

The following newsletter was written last week before the national debate on the opening of Primary Schools, the intervention of educational staff unions, some schools in Tier 4 closing and some not etc.

Hopefully it is all relevant but this frontispiece has been added as there is the potential that some of the information contained within may be subject to change if events dictate that happens.

We hope you find all the information entertaining as well as informative.

If there are any changes to planned opening, events etc we will of course inform you as soon as possible

Happy New Year to you all!

Finally – a late addition:

### **Kitchen Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a kitchen assistant. The salary is £8.70 an hour. Caterlink are looking to recruit a Kitchen Assistant to join our team, 10 hours per week on a zero rated contract. The job involves assisting 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





# BECKSTONE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

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## Newsletter no. 5 – January 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2021! I hope and trust you all had a great holiday and Santa was kind to you all.

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

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

Let us hope 2021 is a better year than 2020 and the rollout of the vaccine programme will mean a return to normality in school life before the year is out.

We have been fortunate not to have closed any areas of the school, as yet, unlike some other schools locally and nationally and we will strive to keep it that way. The increased transmission of the virus is however a concern so please can everyone stay vigilant and take heed of all the Covid based information in this newsletter. In addition **please can all families note that if there is a positive case we may have to shut down parts of the school at short notice. We have detailed action plans for this but please be aware of the possibility this may happen and have an emergency child care plan in place.**

Here's to the new term in the new year. There are many articles relating to this term so please take the time to read this newsletter thoroughly.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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### Opening hours

Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm  
Sat 9am-12.30pm



### Latest Covid Update

The Government has moved Cumbria into Tier 4 but has stated Primary schools in this area, unlike some other Tier 4 areas, must open as normal. It is therefore essential, given the new variant strain, that everyone follows the guidelines in order to keep all our families and staff safe. The Tier 4 regulations are reproduced in full on the following page. Please take your time to read and absorb them. Of particular importance are the following:



- Keeping social distancing in and around the school grounds as it can get congested
- Wearing a mask when in and around the school grounds
- Not mixing outside school with any other households inside apart from a support bubble
- Reducing items that come backwards and forwards to school – particularly packed lunches
- Only mixing outside with one other person. This means your children cannot go out to play after school with their friends.
- There can be no 'get togethers', not even for children's birthdays. We will have a birthday 'day' this half term for all those with birthdays to have a 'special day' further details later in the newsletter.

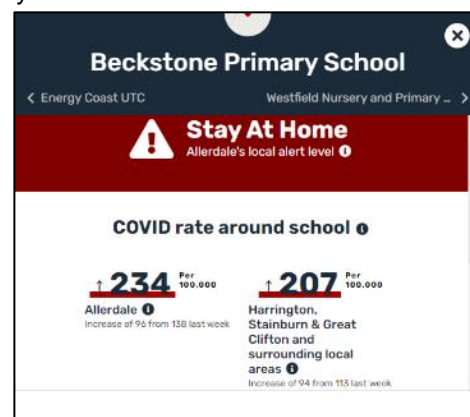
In addition to keep all safe at school the school will be stringently applying behaviour rules. Please ensure your children are aware of these from the home school

agreement and that touching each other or rough play is NOT allowed and will be dealt with seriously as it endangers safety.

### Covid Map

There is a web site that will show the number of Covid cases in the vicinity of the school and will compare these with Allerdale. As

can be seen the rates remain high and rose last week. To access this information simply follow the QR code or go to <https://www.schoolcovidmap.org.uk> enter the school postcode CA14 5PX and you will get information such as shown above if you click on 'open'.



### What are the Symptoms of Covid?

There is a simple video that explains what to look for with regard to Covid symptoms as compared to other illnesses. It can be seen by clicking on the link in the noticeboard on the school web site, using the QR code or clicking here

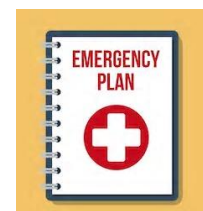
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329> The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful. There is a link with further details in the 'Covid Alerts' box on our web site or by following the QR code or by clicking here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51048366>



A summary of symptoms and what they could be is at the top of page 4

### Emergency Planning

Please note that children may be sent home with no notice e.g. a child had a test and was notified it was positive during the school day. We have a detailed action plan for every eventuality but all parents need one too as there is a possibility you will be contacted to come to school immediately to collect your child for an isolation period of 10 days. It is perhaps prudent to let employers know this may occur if you don't have other child care arrangements.








