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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the November edition of the school newsletter. There is a 7 week half term ahead of us which will end with Christmas. Sadly it will not be the same in school this year without the nativities, Church services and community carol singing and outreaches. Indeed, in school there are limited areas that all the children see as each 'Stage Bubble' have their own areas and corridors, so decorations will not have the same impact. I want you to all be re-assured though that despite all the constraints we face we will do our utmost to make this a magical and exciting time for your children.

Thank you all for your ongoing support of the school. As you will see from some of the articles the support from our parental community is heart-warming and re-assuring to myself and all the staff as we work through this challenging time.

We have been fortunate not to have closed any areas of the school as yet unlike some other schools locally and nationally but it is perhaps only a matter of time. **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.**

There is a lot of important information contained in this newsletter, not only about Covid but about many other things. Please do take the time to read it and if you ever want to comment on any article or raise an issue then please contact me via the link on the school web site.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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Free School Meal Children & Holidays



The issue of meals for those children who are eligible for benefits related free school meals dominated news bulletins at the start of half term.

It had been hoped that the voucher scheme that had been successfully run by the Government over Easter, Summer half term and the Summer holidays would continue. Just before the school broke up however the House of Commons voted not to continue with this action.

This left those most in need at this very difficult time with no support. It was felt by the Chair of Governors and leading school members that it was morally right to support those more in need in our school community. The decision was taken to issue £15 supermarket vouchers to all FSM children to support them.

The cost of this action has to be met from the school budget at a time when the budget was extremely tight at the start of the financial year prior to Covid now it is in dire straits following the increased staffing costs of the various staggers and lunchtimes, additional cleaning and a large of loss of income from having no care services for 6 months. The following text was put out on our Facebook page:

The school is supporting free school meal children over half term as it is felt it was morally

right to do so with £15 supermarket vouchers for food. The school budget is under immense pressure due to Covid costs and additional staff costs to cover the changes in the school day. As a consequence we would welcome any donation towards the cost of this support to some of our school community as this is an unforeseen expense. Any donation, small or large, would be very much appreciated if you could help. Donations can be made via ParentPay – Supporting Free School Meal Families or contacting admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk for bank paying in details. Thank you so much in advance.

The response from our school community has been magnificent and over half the cost of providing the supermarket vouchers has been met with donations. It is really heart-warming to see how our community support each other. It is not too late to contribute to help the school by using the details above to make a contribution. Every donation is highly valued as the budget has been decimated and is in a very perilous position and the school does not want to make stringent cutbacks at a time when all children need to be fully supported and given the opportunity to 'catch up' on their learning.



Thank you to all who have donated or are about to donate.

Finally the Town Council then supported our FSM families by providing them with a kid's meal from Superfish or Moorclose Fisheries from Tuesday to Friday.

Free School Meals & Christmas

It looks likely there may be a further vote and the national picture may change by the time the next holidays come along.

If there is no change then the school does not have the resources to continue with the supermarket voucher scheme every holiday. It is important in this position that we find a longer term sustainable support package. We will be in touch if that is what is needed, one suggestion is to prepare food hampers/boxes for all FSM families that can be filled with donations of non-perishable items from the school community. We will keep you informed.

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 now proposing 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.

that **ALL ELIGIBLE PARENTS OF PUPILS FROM RECEPTION UP TO YEAR 6** apply online through the Cumbria County Council 'Citizen Portal'. This can be found by searching for it on the internet, using the link below or following the QR code.



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Packed Lunches

Free School Meal Entitlement



With all that is happening it is perhaps more important than ever to claim free school meals. If you are eligible, **PLEASE DO MAKE A CLAIM**. Even if your child is in Key Stage 1 or Reception and receives Universal Free School Meals making a claim will enable us to support you, help the school budget and provide other entitlements.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND CLOTHING GRANTS

Are you entitled?

Details of how to claim free school meals can be found at the internet address at the top of the next column or speak to the School Office who will help you with your claim. Indeed eligibility for Free Meals brings other benefits such as a uniform grant, free milk, free instrumental hire and also provides the school with additional funding. We urge

**CHILDREN'S
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Eat Better Do Better

The school has sent a reminder to the families of packed lunch children as there are guidelines for the nutritional

content of packed lunches just as there are strict guidelines to follow for school meals. We have noted there are items in some bait boxes that do not comply with these guidelines. Please can you ensure this does not happen as your child will not be able to consume such food for their lunch.

