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# Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Newsletter no. 2 October 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the October edition of the school newsletter. We are now only 3 school weeks away from half term!

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for bearing with us as we tweak and re-tweak the start and end of day procedures to ensure Covid security but also the smooth running of the school and in trying to reduce the amount of time people are standing about in the cold and rain which will become a feature of the next few months.

The start of the newsletter is again dominated with Covid issues. We are now experiencing staff and children having to isolate as they have positive cases in their households and this will no doubt continue as the second spike continues with its momentum.

**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.**

Finally please be aware that we are doing our utmost to make school life as normal as possible for your children and to make it enjoyable for them.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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Sat 9am-12.30pm



### **New Public Health Guidance**

Due to the increasing rates of Covid-19 in the locality new guidance was issued last week to all residents. The guidance states that the 'rule of six' should only now contain members from only 2 households. It is perhaps timely to remind everyone that whilst the school is working so hard on keeping 'bubbles' separate such work is negated if pupils are mixing out of school in large cross age groups or having birthday parties, sleepovers etc. This is against guidance and should not be happening.



### **Covid Testing Update**

We have been asked to share the following information with you from the Government:  
It is important to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, we ask that you all follow these principles:  
You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:

a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature but if you do guidance states temperatures over 37.8°C)

a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours

a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal



Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/symptoms/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/symptoms/)

Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.



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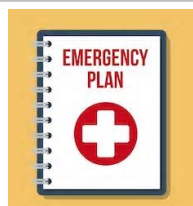
## Emergency Planning

Experience from other schools is showing 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.

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** to keep them at home.

## Parental Feedback

Thank you to all who have responded to the [feedback@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:feedback@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk). Every single email is read thoroughly and feeds into our planning and procedures so we can try to make the best of a challenging and difficult situation. We have had a number of good suggestions already that we have or are acting on. The positive and negative comments are also very useful so we can understand the strengths and weaknesses from a parental point of

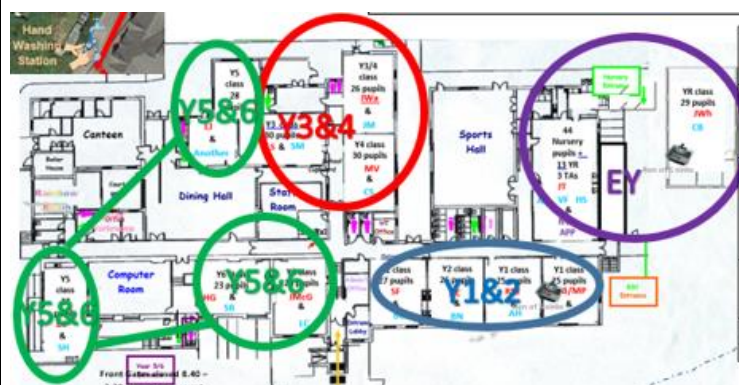


view. The email address will be open until the end of this week (Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October). If you haven't shared your views then please do.

## 'Stage Bubbles'



In order for the school to function effectively the main protective unit is the class bubble but that belongs within a wider 'Stage Bubble' i.e. Early Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 or Upper Key Stage 2. The 'Stage Bubbles' share corridor areas, play spaces and toilet blocks. As a result the stages are self-contained and we have planned the school day so that there should be only very minimal contact with children from another stage or none at all. Resources such as play equipment and sports equipment are shared in each separate bubble but there is a strict routine of hand washing after their use. The zoned areas of the school are shown below.



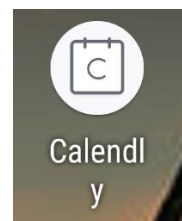
## Health & Safety

The school is very fortunate to have a Parental Governor, Mr Nick Whitehead, who works in Health & Safety at Sellafield. He is a regular visitor to the school and checks that all our protocols and procedures are working in line with guidance which is re-assuring to us as well as to the parental community. He then issues a written report. This month he has contributed to the Governors' page which is overleaf.