## CORONAVIRUS TIER 4

# STAY AT HOME

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)












**If you live in a Tier 4 area, you cannot join or form a Christmas bubble.** You must not leave or be outside of your home except for specific purposes.


<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>  <p>No household mixing, aside from support bubbles and two people meeting in public outdoor spaces.</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Hospitality closed, aside from sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b>  <p><b>Essential shops can open.</b> Non-essential retail must close and can only open for click-and-collect and delivery.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open during term time. Registered childcare, other supervised activities for childcare purposes, and childcare bubbles permitted</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>  <p>Closed.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>Closed.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events can continue in a group of up to six. Weddings of up to six can continue in exceptional circumstances.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Indoor entertainment closed. Some outdoor attractions may remain open.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Open for private prayer and communal worship, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b>  <p>You must stay at home and only travel for work, education or other legally permitted reasons. If you must travel, you should stay local, and reduce the number of journeys you make. You must not leave a Tier 4 area or stay overnight away from home. Residents in Tiers 1 - 3 should not enter Tier 4 areas. Do not travel abroad if you live in a Tier 4 area unless an exemption applies.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b>  <p>You can leave your home to exercise by yourself, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household. Outdoor sport allowed but gatherings limit applies except for youth and disabled sport.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>You can visit relatives in care homes with COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits.</p>	<b>CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE</b> <p>The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend health appointments.</p>

For support and more information visit:  
**[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)**





Symptoms	Coronavirus	Flu	Cold
 Fever	Common	Common	Rare
 Cough	Common	Common	Mild
 Loss of taste and smell	Sudden	Rare	Sometimes
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny/stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Sneezing	No	No	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Diarrhoea	Sometimes for children	Sometimes, especially for children	No

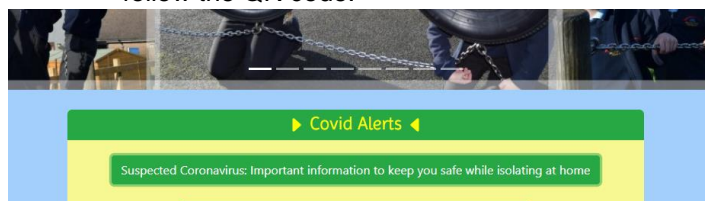
Source: WHO, CDC 

## Covid Isolation

Children isolating due to a confirmed case in the household or sent home from school will be set work online to be completed in **the exercise book that was sent home last month – please keep this in a safe place in case of need.**



The period of time for isolating has been reduced from 14 to 10 days. A useful booklet to inform families about isolation, how to order tests etc. is now available on the front page of our web site here or follow the QR code.



## Christmas Business Support

The school would very much like to thank the following businesses for their support in the run up to Christmas:



- Amcor for generously supporting the Christmas festivities and goodies for the children with their amazing donation of £1,000

- To Bethany McKenzie for her brilliant work in organising gifts for the children at Christmas.



- To the Co-op at Cleator Moor for their donation of fresh bread to all the Christmas food hampers that went out to our FSM children.



## Christmas Parental Support

The staff of the school were completely blown away with the level of support the school received prior to the holidays. With no Christmas Fair due to Covid restrictions it appeared that the major fund raising event of the year would leave the school very short of FAB/PTA funds particularly as the annual sponsored event in the summer also had to be cancelled as the school was in lockdown. This was not the case thanks to your generosity. The children's raffle sold an amazing 1,066 tickets and the adult raffle 470. The orders for bows were phenomenal and as a result the school received much needed funds. Thank you also for the support of the Christmas Fun Day which enabled the children to have refreshments, goodie bags and to play Zoom Bingo across the school with prizes for lines and full houses.