Food and drink in packed lunches: what the policy states

- ☞ The school will provide appropriate and attractive facilities for pupils eating packed lunches
- ☞ The school will work with parents to encourage packed lunches to meet the standards listed below.
- ☞ As fridge space is not available, pupils are advised to bring packed lunches in insulated bags with freezer blocks where possible.

Packed lunches should include:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- meat, fish, eggs, or a non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, houmous, peanut butter, falafel) every day.
- oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.
- a starchy food such as any type of bread (white or wholegrain rolls, pitta bread or wraps), pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or another cereal every day.
- a dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day.
- a drink of water, fruit juice or smoothie (maximum portion 150 mls), semi-skimmed, 1% fat or skimmed milk, yoghurt or another milk drink.

Packed lunches should NOT include:

- salty snacks such as crisps - instead include nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit with no added salt, sugar or fat.
- confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits, cereal bars, processed fruit bars and sweets.
- sugary soft drinks, such as squash and fizzy drinks (even if labelled as 'sugar-free', 'no-added sugar' or 'reduced sugar' as these drinks can contribute to tooth decay and provide little nutritional value).

There is a misconception that crisps or salty snacks are allowed in packed lunches (often quoted as a Friday treat). **This quite simply is not the case** as can be seen from the guidelines above. See the image below for the harm it can cause to young developing hearts.



Finally please can all note that the weakest point in all our Covid secure operations are packed lunches.

If the school is striving to minimise what comes backwards and forwards to prevent any Covid spread then the question has to be are lunch boxes essential? Indeed we also cannot store them at refrigerated temperatures so other health issues come into play.

They are also a concern as some children cannot open the sachets, pots or packets which is placing a dilemma on lunchtime staff as they feel the need to help children whereas their guidance says touching articles in these boxes can lead to cross contamination and they shouldn't do it.

Please, please try to move your child to school meals to minimise risk and keep school pupils and staff safe – Thank You!



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.

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Governors' Board

Governor Gallery

		
From: 20.03.18 To: 20.03.22 Nick Whitehead Chair & Parent	From: 21.5.19 To: 21.5.23 Vicki Martin Vice Chair & Parent	From: 21.05.19 To: 21.05.23 Kate Mahone Parent
		
VACANCY Local Authority	From: 03.03.17 To: 08.03.21 Hayley Gorman Staff	From: 29.01.19 To: 29.01.23 Jude Yoxall Co-opted & Deputy Head
		
From: 31.12.17 To: 31.12.21 Julia Powley Co-opted		From: N/A To: N/A Nichola Rosser Clerk
		
VACANCY Co-opted	VACANCY Co-opted	From: N/A To: N/A David Warbrick Headteacher
		
From: 11.07.17 To: 31.07.21 Donna Hawley Parent	From: 29.01.19 To: 29.01.23 Lesley Robertson Co-opted	From: N/A To: N/A Philippa Vaughan Staffing & Finance Associate

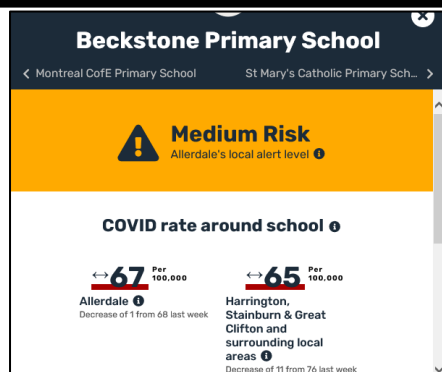
Summary of Governors' AGM – Tuesday 13th October 2020

- Mr Nick Whitehead elected Chair
- Mrs Vicki Martin elected Vice Chair
- Parental feedback on lockdown and re-opening was shared as was the detailed re-opening guidance. The board were happy with the way the school has managed the Covid issues to date.
- A detailed financial report showed that the increased staff costs for managing the Covid secure day plus the increased cleaning staff and consumable costs plus the loss of care service income was having a dramatic impact on the school budget. The net effect is that the agreed 2020/21 budget from March now has ~£80,000 less than was foreseen. The October budget submission to County was agreed but now shows a significant deficit in Year 3.
- The 'Pupil Premium Strategy Report' and the 'Impact of the Sports Premium Report' were both noted and are now published on our web site.
- The average of 92%+ remote learning interaction during lockdown was discussed and the support to those not able to access.
- The Health and Safety Management Plan and the Covid Risk assessments and Governor H&S visit reports on these were shared.
- The current school roll of 372 was noted as was the average attendance rate of 96.49% and 0 exclusions. It was noted that the school's attendance on the first day of opening at 99.2% was one of the best in the country.
- The following updated policies were agreed: Safeguarding, Pupil Premium, Fundamental British Values, SMSC, Pay & Appraisal.
- The meeting dates for the year were agreed with the next meeting on the 1st December 2020

Governor Vacancies

As you will see from the 'Governor Gallery' above there are currently 3 vacancies on the Governing Body. The Governors are undergoing a re-structure and will be aiming to fill these vacancies once the structure has been agreed.

