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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2019!!

We are sending this out a few days before the start of December to remind you about the Christmas Fair **THIS** coming Friday (further details inside). We would very much welcome your presence if at all possible. This is a magical time of year for children and there are lots of things happening in school over this month as well as the school reaching out across the community to celebrate the meaning of Christmas.



Despite the growing excitement the children are a credit to you as they continue to work hard at their lessons in between other events e.g. rehearsals, singing etc.

Thank you to all who attended the Parents' Evenings. We hope you found them useful and you enjoyed the school meal tasters!. Please support your children with the targets that their teacher discussed with you.



We are hoping that the weather will be kind this year and the Community Carol Singing will again take place in Victoria Square on Friday 20th December at 10.30am.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at the school to wish you and your family a fantastic festive season, a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year when it comes.

Do remember at this time of giving that the greatest gift of all is your **time**. Do give this lavishly to your children over the Christmas period (share books with them, play games etc) and throughout 2020!



Best wishes,
Mr Warbrick



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Nature Photo Competition 2019

The 12 winning designs were:

January – Abigail aged 10

February – Charlie aged 7

March – Ewan aged 9

April – Marley aged 7

May – Lucie aged 10

June – Rosie aged 5

July – Ethan aged 10

August – Neve H aged 10

September – Neve P aged 10

October – Erin aged 8

November – Elsie aged 7

December – Lara((7) & Ben(4)



CHRISTMAS FAIR – FRI 29TH NOV

1.30PM

The fair will take place **ON FRIDAY** and will begin at 1.30pm and lasts until 3.15pm. Parents, Aunties & Uncles, Grandparents etc are all welcome to attend and you can tour the fair with your children.

If you are coming to the Fair then please collect your child(ren) from the yards at 1.20pm. They can then enter the Fair with their family through the front door and it will save looking for them.

There is a tear off plan of the event at the back of the newsletter showing where stalls etc are. We are opening the two classrooms at the front to hopefully ease congestion. Queues for Santa will need to be in Ms Gorman's room.

Thank you for all donations to date. It is not too late to send things in for the Fair, simply send them in with your child tomorrow morning.



Other attractions at the fair include a 'Santa's Grotto', a nail bar, tattoos, biscuit decorating, cake stalls, bauble stalls, games stalls, a 'games arcade' and tea and coffee amongst many other attractions (!) – it promises to be a great event.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards **are not** to be distributed in school until **Monday 9th December** at the earliest when the post boxes will go out (this will still leave two school weeks for the cards to be shared). The post boxes will be placed at strategic points around the school ready for that morning, one near the Sports Hall, one outside the Dining Hall and one near Mr Warbrick's Office.



Please ensure cards are posted in the boxes and not delivered in person.

The older children take on the role of postmen and women and will sort and deliver cards to classes. Please ensure cards are **clearly marked with the name and class of the recipient**.

If you need a class list then these are available from the School Office at a cost of 10p to cover admin costs – first names only due to GDPR.



Christmas Raffle

The 'Friends at Beckstone' annual Christmas Raffle is taking place again this year with a fabulous first prize of £100. All money raised from the raffle goes to support your child through FAB's purchase of resources to enhance learning or through their subsidy of school trips. We would like to kindly ask all families to support this raffle by selling at least one book to family and friends. The tickets cost £1 and a book costs £5 in total. **Books were sent home a week last Thursday.** There are more books available if you are able to sell more and please return money and stubs to the Office or equally any unsold tickets to enable us to sell them elsewhere.

School Christmas Parties



The children can come to school in party clothes if they so wish on Thursday 19th December.

Christmas Dinner



This takes place on Thursday 12th December, the canteen staff do sterling work to make a wonderful Christmas dinner for over 400 people which is no mean feat. The menu is displayed below. Our thanks go to them. As well as the children the school will be hosting some guests, Governors, FAB members and other people who have given freely of their time to school over the year.



Christmas Lunch Menu

Roast turkey served with chipolata sausage, sage and onion stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy

or

Feta, spinach and cranberry puff pastry roll

Served with mash and roast potatoes, glazed carrots & garden pea medley

Dessert

Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce or Christmas pudding



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Health & Safety Audit



The school had a statutory Health & Safety Audit recently. We take the health and safety of all users of the building very seriously and are pleased to let you know we received a score of 99%, one of the highest ever for a County building.

Indeed some missing paperwork from a contractor was the only thing stopped us achieving 100%. We hope you find it reassuring that so much time and effort is effectively used to make the school as safe as can be.



Remembrance Parade

The school took part in the Harrington



Remembrance Parade on the morning of the 10th November.

Thank you goes to Mrs Carter who has organised and accompanied this event and to Mrs Beecroft. The children behaved fabulously as always and are pictured at the top of the next column.