## Parents' Evenings



Instead of the usual Parents' Evenings this term your child's teacher will be getting in touch with you to arrange a phone call with you (a maximum of 10 minutes) to discuss how your child has settled back in. Where families are split both parents can book a call. Phone call slots will be booked online through 'Calendly'. Your class teacher/Key Worker will let you know how to use it via Seesaw or Tapestry.







## Health & Safety Governor's Blog

Hi everyone,

Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone back to school for a new school year, particularly those who are attending our school for the first time this September!

I don't think at the turn of the year anyone expected 2020 to turn out like this, I know I certainly didn't! Lockdown and the ongoing restrictions are taking its toll on our families in many different ways. In the height of the pandemic in spring, caring for our families whilst juggling commitments and home schooling was mentally and physically draining. On a positive note, the number of pupils in Beckstone who remained engaged in their education and completed home schooling activities was very high. On behalf of the governors, I would like to thank all of the pupils, parents and staff for all of their hard work. Having experienced it with my own 3, I understand how hard it was at times.

As you know the government announced a phased reopening of schools, starting with limited groups in the summer term and finally with all year groups returning in September. The guidance provided by the government prior to each phase was often late and confusing. It required the school to reconsider all aspects of the school day, this was to ensure pupils and staff were as safe as possible. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure the school is Covid secure, whilst retaining the warm, safe, learning environment our children left in March. The school also considered the consequences of a second wave and new restrictions being imposed, be it locally or nationally. Pupils now have access to online learning apps, staff have been provided with tablets and action plans are sat on a shelf ready to go. Fingers crossed this isn't required!

I have visited the school to review the implementation of Covid controls on behalf of the governing body each time the number of pupils attending school has increased. During my visits I have been very impressed by the new arrangements and the way that both the staff and pupils have adjusted. I can confirm the school is meeting the requirements set out in the government guidance and the school has received positive feedback from Cumbria County Council. Although the way things are set up is different, the atmosphere and the feel in the school is like normal. I personally think this is really important.

I understand some of the new arrangements are challenging, especially for dropping off and collecting children, but they are vital for the school to remain compliant and open. While collecting my own children, I have witnessed parents being patient and complying with social distancing rules. I would just like to say thank you for this. It's a very stressful time for the staff while they ensure our loved ones arrive and leave school safely. If we all do our bit, it is one less thing for the staff to worry about.

Finally, I would just like to say take care, stay safe and remember to follow the Covid rules in all walks of life!

Nick Whitehead  
Parent Governor





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### School Staffing Structure

As we have a large number of new families and given guidance is restricting parental access to the school there is a diagram of the staffing structure of the school on the next page so you are all aware of how the school is organised and can place where people are if the children mention a name. It is subject to ongoing change and the most recent version can always be found on our web site.

### Polite and Safe Parking

For the safety of all of our children please do not drive down Eadie Street at school open or closing time or park at places they cross the road such as by the shops on Church Road or on the main road below the Brewery House. There are yellow lines in these areas for a reason and they are primarily there to keep our children safe so please respect them.



### 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.



### Thomas the Tank Donations

Nursery would very much welcome donations of Thomas the Tank engine toys. There is a great interest in them in Nursery and any donations would really excite the children and be greatly appreciated.

### Domino Set Donations

Year 1 would very much welcome donations of domino sets if any family has any spare or no longer used ones. Thanks.