If you are interested in being a Governor or know someone who is then please email Clerk@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk for an induction pack that describes the nature of the role so you are primed to apply once further information on these vacancies is due for release.



Covid Update

1. 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. 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 below if you click on 'open':

You can of course search postcodes from all over the country so you can judge risk.

2. **Current Guidance** As you are no doubt aware the country is going into 'Lockdown' from Thursday. The rules are:

New lockdown rules for England

Main restrictions from Thursday 5 November



Pubs and restaurants closed but takeaways permitted



Non-essential shops, leisure and entertainment venues closed



No households mixing indoors, or in private gardens, unless in your support bubble



Stay home - only leave for specific reasons including education and work



Schools, universities and colleges remain open



Outdoor recreation encouraged, you can meet one person outside your household

School will therefore operate as normal. Please do try to maintain social distancing at all times and ensure you and your family follow all guidance so as not to put other pupils or staff at any risk.

3. **Face Masks** Thank you to all for now wearing face masks on the paths around school and also in the school grounds. We are aware there are a couple of our parents who cannot wear them for health reasons and they have made themselves known to school staff so please do not think they are not following the protocols.

4. **Symptoms** 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>

The useful summary sheet is produced at the bottom of the next page.

5. Winter, Covid Guidance & Heating



The current Government guidance to schools is very clear that they should be well ventilated and have windows open to ensure a free flow of air. There are of course some issues that arise from this guidance once the air temperature outside falls.

Firstly, the school will naturally be colder than normal so it is perhaps prudent for your child to wear a vest or T-shirt under their usual uniform. We are allowing children to wear navy fleeces on top of their uniform in class for added warmth if needed. Ones with a school logo on can be ordered here:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primary-school.html>

or by following the QR code

They cost between £15 and £20 depending on the size.



Emergency Planning Experience

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 14 days. It is perhaps prudent to let employers know this may occur if you don't have other child care arrangements.



Children isolating due a confirmed case in the household or sent home from school will be set work online to be completed in **an exercise book that will be sent home tomorrow – please keep this in a safe place in case of need.** In addition Covid isolating free school meal children will receive a supermarket voucher for online shopping.

If your child is showing symptoms in school you will be asked to collect your child and their sibling(s) for self-isolation until there has been a negative test or they have isolated for 14 days. Classmates' families will get a text to inform them this has happened to keep an eye out for symptoms, **YOU DO NOT** have to keep them at home.

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

BBC

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 is starting a new lottery and it goes live in December. 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. This has the potential to raise a lot of money for the school. Tickets go on sale soon and as soon as we have been sent the link to our page we will send it out to you. Please share it with friends and family.



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





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School 2021 Calendar

Over the course of this week your child will be taking part in some photo shoots for a school calendar.



There will be four different Key Stage ones altogether with children posing for their birthday month. The months will be clipped together for easy hanging and changing the month. There will be an Early Years version, a Key



Stage 1 version, a Year 3 & 4 one and a



Year 5 & 6 one. They will cost £3.50 and will be available to order and buy through ParentPay from today. We will aim to distribute them towards the end of the month.

Christmas Fun Day

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to hold our annual Christmas Fair. This was one of the major fund raising activities of the year.



As an alternative option and to add some fun into the children's day we will be holding a Christmas fun/games afternoon on what would have been Christmas Fair Day, Friday 27th November. The afternoon will cost £5 per child and the cost will cover Zoom Bingo with lots of prizes across the school, a raffle ticket for a Christmas bear and the children will also receive a goody bag to take home with a sweet cone and reindeer food. Payments are now being taken on ParentPay for this fun afternoon.



Christmas Raffle



Instead of the raffle ticket books this year there is a Christmas raffle with a first prize of a cuddly Christmas Reindeer and other prizes of hampers etc. Tickets for this raffle cost a £1 and again can be bought through ParentPay.

