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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome to the last school newsletter of the current academic year.

What a busy and action packed year it has been! The enthusiasm and hard work from pupils and staff alike deployed consistently over the year makes my job easy and makes me very proud. I would like to thank each and every one of them for making this school such a special one.

There are just over 2 weeks left until the end of term but they are action packed ones with a myriad of different activities and events taking place: final assessments are made; reports are issued and many end of school year activities take place such as Sports Day, Graduation Day, Party Nights, summer trips, Beckstone's Got Talent etc. We also have a Curriculum Meetings for parents of children in next year's R to 5 where you will meet your child's next class teacher – **it is ESSENTIAL someone from the family attends!** Indeed, reports and end of term results will be issued on that evening, Monday 18th July.

We are also running a summer **holiday play scheme** at a competitive cost of £20 per half day or £25 per full day to help families with holiday care. It is very competitively priced and I hope you will find it very useful. Further details are in this newsletter.

Please take the time to read this newsletter, digest the information and make a note of the dates on the back (many dates for 22/23 are there too) so you don't miss anything!

May I take this opportunity to also thank you all for your support over the year. The school is very fortunate to have so many parents who take a real interest in their child's learning, support them with homework and reading and give generously to school. I hope and trust you all have a wonderful summer and I shall look forward to working with the majority of you again next year. To the Year 6 parents I wish your children every success as they move on to the next stage of their educational career, we will miss them and they have been a credit to yourselves and the school. Hoping you all have a lovely Summer break.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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Stage Heads:
 Foundation: Mrs White
 Key Stage 1: Ms Gorman
 Lower Key Stage 2: Mr Fleming
 Upper Key Stage 2: Ms McGill

- 1 X **Year 5** Class
- 1 X **Year 5/6** Class
- 1 X **Year 6** Class.

Where there are mixed age classes these are being set up as mixed ability classes and not based on academic ability so are certainly not 'sets'.

Your child's class will have already been shared with them if they are in Years N to 1 to fully comply with the new Early Years Framework transition arrangements. All other children will visit their new classes on Thursday 14th July and again on Friday 15th July. Again, please do not appeal against their placement. Please rest assured that children's friendships have been closely considered and that school staff will have placed children well to ensure they can make maximum progress.

Curriculum Evening & Reports



There are 'Curriculum Meetings' on the last Monday of this term (Monday 18th July). Please make a note in your diary. We expect an adult from every family to attend so that you can meet your child's new teacher, learn about their areas of study in 2022/23 and what is expected from them and from yourselves. Your child's end of year report will be issued at these meetings (apart from Year 6 where they will be sent home with your child in a sealed envelope).

Organisation 2022/23



A lot of thought has gone into classes for next year and friendship groups as well as grouping children who work well together

have been the main focus of the groupings. It is important you support your child in their transition to their new class **and be positive** about their placement. Classes are full so there is no 'wriggle room' and no movement across classes. Do let your child settle into their new class and please be assured that we always strive to make sure your child is happy in school and in their class.

Please do not appeal against their placement.

A lot of thought has also gone into how the school is organised as the intake of a class and a half (45 pupils in general does not make for easy class groupings or straight year groups across the school). The school will be organised as follows:

Nursery – offering 30 hours for those eligible or a free 15 hours with an optional purchase of additional care of up to a further 15 hours

- 2 X **Reception** class
- 1 X **Year 1** Class
- 1 X **Year 1/2** Class
- 1 X **Year 2** Class
- 2 X **Year 3** Classes
- 2 X **Year 4** Classes



It is important that you attend and collect your child's report.



In order to minimise clashes so that parents with children in multiple classes can attend the timetable for this day looks like this. Please note the times for your child's next class.

- **2.30pm** – Reception Sports Hall
- **3.00pm** – Sports Hall – 1/2RM
- **3.30pm** – 3SF & 4AN in Sports Hall
 - 3LS in class
 - 4DP in class
- **3.50pm** – 1AF, 5LJ & 6JM all in class
- **4.10pm** – 2HG & 5/6CC

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Sports Day



This takes place **tomorrow**, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather we will then try to stage it on Thursday this week (7th). If possible please send your child in the colour of their house.