We hope you agree that despite all the restrictions the school was able to give the children a fun and exciting build up to the festive season and your unstinting support was integral to this.





## Community Christmas

Hopefully you all got sight of your child singing with their class from Y1 upwards or in a

Nativity Tableau for those in Nursery and Reception. We hope this was some solace from missing out on the traditional Christmas events such as Nativities, plays and Church services that usually take place at Christmas.



Other traditional events such as performing for the Allerdale Disability Association, the community carols in the square etc. could also not take place as traditionally they had.

We were able however to share some community spirit outdoors with 3LS singing outside West Winds with the residents gathering at the front of the building and listening in through open windows. A photo from this event is reproduced below:



3LS sung so well they were invited to sing at the dedication of the Christmas tree at the harbour that was dedicated to the victims of the Pandemic. The Mayor chaired the proceedings and the children sang beautifully to make it a special occasion.



5DP then shared the community festive spirit with East Croft Nursing Home. They sang their hearts out to entertain the elderly and their contribution to Christmas was gratefully received. They are pictured below.



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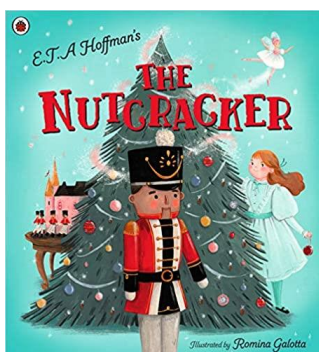
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### Nutcracker Book

All children received 'The Nutcracker' Ladybird book as a gift from our local MP, Mark Jenkinson, when they broke up from school. The edition is a lovely child version of the famous magical story/ballet and is a real keepsake that can come out with the Christmas decorations year after year. Our thanks go to Mr Jenkinson for this kind Christmas gift, some pupils are pictured with their copies below.

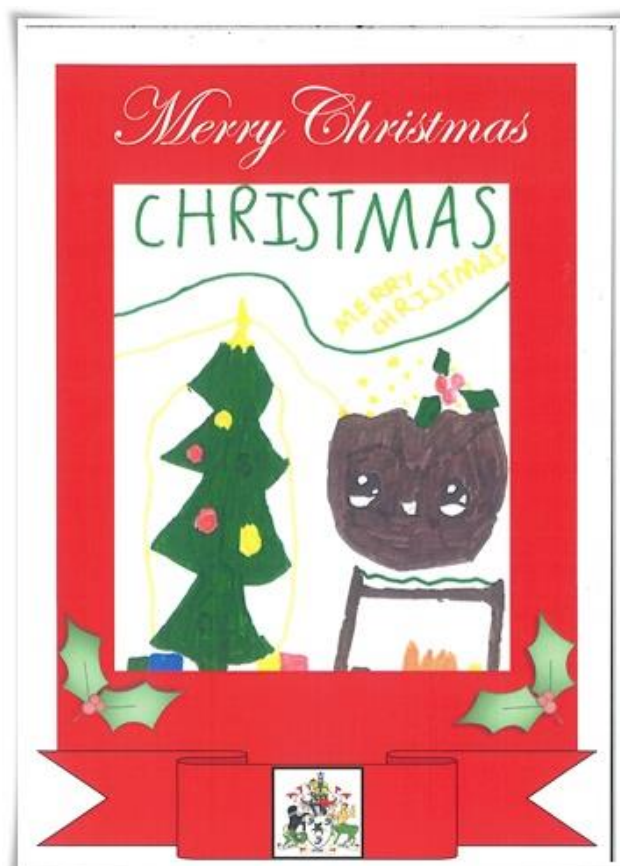


### Mayor of Allerdale's Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor of Allerdale visited school towards the end of term to reveal the outcome of her Christmas card competition. She had 1,324 entries from 26 schools in the Borough. Six of our children were runners up, Lottie, Amelia, Harlow, Frankie, Harvey and Khyra.