Christmas Bows

Some very creative staff members will be making Christmas bows in the run up to Christmas. These will be similar to the rainbow ones you may have seen on people's doors. These will be in Christmas colours and will make a beautiful Christmas adornment to any front door. They are priced at £5 each and are available to pre-order via ParentPay.



Christmas JUMPER DAY



Christmas Jumper Day

To support the local community we have planned a 'Christmas Jumper Day for Friday 4th December.

Children can come dressed in their Christmas jumpers for a donation to West Cumbria Hospice at Home.



Non-Uniform Days

The last non-uniform day which was coupled with a staff cake sale raised an enormous £1,160 for Cancer Research and MacMillan Nurses in memory of our beloved colleague Marie Wright. The amazing response of our school community was featured in articles in the News and Star and the Times and Star. Thank you to all.



Our next day is on Friday 13th November in aid of Children in Need.





Please use School Angel every time you shop online for anything from great holidays & hotels to the latest iPad, mobile phone or must have fashion. 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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Children in Need Pin Badges

To support Children in Need children can purchase Pudsey or Blush pin badges for £1 starting this week hopefully, we will text. They will be on sale at the front of the school from Mrs Rosser or at the back of school. There will be a sealed collection bucket and the exact money will be needed as we will not have the facility for change. The badges will go on sale up to Children in Need day or whilst stocks last.



Poppies & Remembrance

Poppies for Sale Poppies will go on sale for a minimum 20p donation on **Wednesday 11th November** only. They will be on sale at the front and back of school and will not go round school as previously. It has been decided to restrict sales to just Remembrance Day to reduce the risk of virus spread between home and school with the paper poppies.

Remembrance Parade Unfortunately the Harrington Parade and the Workington Parade have been cancelled for this year.

Remembrance Displays The Town Council is organising a painted pebble display around the memorials in Vulcan's Park and the school may contribute some pebbles to this.

Donations Needed

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.



Dog Mess on Back Path

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



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



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

CLEAN IT UP!



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. Again 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 **£9.00** and needs to be paid by **THIS Friday, 6th November, 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 Friday (£7...£1 a week)

And

Fruit money from Year 1 up can also be paid this way (£7 , again £1 a week).

Parents' Evenings



We hope these worked well. Feedback to date has been very positive and the 'Calendly' system appears to have worked well. Those families who we were unable to contact will be contacted in the very near future. It is very important for home and school to work closely together so if you need to speak to your child's teacher please

book a call through the School Office.

The next parents' evenings will take place in the week beginning the 22nd February, the week after Spring half term. We are as yet unclear whether these will have to be completed by phone or can be in school as yet. The focus however will shift more to the academic progress your child is making and you will receive a data sheet in advance of the meeting/phone call.



Halloween

The children all looked wonderful on the last day of last half term. Many families must have been up really early as the costumes and make up were the best we had ever seen. The children really enjoyed being in costume and we hope they really enjoyed their Halloween themed day, it is very pleasing to continue with all the fun aspects of school whilst coping with all the Covid security issues. There are many photos of the day in the film and photo gallery of our web site. One of the photos is displayed at the top of the next page.

You can see the rest of them directly from here http://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/galleries/film_photo_gallery/2020_2021/halloween/index.html or follow the QR code.