### Other 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
- 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!

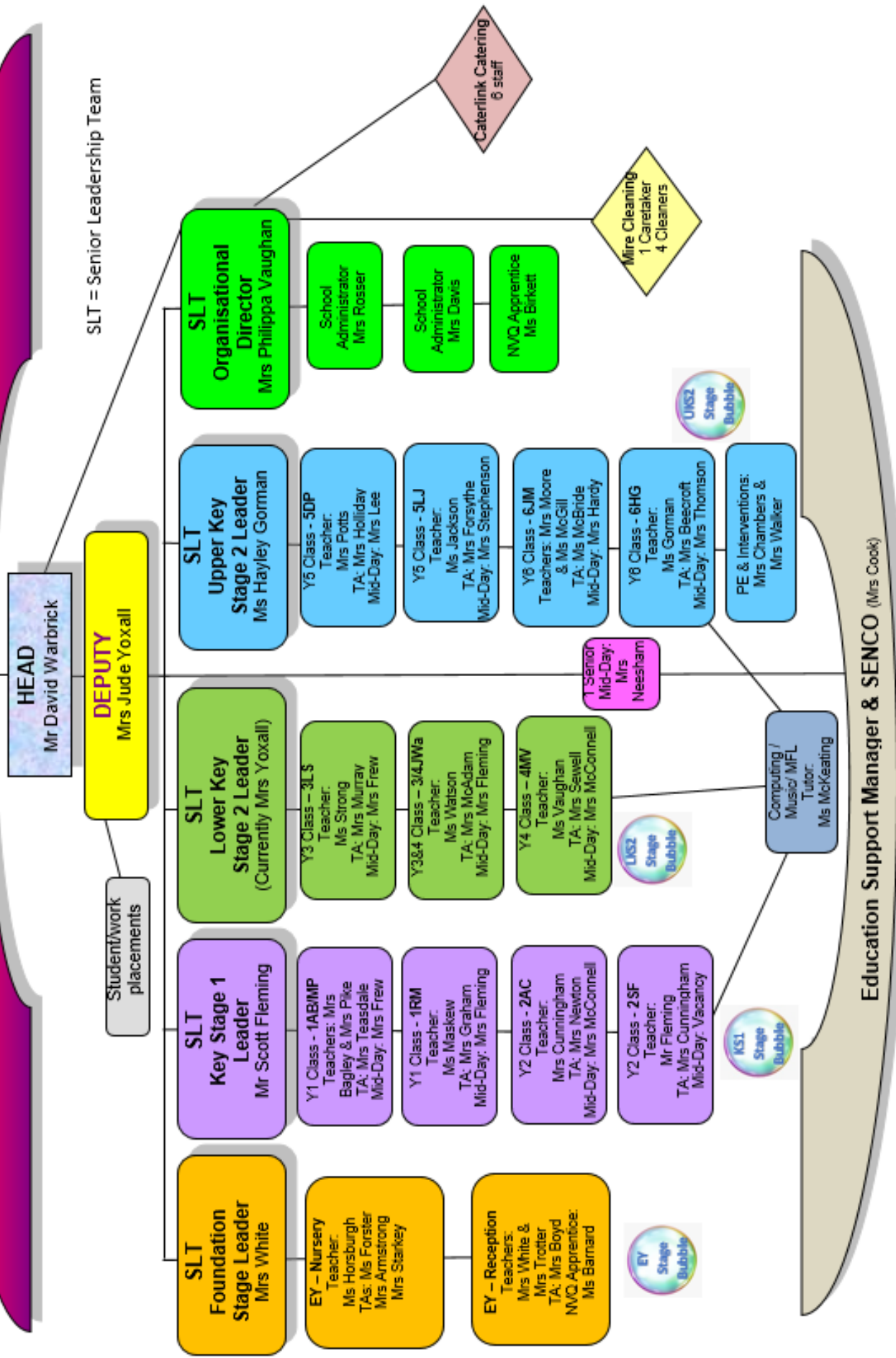
The next donor session you can book online is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at Energus or the following day, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at Workington Leisure Centre.

**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)



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## Packed Lunches

### The weakest point in all our Covid secure operations are packed lunches.

This has now been picked up in a recent Health & Safety inspection.

There are schools in Workington that have banned them but we have not gone down that route as yet however they are a major concern. 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!**



## Non-Uniform Days

The 'Jeans for Genes' charitable non-uniform day raised a staggering £314. Thank you to all for supporting this.



Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we are unable to host our annual Coffee Morning to support Macmillan Nurses. Instead we are asking if you could support a non-uniform day to support Macmillan Nurses and Cancer Research in memory of Mrs Wright, our colleague who sadly died of cancer



earlier this year. She very much liked spots so a non-uniform theme day of spots (or other) will take place **THIS** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Children can wear spots or general non-uniform clothes for school and donations to these worthwhile causes would be welcomed.



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## Flu Vaccinations

The children were absolutely excellent, brave and confident and with 5 nurses we managed to get through all the children who had submitted consent forms from

Reception all the way up to Year 6. This will really help with flu symptoms not getting confused with Covid ones.



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

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, - 9.30 – 12.30

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November after school to 5pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Step by Step Education

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## 100 Club



With opportunities for FAB (the school's PTA – 'Friends at Beckstone') severely limited by Covid restrictions we would very much welcome 100 club lottery players. A draw takes place monthly from this month and the prizes are £30 for the first number drawn, then £15 then £5. There is a great chance of winning as well as supporting the school.

**You can now buy numbers for the draws in this school year. The cost for the rest of the year is £10. Please see the School Office, money needs to be in an envelope with the child's name and class. The October draw will be at the end of this month,**

## Halloween



1. We will have a Halloween themed day at the end of this half term, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Whilst children are welcome to come to school in costumes there are some changes needed to maintain Covid security. We are requesting that no Halloween masks come in to school (face paints are allowed) and no hand held accompaniments such as cauldrons, cleavers etc.
2. There is a Halloween children's raffle which will be drawn on the Halloween Themed Day. The first prize is a Halloween Cuddly 'bear' and the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize a jar of sweets. Tickets cost £1 and you can pay on parent pay and we will issue your child a number in the draw.



## Workington MP Visiting

Mark Jenkinson, the MP for Workington visited the school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to tour the school and review Covid opening arrangements. He was impressed with the school

and has promised his support for a number of issues we raised with him.

## Seesaw & Tapestry

This is a gentle reminder to families that teachers should be contacted during school hours. Messages in the evening or at weekends will not be responded to by direction of Mr Warbrick so all staff have a healthy

work/life balance. When messaging please allow 48 hours for a reply. If there is a need for an urgent response then the best way to receive an immediate response from a teacher is to contact the School Office.



## Mathletics App

Mathletics is used widely across school and your child should know their log on details and passwords. If not contact

your child's teacher for this information. Whilst used on PCs at school (and can be at home at [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)) there are now also apps for Android and iPhones. Simply follow the QR codes here.

Android:



iPhone



## 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!

## Shopping Gateway

We are in partnership with a charity called 'School Angel' to raise money for the school. This is really simple to use and you can visit via our web site by clicking on the 'Shopping Gateway'

Once on the page all you need to do is click on the logo for whatever shop/service you would like to visit. The school will receive commission from these firms at no extra cost to you; it is just a gateway to access websites.



# TOURS FOR 2021 ADMISSIONS

Take a look around our school building and meet members of our Senior Leadership Team and Team Year 7 staff

COME AND SEE OUR AMAZING ACADEMY

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PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BOOKING INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE IN RELATION TO OUR TOUR DATES, TIMES AND GUIDELINES.



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## Workington Academy

The Academy are now organising Covid Secure tours after school. All the information you need is on their website which can be found here <https://www.workingtonacademy.org> and follow the links. Alternatively follow the QR code directly to the 'Tours' page.



## 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 or £20 depending on the size.



Secondly, the school is facing enormous added costs for additional cleaning, additional staff hours to cover the staggered lunchtimes, protective equipment and cleaning materials, oodles of paper towels etc etc. On

top of this once the heating goes on the rooms will never reach ambient temperature due to the open windows so the heating bills will be enormous. There is little that can be done about this however if schools do not receive additional funding then there will have to be major cutbacks over the coming years.

## School Photographer

We hope you liked the proofs you received of your child's photo. These have to be ordered online using the details on the order form.