Isla from Year 4 was the overall winner and her card has been turned into a card that the Mayor will send out this year.

They all won prizes and have certificates. Well done to all who are pictured below as is the winning design.







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## Early Years Clothing Request

The Early Years Unit would very much welcome donations of clothing, socks, trousers (aged 3-4 or 5-6), tights, boys and girls underwear and also shoes. Any donations would be gratefully received as our stocks of spare clothing are running really low. Thank you!

## Donations Needed

In addition to the above, the school would very much welcome any of the following;

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



Thank you in advance for any donations.



## Give Blood – Help Save a Life!

The next donor session you can book online is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 3 to 7pm at Workington Leisure Centre.

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

Further details and booking details can be found at [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)



## Safeguarding/Child Protection

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

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

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



If you ever have any concerns about the safety or well-being of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can outline their concerns and the Safeguarding Hub will give advice (consultation) and if necessary undertake an assessment of need.



0333 240 1727

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



0808 800 5000

## Domestic Violence

Debbie Cook, our Educational Support Manager has trained to be a

**Operation Encompass**

'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.

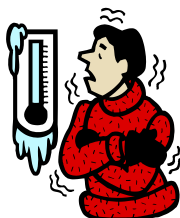
### Children's Birthdays

We realise that due to restrictions many children have not had birthday parties this year. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December we hosted class parties for all those that had a birthday from the start of September to the end of December. The 'birthday' children came in non-uniform and hopefully had a great day. Following on from the success of these parties we will now hold half termly parties for the rest of the year so the children can have a 'special' day in school. This half term's birthday party is for all those that have a birthday from the start of January until the end of half term – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Children with birthdays in this period can come to school in party clothes on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**. All birthday children will also receive a special 'birthday hat'.



### Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies

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



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

### Before & After School Clubs

Our learning clubs will resume this term. Membership is limited to Stage bubbles and you will be contacted in the near future about clubs your child may be interested in.

### Revisewise

Free revision classes **for Year 6 children** now resume weekly on 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. Children need to queue at the back gate for entry from 8.15am.



**REVISE WISE CLUBS**

### All Year 6 children should be attending!

Please use School Angel every time you shop online for anything from great holidays & hotels to the latest iPad, mobile phone or must have fashions. All the major UK retailers have agreed to make a donation to your school every time you shop from the School Angel website.

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

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

### Foodbank Changes

Recent events have shown that the school can be a focal point for supporting some of our more vulnerable school families. To this end we are going to ensure that the donations to the foodbank collection point are distributed within our school community. If there are families struggling with food (whether FSM or not) then if you could make yourself known to Debbie via a phone call to school (totally confidential obviously) then the school will work with you to provide regular food donations. To support this initiative please think of our more vulnerable community members and buy some non-perishable food items you think would help feed children and donate regularly.



**We would very much welcome boxes of cereal, pasta sauces and tins of soup, spaghetti, beans or other canned ready meal plus tins of fruit. Thank you in advance.**

### Packed Lunches

**Please can all note that the weakest point in all our Covid secure operations are packed lunches as guidance is to minimise items coming to and from school to prevent Covid spread.**

**THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT THE MOMENT FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY**

Please can all packed lunch families give thought to moving their children to school meals NOW!

Please also refer to the nutritional guidelines in last month's newsletter for packed lunches. We follow the guidance of the children's food trust.



School meals only cost £2.20 a day or £11 for the week in Key Stage 2 and payment has never been simpler using the Parent Pay facility. Your child will receive a nutritionally balanced meal with a wide range of choices and you can rest assured they are eating healthily and plentifully. Service speeds have now speeded up following the Covid changes and portion sizes are now plentiful. The menu is available on our web site.

### **Parking**

There are 2 ongoing issues with regard to parking;



1. Ensuring everyone's safety and resident's wellbeing by not parking in restricted areas e.g. on yellow lines, zig zags or by blocking drives etc.
2. On the other hand there is extremely limited places for parking around the school area.