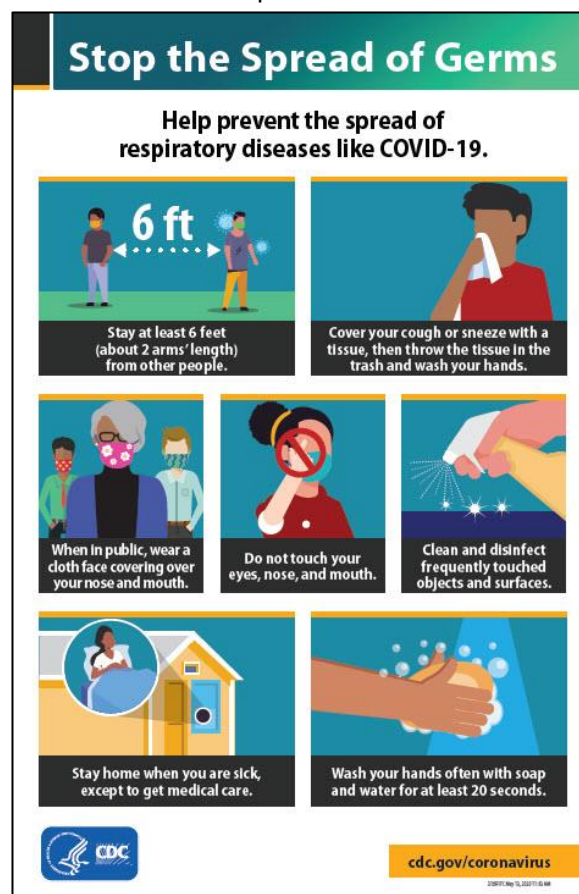


The Halloween raffle was also a great success and we sold an amazing 750 tickets. Again the support from our parental community has blown us away. The money raised will really help FAB to enhance and enrich the opportunities we are able to provide for your children. A big thanks go to Mrs Bernie Cunningham who was instrumental in organising this raffle.

Assemblies



The children still receive weekly whole school filmed assemblies as per lockdown. We are trying to make the school as normal as possible. For the first time we also held a 'live' assembly where Mr Warbrick went round the school so that all classes could see each other in their Halloween costumes. This was greatly enjoyed by all and was particularly good as there are children in different areas of the school who have not seen each other since September!



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.

Off by Heart Choral Challenge

Children from Reception upwards have been learning a poem over half term that they can chorally speak as part of the school's 'Off by Heart' challenge. Each class will perform their poem in class and be filmed on Monday 16th November and then classes will vote for their favourite rendition (they cannot vote for their own class) after watching all entries on Thursday 19th November. We hope to post their entries on our web site. The winning class will receive a chocolate cookie baking session with our cook!



100 Club



Unfortunately we are closing the 100 Club for



this year and will be returning any money sent in to purchase a number. We only had 22 players which would make the whole thing loss making. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Revisewise

Free revision classes for **Year 6 children** now take place 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.



All Year 6 children should be attending!

Nasal Flu Vaccinations



We would urge every child who did not get a vaccination at school to get one. There are clinic dates at Workington Hospital on

Wednesday 11th November after school to 5pm

Wednesday 16th December after school to 5pm.

It is essential you **BOOK** an appointment on 01900 705871 or 01900 705867

We would also urge all nursery parents to ensure their child has a nasal vaccination. These are available through your GP surgery.

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 £22.40 (sizes 3-4 up to 11-12); extra small adult upward sizes are £28.15.

Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 September 2017** and **31 December 2017** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **January 2021**.

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 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**.



Forms for applying for any of these intakes can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council web site <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrenservices/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.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

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

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

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



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



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



0800 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.

Supporting & Keeping Children Safe Online

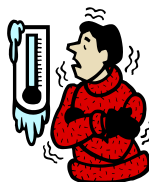
1. Please **DO NOT** let your children join social media groups like WhatsApp, Instagram etc. The minimum age is 14 and children are not mature enough to use them sensibly. Today we have had to spend a lot of time unpicking issues from a Year 5 WhatsApp group...please delete it!
2. Connecting Safely Online matters to all young people, especially those with SEND, and with their help, Internet Matters have created advice and guidance to make their time online connecting with others safer and more positive. The following website is full of useful tips and guidance



<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/about-us>

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



New Curriculum & Topic Grid

School staff have been working hard refining the curriculum on offer to the children to ensure it is relevant, stimulating as well as fully meeting

National Curriculum requirements. It is being designed so children have planned opportunities to apply the skills and knowledge they have learnt in their own projects. The web site curriculum zone will be updated with further details soon, in the meantime the topics your children will be studying for the rest of the year (Year B) and also next year (Year A) are reproduced on the next page and are on the web site.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal



The school has collected Christmas shoeboxes every year since it opened however due to Covid guidelines we are unable to run it this year as it involves many items coming in to school and we are doing our utmost to minimise risk by restricting this movement. We hope it will resume with a great response in Autumn 2021.