We would like to apologise to all the families who had asked about sibling photos and were told these were going ahead. It was only as guidance changed that this part of the photographer's usual visit had to be cancelled. We understand it is a shame and if conditions allow we will try to have another session for family photographs later in the school year.

## 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**.

## CORONAVIRUS STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS

**HIGH TEMPERATURE  
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH  
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES**

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.

### Foodbank

The Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies.

**In the current climate it is needed more than ever.**

For further details of the work of the Foodbank and how you can be involved contact; the North Lakes Foodbank; email:

[info@thefoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@thefoodbank.org.uk) [www.thefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.thefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 0750 2311 452

**So donations can continue we have moved the foodbank collection point to the waiting shed on the left at the top of the hill.** A list of foods welcomed is below:

Reg Charity No 1067541

### Shopping List

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to the North Lakes Foodbank

Thank you!

- \* Milk (Full Fat or Semi- Skimmed UHT)
- \* Fruit Juice (1 ltr carton UHT)
- \* Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets)
- \* Biscuits or snack bars
- \* Cereals (Medium sized boxes)
- \* Tinned Meat
- \* Tomatoes (Tinned or Carton)
- \* Tinned Fish
- \* Tinned Fruit
- \* Tinned Vegetables
- \* Soup (Tinned no Cuppa Soup)
- \* Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- \* Instant Mash Potato
- \* Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- \* Sugar
- \* Jam
- \* Pasta (Medium bags of dried pasta. No sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes)
- \* Tea Bags/Instant coffee (Med)

**No Low Calorie Foods**

**We would like families to support the Foodbank Harvest Appeal and if you feel you can support it please deposit non perishable food items in the Foodbank bin in the green shed at the top of the hill or leave on the seats in there.**

**YOUR DONATION WILL GO TO A LOCAL FAMILY IN NEED.**



# Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## 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



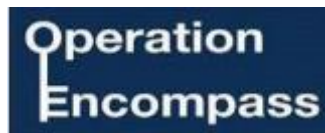
0808 800 5000

## Domestic Violence

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



## 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!

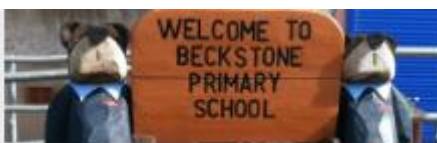
School coats which are fully waterproof and have a hood and reflective strips are available from the School Office at a competitive price of just £22.40 (sizes 3-4 up to 11-12); extra small adult upward sizes are £28.15.



## Governors

The first face to face Governors' meeting since lockdown will take place in a socially distant manner this month on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. There is a lot to discuss and there will be a report in the next newsletter.

## 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 on the previous page...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.



The advertisement for School Angel charity for schools features the logo at the top, which includes a stylized angel figure. Below the logo, it states: "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." In the center, there is an illustration of a group of children holding up signs that spell out "SCHOOL ANGEL". Below this, it says "School Angel is Super Simple" and "No accounts. No passwords. No email or name needed, just click on whichever shop you want to use and schoolangel will make sure your donation gets right back to school." At the bottom, it says "Your School Needs Your Help – School Angel makes it easy, simple and free for you to make a real difference to your school children." There is a QR code and a call to action: "Simply click on the 'Shopping Gateway' link on our web site or scan the code".



### 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 and can eat in or take away. The take-away option is also available to any Breakfast Club parents. The next Breakfast Club sandwich day is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

### School Prospectus

An updated version for 2020/21 will soon be available on our web site or on request from the School Office. It contains useful information on all school policies/procedures & will be updated this month