Arabella & the Princesses

The money raised from the Coffee Morning at the end of September contributed to our pupil Arabella's trip to Disney to meet her favourite Princesses. She had a wonderful time and images of some of her time there is reproduced in a collage below:



Lost Property



Already the box is filling up, it has been emptied 3 (!!) times since September. **We cannot stress enough the importance of labelling clothing!**



100 Club



The November draw took place on Friday 15th November. There was no winner of the £30 (3) or the £5 prize (84). This prize money goes back to FAB. The £15 winner was ball 22 – Jess Cunningham New players are welcome and can play on a monthly basis for a £1 stake. If you wish to buy a number for yourself or your child please see the School Office.



You can now buy numbers for the draws in this school year. The cost for the rest of the year is £8. Please see the School Office. The November draw will be at the end of this month.

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.

REVISE WISE CLUBS

All Year 6 children should be attending!



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MOUTH.



**LET ME IMPROVE
YOUR SMILE**

**CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT
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Circuits Morning

The 'Circuits Day' for this half term is
on Monday 16th December. Children
can come to school dressed in sports
clothes.



Coats



We are now asking all children to wear their
coats at lunchtimes and playtimes over the
winter months. Please ensure they
come to school with a coat and one
that has their name in – thanks!

School coats which are fully waterproof and
have a hood and reflective strips are
available from the School Office at a competitive
price of just £18.50 (sizes 3-4 up to 11-12); extra small
adult upward sizes are £23.20.



Give Blood – Help Save a Life!

The next donor session you can book
online is on Christmas Eve, 24th
December, at the Bridge Centre from 3 to 7pm

**Do something worthwhile and
save someone's life**

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



School Milk

Milk is vital for growing children
as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception
and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who
are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers
(not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children).
The cost of milk for the first half term in the Spring is **£7.50**
and needs to be paid by Friday, 10th January using



Parentpay – this is no longer a cash service (please see
the Office if you need help with
this). Due to the administrative
burden of checking
attendance and the inability to
change the order daily
unfortunately milk money
cannot be refunded for
absence.



Term Time Holidays

The school has been informed
it must take action against
parents who take holidays
where attendance is below 90% and also when the
holidays are repeated at the same time every year. Fines
are £60 per child per parent so the cost for a family of 4
would be £240. This doubles if not paid within 21 days and
then if not paid after 28 days it will lead to court and a
criminal record.



The Workington Primary Heads Association are
distributing a letter to all parents regarding taking term time
off for holidays. This is reproduced on the next page.
Please do take note. We understand that holidays are
cheaper outside school holiday times however a day of
education lost is one that your child will never ever get
back so please give this careful consideration before
booking any holidays.

Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember

Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?
A two week holiday
in term time means
that the highest
attendance a
child can achieve is
94.7%



Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Games, puzzles and jigsaws
- Construction Equipment
- Railway or road sets
- Nursery socks & pants
- Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Good quality books
- Wellingtons for the Early Years
- Comics/games for wet playtimes





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Term Time Leave of Unauthorised Absence/ Holiday requests

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have a new and updated School Absence Enforcement Policy. This policy clearly states that children who attend school regularly are more likely to be successful. Missing school leads to gaps in education that become difficult to fill. An unauthorised absence from school is any absence that is deemed not to be an acceptable reason for missing school. Unauthorised absences from school carry the risk of prosecution under the 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996.

Our expectation as a school is that all children's attendance is above 95%.

Prosecution

Should your child's attendance fall below the **minimum** government expectation of 90% and no improvement is shown, your child's certificate of attendance will be passed to the Cumbria County Councils Access and Inclusion Team, who may issue you with a Fixed Penalty Notice. This penalty is £60 per child and £60 per parent/carers. This must be paid within 21 days of receipt of notice and the penalty will rise to £120 per child and per adult child if paid after the 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28 day period they must **either** prosecute for the offence **or** withdraw the notice.

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Holiday in Term Time

For holidays taken during term time, a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued for the unauthorised leave of absence providing the following criteria apply:

There have been 10 sessions (5 consecutive days or 5 days within a half term period) or more of unauthorised absence due to leave taken during an academic year.

Yours faithfully,

THE HEAD TEACHERS IN THE WORKINGTON & DISTRICT PRIMARY HEADS ASSOCIATION





Chair's Blog

Hello everyone and welcome to the last newsletter of 2019!!

As I mentioned last month, some of the other Governors and I were in school last week for our Governor Challenge Day. We focussed particularly on maths this time and were very impressed with the standard of work and the enthusiasm of the children. It's always a pleasure to spend a day in school and this time was no exception, so a huge thank you to all of the children and staff for a wonderful day.

Christmas is fast approaching and that is a very busy time for us in school! Thanks to everyone who has donated bottles and chocolate last week for the Christmas Fair. All the children should have brought raffle tickets home to sell; if you can't sell them, please return them to school and they can be sold on the day. Looking forward to seeing you all there! December also means Christmas lunch, my favourite school day of the year!!! I can't wait!

As ever the school will be taking part in numerous Christmas community events, sharing songs and performances with various groups, so look out for us in the community too, spreading our Christmas cheer!

The school recently underwent a health and safety audit, for which we scored an incredible 99%, confirming our provision of a safe environment for our pupils and staff, so well done all involved.