A parent would like to set up a working party to look into ways these 2 issues could be tackled to find a solution that begins to resolve both issues. The proposal is to have a socially distanced meeting in a well ventilated Sports Hall if there is sufficient interest. If you are interested then please send an email to [parking@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:parking@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk) so we can judge demand and then email a meeting date out.

### **Advertisements**

If you run a business or know of someone who does (even baby-sitting services) then please do get in touch with the School Office. An advert costs £5 a month, goes to at least 500 local households (parents, staff etc.) and also provides much needed funds for the

school. Adverts are subject to the approval of the Governing Body



### **The Rae Way – Back Path**

Please be careful using the back path in frosty weather as it was an issue last year with frost making the tarmacked parts of the path slippery. We will try our best to grit it this year but this is not common practice as it is not our land however as the paths are being used extensively for staggered school access we will do what we can. The grit for doing this will be an additional cost to the school budget which again wasn't budgeted for.



### **School Milk, Snack & Fruit**

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 THIS half term is **£7.50** and needs to be paid by **THIS Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque.** If you need help with this please see the School Office. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence



Snack money for Nursery and Reception can now also be paid by ParentPay and is due by the same Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January (£6...£1 a week)

and

fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 is now also paid this way (£6, again £1 a week) and again by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January.



## School Funds

**We need donations to this fund** as funds are getting REALLY tight as the school has had no extended services or donations income since March so please help if you can. The school fund is purely donation based and is used to buy many consumable items and fun activities outside the remit of the school budget 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.**



Now we have the ParentPay system we can offer the facility for families to make an automatic School Fund donation on a monthly basis, from their bank account even £2 per month would cumulate to a great fund to support activities in school. If you would like to support the school in this way please contact the School Office for further details on how to set this up or, if you would rather, for direct debit details.

## Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 January 2018** and **31 March 2018** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **April 2021**.

Children born between **1 April 2018** and **31 August 2018** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2021**.



Children born between **1 September 2018** and **31 December 2018** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **January 2022**.

**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 can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council web site

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>

(or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form we need to see the Birth Certificate and a proof of address.




## Beckstone's Extended Services



Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£4.00 from 7.30am, £3.50 from 8am) Last entry is at 8.30am; Educare (our popular afternoon child care provision for morning Nursery children – see table) with pick up times at 2.15pm and 3.15pm. 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 with an earlier pick up time of 4.15pm if required.



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



### 30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)  
11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

A charge of **£1.50 per day** will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and midday care.

Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.

Please contact the office to book Educare or for further details.

### NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. = **£10.00**  
11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = **£13.50**

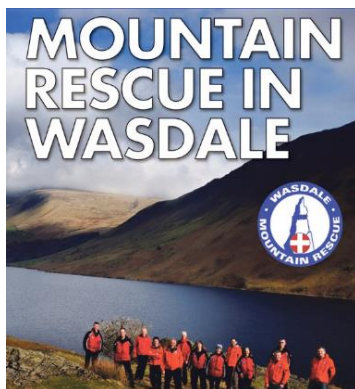
Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.

Please contact the office to book Educare or for further details.

Please note 30 hour Scheme can be used in Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra.

## Non-Uniform Day

The next non-uniform day is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. We would welcome donations to the Wasdale Mountain Rescue team. The request has come from one of our families who, for personal reasons, would very much like to support this set of volunteers for the tremendous work they do. Please support this cause if you can by donating on ParentPay in the lead up to the day and allowing your child to attend in non-uniform. This cause is also important to Mr Warbrick whose late father was a founding member of this team. Thanks in advance for your support.



## Online Safety

Again can we remind you to PLEASE REMOVE YOUR CHILDREN FROM WHATS APP / INSTAGRAM / TIK TOK/ FACEBOOK/ SNAPCHAT & YOU TUBE CHANNELS



All the sites mentioned at the top of this piece have a minimum age of 13 and that is for a reason, it is because children under 13 lack the emotional maturity to act appropriately and accessing these sites also puts them at a risk.

Please help your children and support the school (which last term had to pick up the pieces of inappropriate messaging between pupils) by restricting access to social media.