For the first time since 2019 we will be able to have spectators at this event. If you want to watch it then you can take a seat on the field after you have dropped your child off.

The fun starts at 9.20am and Nursery will leave after half an hour to an hour once their races are complete and the rest of the school should complete their events by around 11am. Towards the end there will be a women's race and a men's race – a short sprint so if you would like to take part do come out on the day.

In addition to the races there will also be a raffle on the day.

Sport Questionnaire



Thank you to everyone who recently completed the Sports Questionnaires. We had 59 responses. The outcomes and comments are being analysed and will be incorporated into PE improvements at the school. What was very reassuring were the following responses: 'Beckstone promotes my child to be healthy?' – over 98% strongly agreed or agreed. In addition to the question – 'Does my child enjoy PE?' the response was 95% strongly agree or agree.

Finally of note was that 93% of respondents had never looked at the Sports Zone of our web site...it can be accessed via the Curriculum link, PE and then the 'View our Sports Page' button or from the Statutory Info drop down on the home page or by following this link

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/statutory_info/pe_and_sport_premium/index.html or the displayed QR code. The following areas are included in this zone.



Phonics

A big congratulations needs to go to the Key Stage 1 children who had a phonics screening check recently. We are very proud of the progress they have made and the school achieved a pass rate of 80%, just above last year's national average and an improvement from last year's school outcome.



Key Stage Outcomes

Unfortunately we are unable to release any end of Key Stage outcomes until the issuing of reports on Monday 18th July. These will be given out at the Curriculum Evenings (see above and there will be a comparative data sheet with the Y2 and Y6 reports).

Bingo Night

The Bingo Night for this half term is THIS Thursday 7th July at 6pm. We were limited to 100 due to hall space and we have sold out! Doors will open from 5.30pm with the Bingo games starting at 6pm. The entry tickets allow for a Bingo book, a drink and a hot dog. Additional books can be bought for £1. On the night there will be ice creams/lollies on sale for £1, a Stand Up Bingo game with prizes costing £1 and a raffle.