### 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.**

*"A great opportunity to get to  
know new people and make new  
friends"*



## 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.

## Cinema Nights

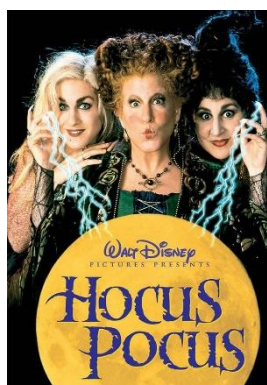
The first Cinema nights of the year take place this month (dates on back page). In order to maintain the separate stage bubbles there will be 4 different evenings with Reception on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Key Stage 1 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Year 3 & 4 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Year 5 & 6 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The price including care, refreshments and ice cream will be £6 this year. The Cinema Nights will have a Halloween theme and the films being shown are:



For Reception & Key Stage 1: The Addams Family



For key Stage 2 Children: Hocus Pocus



Login to ParentPay



Authorisation and payment is now being taken by ParentPay.

## Workington Half Term Halloween Events

### Halloween Fun this half term!



**HALLOWEEN VILLAIN PARTY**  
Friday 30th October  
6pm on Zoom with  
**Imagination Parties**  
Creepy Cookie will be  
hosting a villain party on  
zoom with guest hosts  
Descendant Girls who are  
'rotten to the  
core'. Spooky games,  
dancing and lots of  
Halloween fun!

Prizes for best costume and  
game winners.



**Spooky Halloween Trail**  
Sunday 1st November  
9am - 5pm  
**Curwen Park**  
Can you find all 10  
Halloween spooks that we  
have hidden in the park?  
Send a photo of your  
finished list to us via our  
social media channels and  
you could win a £30 voucher  
for a shop of your choice!

You need to book these events. Simply follow the QR Code if you are interested in doing so.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE

**FREE**

**FRESH FOOD**

PLUS PACKET AND TINNED PRODUCTS  
AVAILABLE TO ALL, AT  
**WORKINGTON BRITISH LEGION**  
JANE ST. WORKINGTON  
ON THE  
**THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
**DOORS OPEN 11.00A.M. be prompt!**  
Organised by FareShare and  
**WORKINGTON DERWENT ROTARY CLUB**  
"fighting hunger, tackling food waste"  
DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



### Staff Changes

Following last month's staff changes we now have another as we very sadly say goodbye to Mrs Starkey who is moving to a job in the care sector. She has worked in our Early Years for over 12 years and has been a highly valued member of staff throughout. She will be very sorely missed.



## 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



## Diary Dates



# Term Dates until Summer 2023

	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

## Dates for 2021



Fri 22nd Jan – Jack & the Beanstalk – subject to change???

Tues 9th Feb – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Wed 10th Feb – KS2 Cinema Night

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

Thu 4th March – World Book day

Sun 14th March – Mother's day

Mon 15th March – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tues 16th & Wed 17th March – Parents' Evenings

Thu 18th March – KS2 cinema Night

Week beg. 29th March – Egg & bonnet week

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

**Week beg. 10th May – SATs week**

Wed 19th – Fri 21st May – Kingswood – subject to change??

Mon 24th May – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tues 25th May – KS2 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**

Sun 20th June – Father's Day

Tues 29th June – Sports day (reserve Thu 1st July)

Tues 13th July – Graduation

Wed 14th July – Curriculum Eve

**Fri 16th July - Break up for Summer**



## October

Fri 9th – Non Uniform Day – Spots for Cancer

Mon 12th – Reception Cinema Night

Tues 13th – KS1 Cinema Night

- Governors' meeting 6pm

Mon 19th – Y3&4 Cinema Night

Tue 20th – Y5&6 Cinema Night

Thurs 22nd – Circuits Morning

Fri 23rd – Halloween Themed Day

- Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale

Sun 25th – Clocks go back



**Mon 26th to Fri 30th – HALF TERM**



## November

Wed 11th – Remembrance Silence

Fri 13th – Children in Need Day

Week beg. 16th – Anti Bullying Week with Oddsocks day on Mon 16th

Fri 20th – National Takeover Day

Week beg. 23rd – Road Safety Week

Fri 27th – Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale



## December

Thu 3rd – Circuits Morning

3rd – 9th – Book Fair?? Maybe subject to change

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