Thanks to those of you that have supported parents evenings so far; they are essential to keeping you informed of your child's progress. Unfortunately we have had to cancel some due to staff illness, but we will endeavour to rearrange as soon as possible.

Let's get ready for Christmas!!

Vicki Martin
Chair of Governors



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Sporting Success



Our **High Five Netball team** represented Workington in the Allerdale finals recently and reached the semi-finals. Congratulations go to the team and their super coach, Mrs Chambers.

We entered the Workington Dodgeball tournament and we came third amongst all the schools.



Gymnastics

Our Year 5 & 6 team (Key Steps 3) have got through the area rounds and now go on to represent Allerdale in the County Finals later this school year. Thanks go to Ms Gorman for her excellent coaching skills!

Mobile Phone Policy



Thank you for support of the no phone policy. The number of phones is now at an absolute minimum bar requests for particular days for particular reasons.

ParentPay



ParentPay
COUNT ON US

The school is now operating a new online cashless payment system from the start of this half term. Money for school lunches, milk and trips will now only be accepted through this system.

The only money that will accepted into school will be for the extended services (Breakfast Club, Educare and Afterschool Club) but please note these services can be paid through your employer as tax free childcare vouchers. The companies registered to the

school are Eden Red and the Computer Share Voucher scheme.

If you have any problems or have not yet set up an account then please do not hesitate to contact the school office as soon as possible.

Non Uniform Days

Thank you for your support of the 'Children in Need' day on Friday 15th November. Money raised has been donated to this worthwhile cause



Thank you also for your donations of bottles and chocolate for the last non-uniform day. These will be used to support the Christmas Fair.



There are no more donation based non-uniform days in 2019 but there is a Circuits morning on Monday 16th December when children can come dressed in sports clothes. There is a free festive non-uniform day on Christmas Dinner Day, the 12th December. Finally they can also come to school in party clothes if they wish on Christmas Party Day on Thursday 19th December.



Anti-Bullying Week



The Year 6 children launched the week earlier this month by presenting strategies on how to be kind and support each other to each class across the school. Their message was clearly understood by the children as was witnessed in the feedback assembly at the end of the week.

Be the change you want to see...



Herbs

The herbs have been removed for the winter. They will return in the Spring



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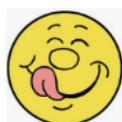
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Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all who attended the parents' evenings this week. All educational research shows that the closer home and school work together the more successful the child is. Hopefully you feel fully up to speed on your child's progress and able to support your child(ren) in achieving their targets. A small number of parents were unable to attend, mainly due to illness and some sessions were cancelled due to staff illness. Your child's class teacher will contact parents to catch those that missed their appointment or to establish new times due to their absence. We would like to have met with 100% of our parents.



Finally we hope you enjoyed the school meal taster sessions and saw for yourself how tasty they are!
We would urge all families to take the school meal option.

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 CSCP (Cumbria Safeguarding Children Partnership) Web Site at

Cumbria Safeguarding
Children Partnership



www.cumbrialscb.com the site also has a parental information zone.

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

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

Safeguarding is
everyone's
responsibility.



If you ever have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can outline their concerns and the Safeguarding



0333 240 1727

Hub will give advice (consultation) and if necessary, undertake an assessment of need.

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



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.

Nursery Intakes

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

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

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

Children born between **1 April 2017** and **31 August 2017** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 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 January and April and can enrol children from their 3rd birthday for 15 hours and for the full 30 hours from the term after their 3rd birthday.



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 at 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 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 barked to use elsewhere.



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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. Please spread the word as there are many spare spaces now the last cohort has joined Reception

Harrington
Christmas Market
Saturday 7th December, 12 - 3pm

Turkey Baguettes

Raffle

Hot Chocolate

Crafts

Mulled Wine

Cakes

Santa's Grotto!

St Mary's on the Hill

Free Entry

Harrington

Thank you

Shoebox Appeal



Thank you for all who supported this appeal, 21 boxes were collected in mid-November. The photo below shows the boxes and the children who helped put them together.





The Wobbly Wand

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Wobbly Wand's Page



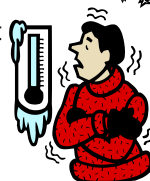
Reverse Advent Calendar – for the Foodbank



To support the Foodbank over the Christmas period classes would like to support the Foodbank's 'Reverse Advent Calendar' where child(ren) are asked to bring in an item from the calendar (these can be brought on any day not necessarily the day number on the calendar). Any items would be welcomed but to make things easier we have split the days into classes so would welcome any possible food items as described on the left of the picture items from Nursery; Day 1 & 2 from RJT; Day 3 & 4 from R/1JWH; Day 5 & 6 from 1AN; Day 7 & 8 from 1/2RM; Day 9 & 10 from 2SF; Day 11 & 12 from 3LS; Day 13 & 14 from 3MV; Day 15 & 16 from 4DP; Day 17 & 18 from 4JWa; Day 19 & 20 from 5LJ; Day 21 & 22 from 5/6JMcG and Day 23 & 24 from 6HG. We hope this makes sense, your child can explain if not!

Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies

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



- A text message will be sent to all parents (**it is of vital importance we have an up to date mobile number contacts for every child**)
- The County Council web site carries information on schools that are closed
- CFM and Radio Cumbria will be informed and closure details will be included in their broadcasts
- The school web site will be updated underneath the 'Weather Warnings' link.



Reg Charity No 1067541

Christmas Shopping List

- * Tinned Ham
- * Tinned Meatballs
- * Tinned Hotdogs
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Custard
- * Dried Pasta
- * Tinned Veg
- * Tinned Soup
- * Christmas Treats (non alcoholic)



We give out the food in bags for life, please can you give one with your donation.

Thank You for Supporting Us this Christmas



Reverse ADVENT CALENDAR

An area to put any instructions or additional information: e.g. Please check with us to find out our opening times around Christmas and to check if there is anything in particular we're running short of.
Email address: info@thefoodbank.org.uk | Telephone Number: 07502311452

1 Toothbrush	2 Toothpaste	3 Chocolate treats	4 Ladies Shower Gel	5 Selection Box	6 Men's Shower Gel
7 Instant Mash	8 Tinned Rice Pud	9 Tinned Meatballs	10 Shampoo	11 Tinned Ham	12 UHT Fruit Juice
13 Small Pk Cereal	14 Deodorant	15 Tinned Custard	16 UHT Milk 1 ltr	17 Cleaning products	18 Tinned Fruit
19 Tinned Hotdogs	20 Flannel	21 Hair brush/comb	22 Tinned Veg	23 Biscuits	24 Toilet Rolls

info@thefoodbank.org.uk

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School Meals

The menu for next term will be sent home soon. The meals are of high quality and very nourishing. We would

urge all parents to choose this option rather than sending a packed lunch to help your child get a filling meal that is completely in line with health guidelines.

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.

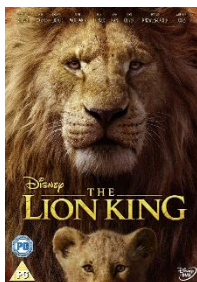
Please have a ratch down the sofa or anywhere to find some spare money to donate to the school to support all the children.

Please help if you can by donating to this fund.



Cinema Nights

There are 2 Cinema Nights, one for Reception & KS1 on Monday 9th December showing Toy Story 4. The second is on Tuesday 10th December for KS2 and is showing the new version of the Lion King. 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. You could use the time for Christmas Shopping! Further information and booking forms will go out very soon. The cost of the films including care and copious refreshments will be £6 per child payable when booking.



School Savings Account

Encourage your child to save is a financial skill that will serve them well in life. If you would like to 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.



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

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Online Safety



Further to the article in the last newsletter can all parents PLEASE ensure appropriate controls are in place and media sites/games with minimum age requirements are not accessed by children (in particular Fortnite and Tik Tok). There continues to be a concerning impact on the emotional wellbeing of children from these in school.

Gamers will usually communicate within the game to coordinate game tactics, although it can just to be to chat as they play. Depending on the game and its chat functions, they may be able to type messages or talk to one another through a headset. Some consoles also allow them to leave voice messages and chat when a game is not in play. Depending on their privacy settings, gamers can be contacted by people they may or may not know, or play against 'bots' (a computer-controlled character that may send messages to gamers). Bots can be hard to spot as their messages can seem very realistic. These messages often contain links to external websites which are inappropriate for young people; showing violent or sexual content.

Please also be aware that it is possible for children to use an Amazon Echo etc to listen to inappropriate songs/materials so please be aware that access to these devices need to be controlled too.



Walk to School – Feet First



We aim to improve the health and fitness of our youngsters and reduce congestion and the hazard of traffic outside school. We hope that our children will enjoy taking part in Feet First as well as picking up road safety skills. In addition, it is hoped they will be encouraged to think about the environmental and health benefits of walking, cycling or scooting to school. If your child has to travel a long distance by car – why not park remotely from the school and walk, cycle or scooter the rest of the way (Park & Stride/Ride/Glide).



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 NEXT 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.



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 Friday 29th November.





National Takeover Day

The school again took part in this National Children's Commissioner Initiative. On Thursday 21st November children from Year 6 took on the adult jobs in the school to give them a taste of working life. They worked in all areas of the school in all genres of jobs ...the headteachers for the day are pictured below.

The day was enjoyed by all, the pupils enjoyed being an 'adult'. The children in the years below Year 6 enjoyed being taught by their elder peers and the staff were very impressed at the abilities and talents of the Year 6 pupils. Photos of the event are in the photo gallery of our web site. A photo collage of the day is reproduced at the top of the page.



