

# Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Newsletter March 2021



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This is a very brief newsletter to firstly welcome you all back to school and to also warmly welcome the families of our new Nursery starters whose start was delayed due to lockdown. Our new starters have entered the school in marvellous fashion this week and are a credit to all the new families.

Secondly I would like to personally say how amazed and indeed proud I have been of our parental community. The lockdown in January and subsequent home schooling has been phenomenal. I have been tracking closely the responses to work set across the school and each week we have had over 99% of our statutory age pupils completing their work at home. I recognise how hard this must have been for you all and I would also like to thank the key worker families who kept their need for a school place to an absolute minimum which enabled the school to function in a really safe manner, I will be forever grateful.

Thirdly I wish to say a huge thank you and well done to all your children who have managed this upheaval in their learning so well and have come back to school full of enthusiasm this week and with a real willingness to learn. Indeed, to hear laughter ringing around the school as I have done this week has made my lockdown dreams a reality!

Please rest assured we continue to do everything possible to keep our school community safe. This may mean tweaking routines and procedures such as the start of the day this week and I thank you for your complete co-operation to all changes.

I hope the rest of this brief newsletter keeps you up to speed with school issues and the full monthly newsletter will resume from after the Easter holidays.

## Feedback

Thank you to all who completed the feedback survey during lockdown. We analysed all responses and tried to act on the analysis of the outcomes hence the phone calls and Zoom class gatherings. We hope you welcomed the changes and it met your child's needs. We really value feedback of any sort so we can provide the best service possible to you. We have received email feedback over this week too and again thanks to those that have shared their thoughts and they have fed into some tweaks into our operation. There is a parental feedback section on our web site if there is anything you would like to raise with the school.



## Start & End of the Day

1. As mentioned we have been tweaking systems to aim to reduce queuing and consequently improve social distancing. This will not work if those dropping off then gather together for a chat after dropping or collecting their child. Please leave the site once you have dropped off your child immediately and remain socially distant.
2. Please can everyone make every effort to be 'on time' always and especially when it is wet staff and children have to stand outside for longer than is needed and get even more wet!



## Covid Security Out of School



Whilst schools are now open we are still in national lockdown and children should not be playing out together after school or going to parties or having sleepovers (we have heard that this may be happening). All these activities contradict current Government guidance and will not help us keep everyone safe.



## Easter

Due to Covid restrictions we will not be doing our customary egg and bonnet decorating to reduce the risk of virus spread. Instead we have purchased polystyrene eggs and craft materials and all children will design an egg animal that will be judged for prizes and also sent home at the end of term.

In addition there will be an Easter raffle (this will be via ParentPay) and there will be some tremendous chocolate prizes so do have a look out for communications about this.

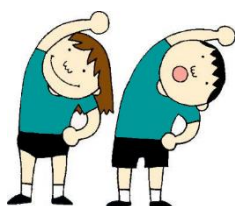


## Assemblies

These continue via video in school and we can share your children's achievements out of school in these if you email school. Sadly class assemblies and school performances still cannot take place and this is likely to be the case for the rest of the school year. We are hoping we will be able to have a Y6 Graduation that parents can attend if circumstances allow.

## Eadie Street & Courteous Parking

It didn't take long after the opening of school on Monday for complaints to begin again about vehicles. Please can no driver come down Eadie Street, it is very narrow and some cars have been doing that and making a 3 point turn which is highly dangerous with so many children around. In addition with no Road Crossing Officer at the moment and no pedestrian crossing (it is likely there will be one before the end of the school year though) please do not park on the zig-zags or yellow lines so all pedestrians have clear vision when crossing the road. Your compliance to these requests would be greatly appreciated.



## PE Kits

Your child's teacher will let you know what day your child has PE and needs kit. Due to Covid restrictions the changing rooms are not accessible so we are asking for your child to come to school on that day with their PE shirt and shorts on with a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms or leggings on over the top.

## Opening & Collection Times



	Start	End	Gate
Nursery	9.00am	3:05pm	Front
Reception	8.55am	3:05pm	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



Breakfast Club opens from 7.30am (£4) or £3.50 from 8am – no booking required.

Beckstone Xtra is runs up until 5.15pm, the cost is £3.50 an hour and bookings can be made through the School office.



## Dates for this term

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> March – Governors' meeting via Zoom

Week beg. 29<sup>th</sup> March – Polystyrene Egg Decorating

- Love Rocks (healthy relationships) sessions in Y6

Thu 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Raffle Draw

Birthday party afternoon for all who have had birthdays this term or are going to have one over Easter.



## School Term Dates

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

## Finally

To finish I would like to state how immensely impressed I have been with the pupils, staff and indeed yourselves at how you have coped with all the different scenarios over the last 12 months. You have been amazing and I am very proud to be Head of this school. Mr Warbrick.