## School Angel

By shopping on-line using School Angel the school's PTA will receive valuable funds to enrich your child's experience at school and to subsidise the cost of trips. Thank you.

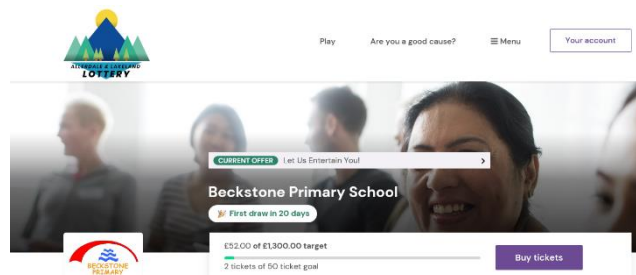
To raise funds for Beckstone Primary School just visit the School Angel website (use the concertina tabs on the web page or simply click the logo above) and click on a retailer, all of the profit goes to help the school and you get exactly the same deal as if you had visited the retailer's website direct. There is no need for you to create an account and they don't need any of your personal details. They will simply track your donation straight back to your school every time you visit School Angel.

Please click [here](#) to view a step-by-step video on how to use School Angel.

With more and more people now shopping online please share this with friends and family. It costs nothing but gets the school vital funds. We have already raised £436.81.

## Allerdale Lottery

Allerdale's lottery is now live with a monthly draw. The top prize is £25,000 and it costs £1 a ticket. If you are going to play and you buy your ticket through our own Beckstone Primary Page then the school will receive **50p** for every ticket sold through our part of the site going forward. You can play once or pay by direct debit which costs £4.34 a month for one ticket in every weekly draw.



There are a number of ways of winning. We have over 60 players assigned to our school and one of them won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the December draw. For more information and to play through our page please go to: <https://www.allerdalelottery.com/support/beckstone-primary-school> or use the QR code:



Please share this link with friends and family.

## 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.



### High Harrington Community Centre

The Community Centre is in Crooklands, High Harrington and is colloquially known as the 'Green Hut'. It is a very competitively priced and useful resource for all in the community to use.

To hire this facility for any event then please contact Marjorie Rae on 01946 831004. The venue can be used for children or adult parties, meetings etc. and hire rates are very reasonable indeed. If you do hire this venue, please let Marjorie know you read about it in this newsletter.

Also, please pass on the following details to anyone you think may be interested:

Ladies Club, every Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.45pm. All ages are welcome to attend. A great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends.

## **Ladies Club**

**Tuesday**  
from 1.30 to 3.45pm at High  
Harrington Community  
Centre.



All ages are welcome to  
attend.

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### 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 or you can just use your camera with more modern phones.

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 as a take away. The next Breakfast Club sandwich day is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.



Mrs Needham  
returns from  
her maternity  
leave this term  
and 4MV will  
become 4AN



**DO YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN?**  
**DO YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND WORKINGTON?**  
**30 HRS FREE CHILDCARE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES**  
**LOOKING FOR A NURSERY SETTING?**

 <b>Beckstone Primary</b> 01946 830423	 <b>Distington Community School</b> 01946 830526	 <b>St Michael's Nursery &amp; Infant</b> 01900 608111	 <b>Derwent Vale Primary &amp; Nursery</b> 01900 601233
 <b>St Gregory's Catholic Primary</b> 01900 606050	 <b>Westfield Nursery &amp; Primary</b> 01900 874000	 <b>Ashfield Infant &amp; Nursery</b> 01900 606301	 <b>Seaton Academy</b> 01900 66982

THE SCHOOLS ABOVE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE A PRE-VISIT WITH YOU, TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES THEY OFFER OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!