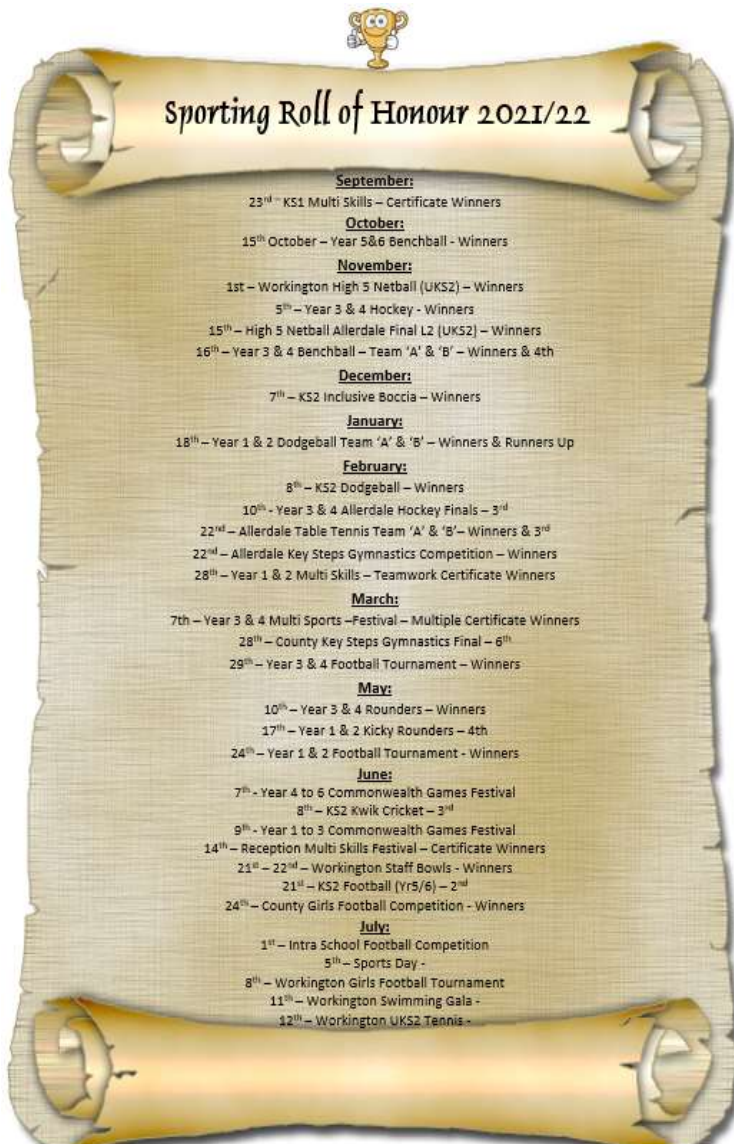


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Change 4 Life
Gifted and Talented

It is well worth a look when you have time!

Sporting Success

The school very much complies with the PE national curriculum and the sporting objectives/aims placed on schools since the introduction of 'Sugar Tax' sports funding. All pupils complete a minimum of 2 hours sport a week, there are many opportunities for sporting activity at play and break times and over the year a multitude of out of school sports club. Our emphasis on sport has resulted in many sporting successes over the course of this year as the 'Sporting Roll of Honour' shows below.



As an example our cricket team from a recent event is pictured below:



Also pictured is our successful girls' football teams that won the county Cup at Harraby last week:



Workington Swimming Gala

The Workington Swimming Gala will take place on Monday 11th July from 10.30am. Parental spectators are welcome however the priority for seating will go to the pupils of the school's competing so space is very limited.



A big thanks in advance of this event go Mrs Chambers and Ms Jackson for coaching the team and to Mrs Vaughan for organising this event for all the other schools in the town. It is no mean feat and takes a lot of work and we all are appreciative of all their hard work.

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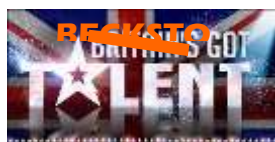
SUMMER RAFFLE



£1 per Ticket
to be paid via Parentpay
1st Prize - Summer Hamper
The raffle will be drawn on
Wednesday 20th July

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

All Year 6 children have purchased a 'Leavers' Hoodie' with their names on the figure 22 on the back. The Governors have allowed them to wear the hoodie instead of uniform if they so wish from today until the end of term

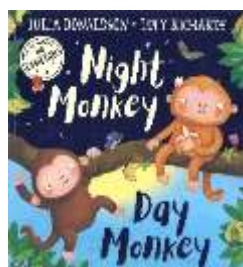


Beckstone's Got Talent

We are again planning a showcase event for all of our talented pupils who wish to take part. It will take place on the last day of term (Wednesday 20th July). Children are now applying for their slots and will get opportunities to rehearse at play and lunch times in the lead up to it. The variety show is for pupils only, sadly there is not enough room for parents and looks like it may take a sizeable part of the morning. It promises to be entertaining and we are sure it will be enjoyed by those on stage as well as those watching.

MP's Book

The Workington MP, Mark Jenkinson, very kindly presented a copy of the book he read as a 'Mystery Reader' to every Reception child last week.



School Meals



We continue to urge you to take the school meal option. The cook has worked out that **the cost of a nutritional packed lunch is more than the cost of a school dinner**. So, without all the hassle for you as a parent to make up lunches every night, you can opt for school dinners, still save money and be comforted in the knowledge that your child is having a hot meal that complies with nutritional guidelines for a healthy life in the future.

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 have free lunches and the cost in KS2 is currently only £12.50 per week (£2.50 per day) and the Nursery meal for the 30 hour pupils is £1.80.