The following paragraph was written by one of the Pupil Heads, Jessica:

On 21st of November the year 6 pupils took on the role of the teachers for the day. It was a great learning experience for both the pupils and the teachers but it was hard in places as many children and adults were absent on short notice on that day so plans had to change quickly. However, the children managed to succeed as teachers and other staff. Every single pupil said it was a great learning experience and they thoroughly enjoyed it. Hopefully this day has inspired the pupils and made them realise how much planning it takes for just one lesson.

Christmas Books – The Book People



If children are going to receive books as presents this Christmas then if you order through the Book People at www.thebookpeople.co.uk not only do they have great offers and discounts (e.g. £8 off with orders over £35 using the code 'Great8') but they will give £1 for each order to our school. Simply nominate our school by clicking on the 'Big Book Boost' link before ordering and entering the school name or postcode –CA14 5PX



Play Group & Chat

Open to all!

**Every Wednesday
1.30 pm – 3.00 pm**



**£3 cost covers: tea,
coffee, homemade
cake, raffle ticket,
snacks for children.**

Additional Child - £1.50

Additional Adult - £1



Sign in at the office, sessions held in dining hall/breakfast club. Even if you fancy a cuppa and a chat before collecting your child, please come & join us!

Swimming Lessons

Children in 3JWa, 3LJ and 3/4DP are having swimming lessons next



term, Year 5 & 4JM had

them this term and Year 2 and Year 6 will have some in the Summer. It is

important that children also swim out of school to maintain confidence and to practise what they have learnt. The swimming baths offer lessons for children

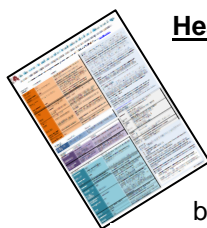
aged 3 & over to help them learn to swim and develop their strokes. Lessons are taught in a fun and friendly environment by experienced instructors. More details can be found online at

www.better.org.uk/swimschool



Health

The advice on absence for illness at school has changed. New guidance can be found in the Parent Information/Advice zone of our web site by clicking on the button as shown below.



Advice on Illness and School Absence

Tracking Santa

On Christmas Eve you can follow Santa and where he is in the world using the USA's radar tracking system. It is a wonderful and very exciting site, particularly as Santa approaches us and can be found at;

www.noradsanta.org



Santa Video



Another good web site where you can make a video with Santa can be found at;

www.portablenorthpole.com



Santa and his elves will speak directly to you once all details have been registered. Please ensure you follow the 'FREE' links for an exciting experience

Elf Yourself



You can make elf dancing videos with up to 5 people in for free by visiting

www.elfyourself.com



By manipulating photos the elves can sing and dance in a number of different scenarios.

Further Christmas Internet Delights



Please do keep checking the school's web site over the coming Christmas season as it will become very festive and will include links to the fun things described above and many more. In addition the words and music to many carols and Christmas songs that you can sing together at home are also on there. Instead of gathering round the piano like in the olden days you can have a good sing song around the PC/Tablet/Smartphone!!!!

Christmas in the Community

Various classes from around the school will be spreading Christmas cheer and Carols with the following community groups (for dates see the back of the newsletter)

Allerdale Disability Association
East Croft Old People's Home
Harrington Over 55's
Salterbeck Over 55's
West Winds Old People's Home



In addition a Year 5 & 6 choir led by Ms McGill will be visiting local shops over the festive season to sing carols and raise money for school, they are already booked in for Morrisons at 10am on Monday 9th December.

Christmas Church Services

St Mary's C of E (Church on the hill);

Saturday 7th Dec - CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 8th Dec – 10.30 Christmas

Family Service

Sunday 22nd Dec – 6pm – Carols by Candlelight followed by mince pies & refreshments

Christmas Eve, 3.30pm Christingle & Crib Service

11.30pm Christmas Eve Communion

Christmas Day – 10.30am Christmas Communion



St Mary's Roman Catholic Church (Church Road);

Christmas Eve – 6pm – Vigil Mass of the Nativity

Christmas Day – 9.15am – Morning Mass

New Year's Eve – 10am – Morning Mass

For other service times please go to

<http://workingtoncatholicchurch.co.uk/index.html>

for the Harrington parish newsletter or use the QR code



Methodist Church (Church Road);

Please see the noticeboard outside

United Reformed Church (Church Road);

Please see the noticeboard outside



School
Christmas
Performances
Make a Date!



Nursery & Reception

Tues 10th December 9.30am for

Nursery parents

Tues 10th December 2.00 pm – Reception parents

(Parents may take their children (but NOT siblings) home after this if wished)

Key Stage 1

Monday 16th December 2.00pm

(Parents may take their children but NOT siblings home after this if wished)

Wednesday 18th December 9.30am

Parents to choose **one** of the above performances

Key Stage 2

Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm Christmas Service

at St Mary's C of E Church (the Church on the hill).

All are welcome

Community Carol Singing

The whole school will be singing Carols in Victoria Square at 10.30am on Friday 20th December.



COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

'Come and join the celebration' – get the festive spirit by carolling with the local schools & community groups. It will warm the cockles of your heart if not your feet!!