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# Term Dates until Summer 2023

## Staggered Timings

	Start	End	Gate
Nursery	9:05am	3:05pm	Front
Reception	9:00am	3:00pm	Front
KS1 (Y1 & 2)	8:50am	3:00pm	Front
LKS2 (Y3&4)	8:50am	3:10pm	Back
UKS2 (Y5&6)	8:50am	3:05pm	Back



	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Start of Term	Wednesday 2nd September	Tuesday 5th January	Monday 19th April May Day - Mon 3rd	Thursday 2nd September	Wednesday 5th January	Wednesday 20th April May Day - Mon 2nd	Wednesday 7th September	Wednesday 4th January	Monday 17th April May Day - Mon 1st
Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October	Monday 1st February - Friday 19th February	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October	Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
End of Term	Friday 16th December	Thursday 1st April	Friday 10th July	Friday 17th December	Friday 1st April	Wednesday 20th July	Tuesday 20th December	Friday 31st March	Wednesday 4th July

## Diary Dates



## Dates for 2021

### Mon 15th – Fri 19th Feb – Half Term

Week beg. Monday 22nd Feb – Parents' Evening Week  
Thu 25th Feb – Wed 3rd March – Book Fair??

Thu 4th March – World Book Day  
Sun 14th March – Mother's Day  
Mon 15th March – Reception Cinema Night  
Wed 17th March – KS1 Cinema Night  
Fri 18th March – Key Steps Gymnastics Competition  
Mon 22nd March – Circuits morning week  
- Y3&4 Cinema Night  
Wed 24th March – Y5&6 Cinema Night  
- Governors' Meeting  
Sun 28th March – Start of British Summer Time  
Week beg. 29th March – Egg & Bonnet week & 'Love Rocks' Week in Y6  
Thu 1st April - Key Steps Gymnastics Competition  
- Birthday party day

### Fri 2nd – Friday 16th April – Easter Holidays

Week beg. 10th May – SATs week  
Mon 17th May – Reception Cinema Night  
Wed 19th May – KS1 Cinema Night  
Mon 24th May – Circuits morning week  
- Y3&4 Cinema Night  
Tues 25th May Governors' Meeting 6pm  
Wed 26th May - Y5&6 Cinema Night

### Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June – Half Term

Mon 7th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check  
- 3 week window for Y4 Multiplication Tables Test  
Fri 18th June – Off by Heart Individual  
Sun 20th June – Father's Day  
Mon 28th June - Reception Cinema Night  
Tues 29th June – Sports day (reserve Fri 2nd July)  
Wed 30th June – Key Stage 1 Cinema Night  
Mon 5th July – Circuits morning week  
- Y3&4 Cinema Night  
Wed 7th July – Y5&6 Cinema Night  
Thu 1st July – Olympian Visiting  
Mon 12th July – Governors' meeting 6pm  
Tues 13th July – Graduation  
Wed 14th July – Curriculum Eve  
Thu 15th – FUN day!!  
Fri 16th July - Break up for Summer

Wed 4th – School re-opens  
Wed 4th – Fri 8th – New Nursery January starter meetings  
Mon 11th – New January Nursery children start  
- 1RM Reservoir Trip  
Tue 12th – 2AC Reservoir Trip  
Thu 14th – 1AB/MP Reservoir Trip  
Fri 15th – 2SF Reservoir Trip  
Tues 19th – 4AN - Trip to the Reservoir  
Wed 20th – Y1 Vision testing  
Thu 21st – 3LS -Trip to the Reservoir  
Thu 28th – 3/4JWa -Trip to the Reservoir  
Wed 27th Jan – Curriculum & Pupils Committee 5pm  
- Main Governors' Meeting 6pm  
Fri 29th Jan – Non-uniform day – in support of Wasdale Mountain Rescue  
- Cooked breakfast club sandwich day

## February

Mon 1st Feb – Reception Cinema Night  
Tue 2nd Feb – EY Circuits  
Wed 3rd Feb – KS1 Cinema Night  
Mon 8th Feb – Circuits Morning Y5&6  
- Y3&4 Cinema Night  
Tues 9th – Circuits Morning – Key Stage 1  
Wed 10th Feb – Y5&6 Cinema Night  
Fri 12th – Circuits Morning Y3&4  
- Spring first half term birthday party day  
- **Break up for half term**