Prices may be subject to change by September as the school meal provider is facing rising food and delivery costs given the rate of inflation. Equally the price of packed lunch items are also rising. It is a very difficult situation and everyone is under financial pressure. Please be assured the school will do its utmost in negotiations to get the cheapest deal that gives quality meals for our pupils and best value for our families.



Free School Meals Application



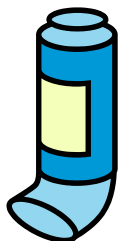
Are you entitled?

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 ask that **ALL ELIGIBLE PARENTS OF PUPILS FROM NEXT YEAR'S RECEPTION UP TO YEAR 6** fill in the school meals registration form that is available from the School Office or 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.

https://emsonline.cumbria.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Asthma Inhalers

It would be good practice to ensure that the school inhalers are taken home and renewed over the summer at your G.P. for the school year ahead and returned **with names on them**.



It is the responsibility of every parent to ensure that inhalers are in date and also are not empty.

Attendance Cup

The class with the highest attendance of 96.84% (a record) for the first half of the Summer term was 4AR and they are pictured below with their certificate and the trophy. Consistent attendance is vital for success at school and it is the statutory duty of every family to ensure their children attend consistently and punctually.



Attendance Issues

1. Please can all families ensure they put their child's education first above holidays and other events.
2. If your child has Covid they can now return to school 3 days after the onset of symptoms. A negative test is not required for a return to school.
3. There is active discouragement of taking holidays in term time as it disrupts a child's learning.
4. **Taking time off at the statutory testing time needs to be avoided completely.**



The key dates for next school year are:
May – KS1 SATs Month
Week beg. 8th May – KS2 SATs
3 weeks from week beg. 5th June – Y4 Times Table tests
Week beg. 12th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week

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.



Creativity Cup

Ivy from Nursery was awarded the Creativity Cup.

She was chosen for her creative approach to all that she does and in particular for her artistic flair.



Marie Wright Kindness Cup

The Kindness cup winner for the second half of the summer term was Tillie from 1AF. She was chosen as she is always smiling at everyone, is a very good friend and looks after her class mates.



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Y6 Graduation



The Graduation ceremony for our Year 6 pupils will take place from 6pm on Thursday 14th July. Please could all Y6 families



make a note of this date and time. The venue will be the School Sports Hall. The children will perform a leaving show for the audience and will receive a 'Primary Diploma' from the Governors and a leaving gift from the PTA. Seating is limited. A Google form has been sent out to all Y6 families offering 2 tickets per family, space is very limited due to a large year group and we ask that split families share the tickets.

There is an option to be placed on a waiting list for more if the full allocation is not taken up but there are no guarantees. The deadline for ordering tickets is Friday 8th July.



Summer Holiday Zone

As we receive information about activities in half term we will place the information in the Holiday Activity zone of our web site which can be found in the Parents' drop down menu or by following the QR code.



Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

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Cumbria Libraries will be encouraging children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge again this year, when the theme is Gadgeteers, 'discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around us'.

This annual national event, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 5 to 11 yrs (there is also a mini challenge so younger siblings 0-4yrs don't miss out!) to set themselves a reading challenge through the summer holidays. Cumbria Libraries hopes you will help us support and motivate thousands of children to keep reading in order to build on their skills and confidence acquired through the school year. Signing up is free, children just need to be a library member which is also free!



The Challenge is simple, children read whatever they like in their chosen format over the summer holidays to receive incentives and a certificate once they've completed it.

To find out more please click on the following link to view Cumbria Libraries' promotional video for this year's challenge.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYm7PSMG0IA&ab_channel=CumbriaLibraries%26ArchivesService

If you have any enquiries please contact

library.outreach@cumbria.gov.uk



All children taking part will receive a certificate that will be given out in assembly after the holidays.

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Calculation Policy



The school has a detailed calculation policy that reflects the National Curriculum as well as the methods taught in school for calculation.

