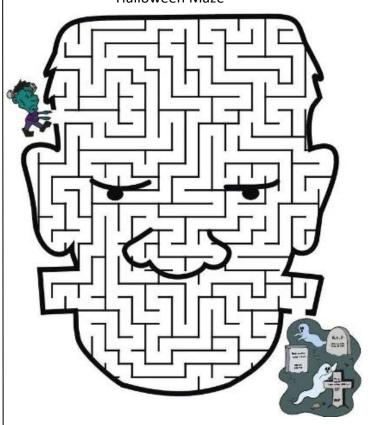








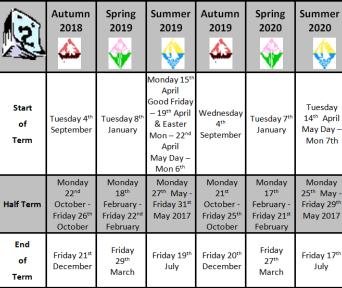
Halloween Maze





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 ates



October

Mon 1st – Thu 4th – Book Fair open at playtime and after school Tue 2nd – Staffing & Finance Committee 5pm

Main Governors 6pm

Wed 3rd – Fri 5th Oct – Y6 Kingswood trip Thu 4th – Flu immunisation for Years R to 5

Mon 8th – Carlisle Military Museum WW1 presentation to KS2 Thu 11th – Schools Library Service Visiting Assembly

Over 55's Harvest

Fri 12th – Y6 Academy English transition Day – 'Under the Sea'

Harvest donations day

Mon 15th - KS1 Harvest Service 2pm Cinema Night - KS2

Wed 17th – Cinema Night KS1 & R

Thu 18th – Circuits Day

Over 55's lunch at school Fri 19th – 'Miss Evie' non-uniform day

Mon 22nd – Fri 26th Oct – Half Term

Sun 28th – Clocks go back one hour

Tue 30th – Reception 'Come & Play'2-3pm Wed 31st – Halloween Themed day

November

Thu 1st - Reception 'Come & Play'2-3pm

Tue 6th – High 5 Netball Tournament

Thu 8th – FAB/PTA meeting

Sun 11th – Harrington Remembrance Parade 9.45am

Workington Remembrance Parade 2pm

Week beg 12th - Anti Bullying Week Tues 13th - Parents' Evening

Wed 14th - Parents' Evening

Fri 16th – Children in Need non uniform day Week beg 19th – Road Safety Week

Tue 20th – Governor Challenge Day Wed 21st – Gymnastics Competition

3JWa & 3LJ visiting Tullie House Ancient Egypt Exhibition

Nursery 'Come & Play' session', 4 to 5.30pm - Red & Blue Groups

Thu 22nd - 3/4DP & 4JM visiting Tullie House Ancient Egypt Exhibition

Nursery 'Come & Play' session' 4 to 5 30pm - Green & Yellow Groups

Fri 23rd – National Takeover Day

Thu 29th – Circuits Day Friday 30th – Christmas Fair



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December

Mon 3rd – Reception visiting Whinlatter

Tues 4th Dec - Sports Hall Athletics competition

Curriculum & Pupils Committee 5pm Main Governors 6pm

Thu 6th Dec – NISCU Christmas Puppet Play

Tue 11th - Nursery Nativity 9.30am Reception Nativity 2pm

Cinema Night KS1 & R

Wed 12th – Cinema Night KS2

Thu 13th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day

Over 55's Christmas visit

Mon 17th – KS1 Christmas Performance 2p Tue 18th – KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm Wed 19th – KS1 Performance 9.30am

Thu 20th Dec - Christmas Party Days Fri 21st Dec – Carols in the Square 10am





Dates for 2019 so far!

Tue 8th Jan – Children start back Thu 17th Jan – 'Off by heart' Choral Challenge

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Fri 18th Jan – W&M Productions – Cinderella
Tue 22nd Jan – Y3&4 Quicksticks Hockey tournament
Thu 24th Jan – Lego League day
Fri 25th Jan – Class Assembly Year 5
Tue 29th Jan – Staffing & Finance 5pm, Governors 6pm

Fri 1st Feb - Class Assembly RAC

Kinder Cricket Tournament

Tue 5th Feb – Y1&2 Multi Skills tournament Thu 7th Feb – 'Sign to Sing' Non Uniform day

Fri 8th Feb - Class Assembly 1/2LS

Thu 14th Feb – Young Voices trip

Over 55's coming for lunch

Wed 13th Feb – Circuits Day

Fri 15th Feb – Class Assembly 4JM Thu 28th Feb – Book Fair Arrives

Thu 7th Mar – World Book Day Play in a Day

Fri 8th Mar – Class Assembly 2SF Tue 12th Mar – Parents' Evening

Wed 13th Mar – Parents' Evening

Fri 15th Mar – Rock Challenge Day

Comic Relief Non Uniform Day

Tue 19th & Wed 20th Mar – Planetarium visiting

Fri 22nd Mar – Class Assembly RJWh Wed 27th Mar – Curriculum & Pupils 5pm, Governors 6pm

Fri 29th Mar – Circuits Day

Mon 15th Apr – Children start back

-Eggs & bonnets week

Thu 18th Apr – Egg Dumping Final
Tue 23rd Apr – Staffing & Finance 5pm, Governors 6pm
Fri 26th Apr – Class Assembly 3JWa

Mon 29th Apr – Eggs arrive for hatching into Chicks Wed 1st May - Fidaddle 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 – Workington Academy Pre Admission Evening for Y6 Fri 10th May – Class Assembly 1RM

Week beg, 13th May – Y2 & Y6 SATS Week
Tues 14th May – Y182 Football competition
Fri 17th May – Circuits Day

Fit 1/" May – Circuits Day
Tue 21st May – Governor Challenge Day
Wed 22nd May – School Swimming Gala
Thu 23nd May – Y5&6 Cricket Festival

Fri 24th May- Class Assembly 4JM

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

Wed 19th - Fri 21st Jun - Y5 Edinburgh Trip

Wed 19 - Fit 21 Juli - 13 Editibulgh Trip Fri 28th June - Workington Football Cup Mon 1st July - Wheelchair Basketball Tue 2nd July - Sports Day (reserve on Thu 4th July) Fri 5th July - Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

Mon 15th July – 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