10.30 am
Friday 20th December 2019
Victoria Square, Harrington

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Homework

Your child will receive homework at different levels and times depending on which year they are in at the school.

They are also likely to receive homework for completion over the Christmas holidays too.

Support for homework is also provided in school at Breakfast Club and in the Tuesday after school homework club which is open for any child wishing to join.

One constant homework however is to read (or be read to) for at least 20 minutes a day. We would urge every parent to ensure this happens. There is a dedicated 'Help Your Child to Read' Zone on our web site. It is packed with useful tips on supporting your child, sharing books and fun activities to do. The QR code alongside will take you straight there.



The Christmas holidays provide an ideal time to read with your child. There are some tips below on how you can help your child with reading.

Kitchen Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a relief kitchen assistant. The salary is £8.21 an hour. Caterlink are looking to recruit a relief Kitchen Assistant to join our team. The position is on a casual basis term time only. As a relief you would assist in all aspects of the kitchen, ensuring a high standard of hygiene and cleanliness throughout the kitchen area. The job involves basic food preparation, the serving of meals, washing up and cleaning. Appointments are subject to DBS clearance and references. Food Safety & Hygiene Level 2 is required however training is available to attain this. If you are interested or would like an informal chat then please contact Susan Armstrong (Cook Supervisor) in the kitchen at the school on 01946 830423.



**CATCH IT
BIN IT
KILL IT**



Recent Illnesses and Absences

The end of last week and the start of this week saw a significant amount of absences, mainly with chest/throat infections with 40% of

the school population being absent on Monday! Please remind your children to wash their hands thoroughly regularly and if sneezing to use a tissue and then throw it away – 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' !!

Thank you for letting the school know that your child is off, this helps us enormously as we operate a policy of contacting families when their child is absent and we have been given no reason, notifying us saves a lot of time.

Whilst on the subject of illness and absence it is perhaps timely to also remind everyone then if your child has vomited or had diarrhoea then health

guidance states they should be off school for 48 hours (i.e. 2 days) to prevent spreading infection.

For all the family

Messy CHURCH

MESSY MARY'S

Taking place every 3rd Saturday of each month

4pm - 6pm

In St Mary's Parish Church Hall

Come and join us for church with a difference

Messy craft, games, interactive worship and delicious food!

If you would like more information please contact

The Rev. Julia Powley on 01946 830215

End of Autumn, Start of Spring Terms

Please note that this term ends on **Friday 20th December** (there is no Beckstone Xtra that day) at 3.15pm and re-starts on **Tuesday 7th January 2020!**



Mrs Needham finishes on the last day of this term to begin her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and look forward with excitement to hear about the birth of the new addition to the family. Class 1AN will be renamed 1AC after the holidays and Mrs Cunningham will return from her maternity leave to take the class for the rest of the year.

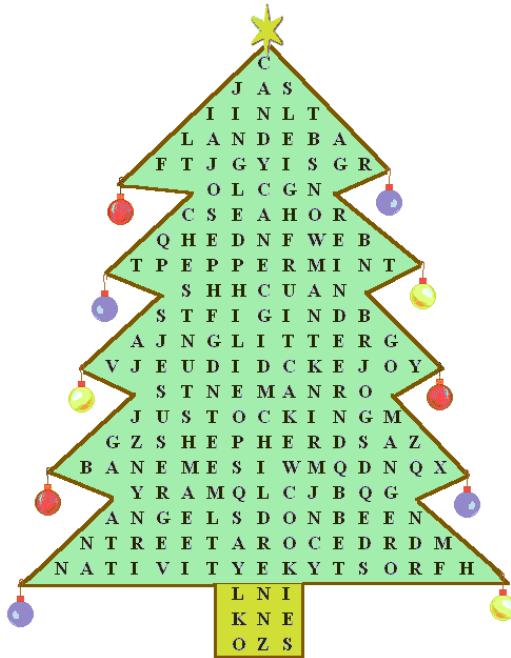


Thank You to the Pupil Headteachers for their contributions to this page

KidsPage

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.