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


























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Learning Projects Year B 2020-2021

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Democracy Rules Week Off by Heart Choral Performance			Fairtrade Day & Wonderful World Week		Health Week Off by Heart Individual Performance
Nursery	Why do leaves go crispy? 	Where does snow go? 	Is it shiny? 	How many colours in a rainbow? 	How does that building stay up? 	Why can't I eat chocolate for breakfast? 
Reception	Why do squirrels hide their nuts? 	What's that sound? 	What happens when I fall asleep? 	Are we there yet? 	Do cows drink milk? 	
Year 1 & 2	Memory Detectives 		Stems, Stalks and Stings 		Land Ahoy! 	
Year 3 & 4	Ancient Egypt 		Gods & Mortals 	Myths & Legends 	Tremors 	
Year 5 & 6	Darwin's Delights 		Evolution of Childhood 	Marvellous Mountains 	Blood Heart 	

Learning Projects Year A 2021-2022

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Democracy Rules Week Off by Heart Choral Performance			Fairtrade Day & Wonderful World Week		Health Week Off by Heart Individual Performance
Nursery	Why do you love me? 	How high can I jump? 	Why is water wet? 	Are eggs alive? 	Can we explore it? 	How many pebbles are on the beach? 
Reception	Do you want to be friends? 	Why do zebras have stripes? 	Why do ladybirds have spots? 	Will you read me a story? 	Who lives in a rock pool? 	
Year 1 & 2	Enchanted Castles 		Paws, Claws & Whiskers 	Superheroes 		
Year 3 & 4	Tribal Tales 	I am Warrior! 	Traders & Raiders 	Potions 		
Year 5 & 6	How Mining Changed Harrington 	Stargazers 	Alchemy Island 	Flow 	Our American Adventure 	



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 27th November.

School Prospectus

Prior to updating this year's version the Department for Education announced that schools no longer had to publish their prospectus. Instead they want schools to include all the details that are in such a document to be available and kept up to date on our web site. As a result of this we will be altering the web site over the next few months to make this information easily accessible and make it easy to use for you all. As changes happen we will of course keep you informed. Incidentally our site had nearly 5,000 views in October from all over the world. You can see the detail by clicking on the map at the very bottom of the web site.

Circuits Mornings

To keep 'Stage Bubbles' separate we realised on the eve of last half term's circuits morning that we could not do the school in a day as the equipment has to be cleaned between groups. As a result circuits mornings for Year 1 up will have to be staggered across the week.

This half term Year 3 & 4 will have theirs on Friday 27th November, Year 5 & 6 will have theirs on Monday 30th November and Key Stage 1 on Tuesday 1st December. Pupils will be able to come to school in their PE kits on those days.



Cinema Nights



The organisation for the separate nights worked well last half term thanks to the efficiency of Ms Forster. The Cinema Nights in the lead up to Christmas will be organised in the same way with payments and bookings through Parent Pay. The dates for these nights are on the back page of this newsletter.



We have a new clock in the corridor. It is made of slate and the numbers are written in Cumbrian dialect. It hopefully will teach the pupils something about their Cumbrian heritage. The Cumbrian

numbers are also referred to as 'sheep counting' numbers as they were used by shepherds and still are today. Once they reach 20 they move a small stone

from one pocket to another so they can begin again
but can also count large numbers.

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 15th 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 19th July

Diary Dates



Dates for 2021

Wed 27th Jan – Governors' Meeting 6pm
 Mon 1st Feb – Reception Cinema Night
 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
 Week beg. 22nd March – Parents' Evening Week

Mon 15th – Fri 19th Feb – Half Term

Thu 4th March – World Book day
 Sun 14th March – Mother's day
 Mon 15th March – Reception Cinema Night
 Wed 17th March – KS1 Cinema Night
 Mon 22nd March – Circuits morning week
 – Y3&4 Cinema Night
 Wed 24th March – Y5&6 Cinema Night
 – Governors' Meeting
 Week beg. 29th March – Egg & Bonnet week

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



November

Up to 13th – Pudsey badges on sale
 Wed 11th – Poppies on sale – 1 day only
 – 11 am Remembrance Silence
 Fri 13th – Children in Need Day
 Week beg. 16th – Anti Bullying Week
 Mon 16th – 'Off by Heart' Choral entries filmed
 Thu 19th – Off by Heart Finals
 Week beg. 23rd – Road Safety Week
 Fri 27th – Circuits Morning Y3&4
 – Christmas Games Afternoon
 – Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale
 Mon 30th – Circuits Morning Y5 & 6



December

Tue 1st – Circuits Morning Key Stage 1
 – Staffing & Finance Committee 5pm
 Fri 4th – Christmas Jumper Day for Hospice at Home
 Mon 7th – Reception Cinema Night
 Wed 9th – KS1 Cinema Night
 Thu 10th – Christmas Dinner Day
 Mon 14th – Y3&4 Cinema Night
 Wed 16th – Y5&6 Cinema Night
 Thu 17th – Christmas Raffle Draw
 Fri 18th – Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale
 – Break up for Christmas