The Policy is available on the school web site in the curriculum zone or follow this link or the QR code - <https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/curriculum/calculation-policy.html> and should prove to be a valuable reference point for parents to support their children with Maths at age appropriate levels. The relevant sections for your child will be shared at the Curriculum meeting on Monday 18th July with your child's new teacher.



Perhaps use it to dip into and help your child with Maths over the summer to prepare them for their next class.

Holiday Homework



Your child will receive some basic skills tasks to learn in readiness for their new curriculum year before the end of term. Please help them ensure they have the necessary skills to make a success of their next school year.

The most important homework of all is to **ensure you read with your child for at least 20 minutes daily** or ensure their day is structured to allow them to, read on their own, when they are able for sustained periods. Indeed reading to your child at bed time for example is also extremely valuable. The world of books will develop your child's imagination, vocabulary and knowledge of the world around them. It is quite simply the



key to learning!

Taking part in the Library Summer Reading Challenge would go a long way to supporting your child with their holiday reading and it is FREE – see earlier article.

The following sites which can be used on a phone/tablet or PC are also extremely useful. Please check your child can access them, if there are issues then please get in touch with school.



Mathletics & Education City – Home Access



All children from Year 1 upwards have access to Mathletics at home (as well as Education City). They should all know their passwords; they are the same for both.

To access these sites simply go to

www.mathletics.co.uk or Education City go to www.educationcity.com



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Times Tables Rock Stars

Your child should also have access to 'Times Table Rock Stars' and should know their log in details. They are able to make their own 'Rock Star Avatar' and every time they get a times table answer right (appropriate to their age) they will make money to buy things for their Rock Star. This is also available as an app from the Play Store of the App store, the children

then just need to log in with their normal school user name and password. We hope good use is made of it. Times Table testing is going to become a national statutory test for Year 4 children

from next year so this could prove to be a very worthwhile summer :



Software to help and encourage all children to learn their times tables is 'Times Table Rockstars'. Children from Year 1 upwards have their own 'Rock Avatar' and can earn points for their avatar and to work towards a series of certificates and badges that are awarded in assembly.

Contact your child's teacher if...

- You have username or password issues
- Something isn't working or you're not sure how it works
- You have a complaint or a suggestion
- You have something nice to say about trockstars.com

Teach Your Monster to Read

Teach your Monster to Read is a series of free games to practise the first stages of reading. Combining top quality games design with essential learning, the game is built on the principles of synthetic phonics and follows the teaching sequence of the Letters and Sounds programme. It has been designed in collaboration with academics from Roehampton University.

To use the site go to:



www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

and either use the log on details your child may have been given or register for home use. Alternatively you can click on the link in the 'Help your Child to Read' zone on the school's web site.

N.B. The 'monster' is not your child but a character chosen by the child on the site!!



Curriculum Visions

This site is accessed at:

<https://www.curriculumvisions.com/>

The username is **in the Tapestry/Seesaw version of this newsletter** and the password is **also in that version**. Using these will give you and your child access to 1,000s of books across a wide range of subject to widen your child's knowledge at an age appropriate reading age. Do have a good look.



Computer Zone

There are links to many sites in the Computer Home Access zone of our web site including simple coding challenges to



complex ones for the older children. Simply follow this link or QR code:

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/home_learning/coding_activities.html

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Worldwide Coverage



We have a visitor tracker app that sits behind our web site. The graphic below is a record of 'hits' on the site from all over the world since the start of the school year. The global reach of our site is truly quite amazing.

In addition you can see in the top right that the total page views this school year are nearly 20,000!



Nursery Intakes



Children born between **1 April 2019** and **31 August 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2022**.

Children born between **1 September 2019** and **31 December 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2023**.

Children born between **1 January 2020** and **31 March 2020** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2023**.

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

Forms for applying for any of these intakes can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council website <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 at the top of the next page – please note these places **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**) 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.



Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm for anyone who books in advance via bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk Or simply use the QR code.

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.

This is now on ParentPay instead of cash payments



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 **£1.80 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. = **£10.30** (including lunch)

11:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. = **£13.80** (including lunch)

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.