Christmas Search

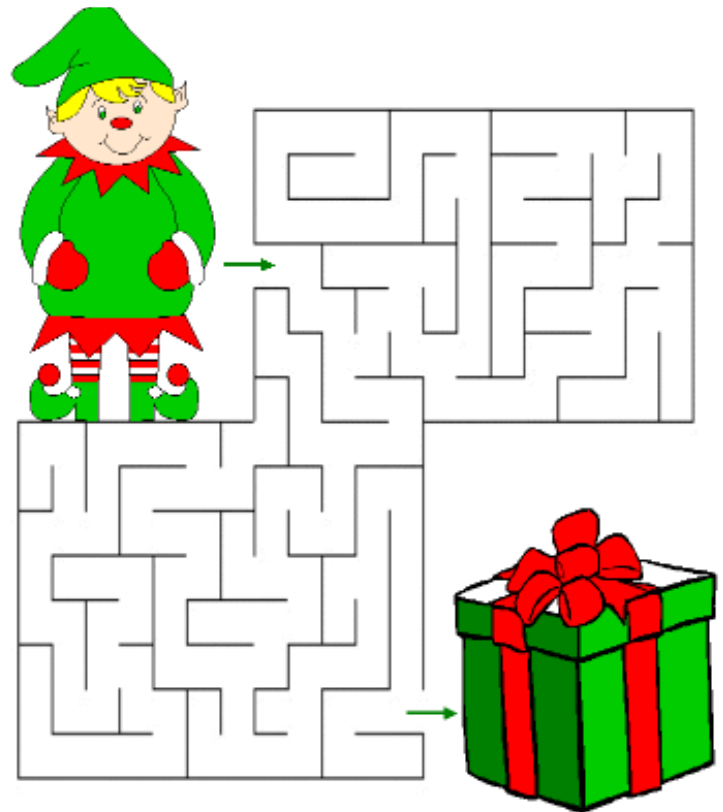


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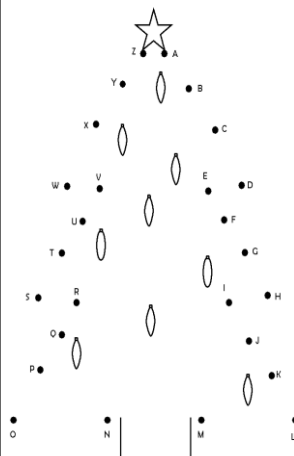
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Christmas Maze

Help Eli the Elf find the missing Christmas present

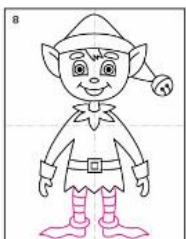
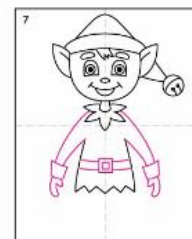
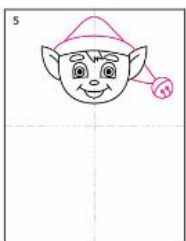
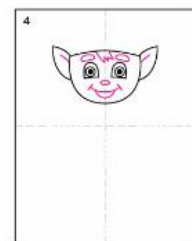
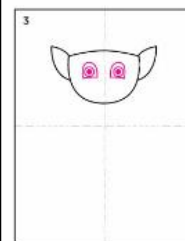
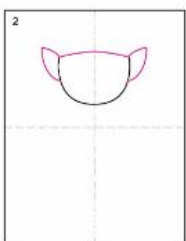
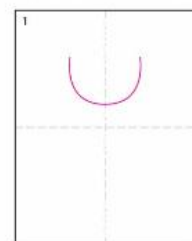


Christmas Tree Join the Dots



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How to Draw an Elf



Need to contact your Councillor?



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County Councillor for
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Workington • Cumbria • CA14 4LW

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Building pride in Cumbria

Term Dates until Summer 2023

	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Start of Term	Wednesday 4 th September	Tuesday 7 th January	Tuesday 14 th April May/VE Day – Fri 8 th	Wednesday 2 nd September	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 19 th April May Day – Mon 3 rd	Thursday 2 nd September	Wednesday 5 th January	Wednesday 20 th April May Day – Mon 2 nd	Wednesday 7 th September	Wednesday 4 th January	Monday 17 th April May Day – Mon 1 st
Half Term	Monday 21 st October – Friday 25 th October	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
End of Term	Friday 20 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th July	Friday 18 th December	Thursday 1 st April	Friday 16 th July	Friday 17 th December	Friday 1 st April	Wednesday 20 th July	Tuesday 20 th December	Friday 31 st March	Wednesday 19 th July

Diary Dates

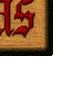


November

Fri 29th – Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale
- **CHRISTMAS FAIR 1.30pm**

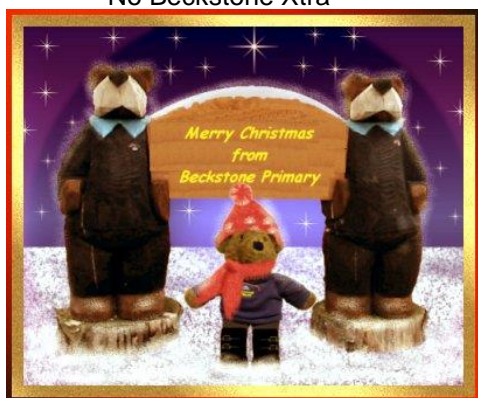
December

Mon 2nd – Reception Whinlatter Trip
Tue 3rd – Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics competition
- Group Carol singing at Salterbeck Over 55's
Mon 9th – Christmas Post Boxes Out
- Y6 Choir singing at Morrisons
- R & KS1 Cinema Night
Tue 10th Dec – Nursery Nativity am, Reception Nativity pm
- KS2 Cinema Night
Wed 11th – 4DP Carol singing at the Galloping Horse
Thu 12th Dec - Christmas Dinner & Free Festival
- Over 55's Christmas performance
Fri 13th – Group visiting West Winds
Mon 16th Dec – Circuits morning
- KS1 Christmas performance for parents 2pm
Tue 17th Dec – KS2 Christmas performance at Church 2pm
Wed 18th Dec – KS1 Christmas performance for parents 9.15am
- Y2 visiting Allerdale Disability Association
- Y6 Christmas craft afternoon for parents
- January starters Nursery taster evening, 4-5pm
Thu 19th Dec – Christmas Raffle Draw
Christmas Parties Day
Fri 20th Dec – Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale
Carols in the Square 10.30am
School closes for 2019 at 3.15pm
No Beckstone Xtra



Dates for 2020

Tue 7th Jan – Children re-start
Thu 16th – Year 3 & 4 Tullie House Anglo Saxon Assembly
Tue 21st Jan – Y3&4 Quicksticks Hockey Tournament
Fri 24th Jan – M&M Productions – 'Snow White'
Group from 5/6JMcG visiting East Croft
Tue 28th Jan – Curriculum & Pupils Meeting 5pm & Main Governors 6pm
Thu 30th Jan – Young Voices Trip
Fri 31st Jan – Class Assembly – 4JWa
Tue 4th Feb – Y3&4 Multi-Skills competition
Thu 6th Feb – 'Sign2Sing' non uniform day
Fri 7th Feb – Class Assembly – 5LJ
Mon 11th Feb – KS1 & R Cinema Night
Wed 12th Feb – KS2 Cinema Night
Thu 13th Feb – Circuits Morning
- Over 55's coming for lunch
Fri 14th Feb – Class Assembly – Year 3
Tue 25th Feb – Y1&2 Multi Skills competition
Wed 26th & Thu 27th Feb – Water Workshops
Fri 28th Feb – A group from 6HG visiting East Croft
Thu 5th March – World Book Day & 'Play in a Day'
Mon 8th March – Duck eggs arrive
Tue 10th March – Year 4 Tullie House Viking Trip
- KS1 & R Bingo Night
Wed 11th Mar – Year 3 Tullie House Viking Trip
- KS2 Bingo Night
Thu 12th – Sport Relief Mile
Fri 13th Mar – Class Assembly – 2SF
Mon 16th – Ducks on tour!
- KS1 & R Cinema Night
Tue 17th Mar & Wed 18th Mar – Parents' Evenings
Thu 19th Mar – Non Uniform for Down's Syndrome Association
- KS2 Cinema Night
Fri 20th Mar – Class Assembly – R/1JWh
Week beg. 23rd Mar – Egg & Bonnet week
Mon 23rd Mar – Circuits Morning
Tue 24th Mar – Y3&4 Tennis Tournament
Tue 24th Mar & Wed 25th Mar – Reception Come & Play 2-3pm
Wed 25th March – BIG Dance at Sands Centre
Thu 26th – Egg Dumping Final
- A group from 4JWa visiting East croft
Fri 27th Mar – Class Assembly – 1/2RM
Sun 29th Mar – Clocks go forward
Tue 14th Apr – Children start back
Thu 23rd Apr – Class Photo Day
Fri 24th Apr – A group from Reception visiting East Croft
Tue 28th Apr – Staffing & Finance 5pm, Main Governors 6pm
Fri 1st May – Class Assembly – RJT
Tue 5th May – Y1&2 Football Competition
Wed 6th May – Workington Academy Pre-Admission Evening
Mon 11th – Thu 14th May – KS2 & KS1 SATS week
Mon 18th – KS1 & R Cinema Night
Tue 19th May – School Swimming Gala
- Governor Challenge Day
- KS2 Cinema Night
Wed 20th – Fri 22nd May – Y6 Kingswood Trip
Fri 22nd May – Class Assembly – 4DP
- A group from 1AC are visiting East Croft
Wed 3rd June – Uniform try on event for Workington Academy, 3.45 to 6pm
Fri 5th June – Class Assembly – 1AC
Mon 8th June – Phonics screening week & Y4 X Table tests (for 3 weeks)
- Sponsored Circuits Day
Thu 11th June – Workington Swimming Gala
Fri 12th June – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Competition
Thu 19th June – 'Off by Heart' Individual Challenge
- Workington Academy Tutor day
Thu 25th June – Imran Kowali visiting
Fri 26th June – Secondary Transition Day
- A group from 4DP are visiting East Croft
Mon 29th June – Health Week
Tue 30th June – Sports day (reserve on 2nd July)
Mon 6th July – KS1 & R Cinema Night
Tue 7th July – KS2 Cinema Night
Wed 8th July – Summer Trip for classes RJT & R/1JWh to Maryport Aquarium
Thu 9th July – Y6 Keswick Transition Day
Fri 10th July – Meet new classes day part 1
- A group from 3LS visiting East Croft
Mon 13th July – Meet new classes day part 2
Tue 14th July – Y6 Graduation
Wed 15th July – Curriculum Evening & Reports Out
Thu 16th July – Fun day
Fri 17th July – Beckstone's Got Talent & close for summer



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2019

Tear off and keep Fair guide