Carer & Toddler Club

This runs every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 3pm and is a very popular club. It is a great way to meet new friends. There is no cost to join but a £3.00 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments etc. Places can be booked at bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

Herbs

There are herb pots again at the front of the school. Don't forget you are welcome **to help yourself** to a pinch of herbs to brighten up your home cooking (& drinking e.g. Mojitos). The sign above the herbs (in front of Ms McGill's class) to the left of the front door as you leave the building, gives tips on which herbs to use for what meals. Please make good use of them.



Food & Drink

- School meals £2.50 a day or £12.50 a week although this may be subject to change by September.



- Milk is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for the first half term after the Summer holidays is £9 term payable by **Friday 9th September 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 is also paid by ParentPay and the cost for next half term is £13 payable by **Friday 9th September.**
- Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up is £7 for this half term, again payable by **Friday 9th September.**



Be Sun Wise

As we are in July it is important that thoughts go to protecting children from the sun. The children at the school spend a lot of time outdoors during the school day and lunch times in particular are times when the sun is at its hottest. You may think it is cloudy but the sun can still break through.



Please help your child by applying sun screen **before** they get dressed in the morning (most sun tan lotions should last for the school day so children don't need to apply it at school). Also please ensure they have the minimum of skin showing and provide them with a hat to wear outside (we have legionnaire caps for sale at the School Office - £4.50. The school will provide these for Early Years Children) to protect their heads.

If you feel your child needs additional protection during the day if they have fair skin or susceptible to sun burn then you can send their own lotion into school in a named bottle and a bag (e.g. sandwich/freezer bag) and give to their class teacher. A staff member will **re-apply** sun cream as they go out for lunch in these cases. Please note that the responsibility for sun protection is with parents not the school.

'Wrap, Splat and Hat!

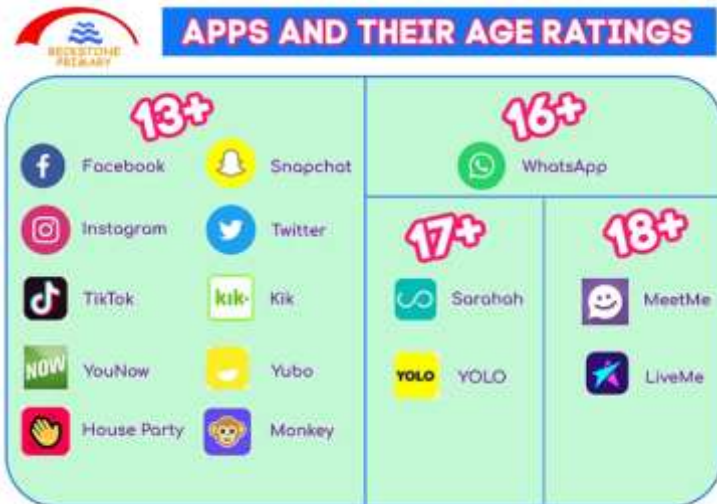
www.wrapsplathat.co.uk

Keeping Your Child Safe

We do a lot in school to support your child in keeping themselves safe through assemblies, circle times, Kidsafe etc. Please support us by regularly talking to your child about...

- Keeping safe from strangers. Explain to your child never to go with anyone they don't know. If they feel scared to go into the nearest shop and ask them to phone you (make sure they have your number) or have a phone with them if they are out and about.
- Keeping safe near roads, with warm and light nights they may be playing out. Please instil into them the Highway Code and NEVER to run into a road after footballs etc.
- Not to go near railway lines. The West Coast line has had a number of incidents with children getting injured. Please ensure they know to keep well away.
- Finally please ensure they are safe online. We continue to have to deal with issues that have resulted from children using social media sites that quite simply they are accessing illegally. Please have a good look at the chart below and ENFORCE

it for your child's safety and their mental health and to preserve their innocent childhood years:



We strongly urge you not to let your children use these sites.

There is a parental guidance video presented by our own Ms Gorman on our web site which is well worth a watch. It is in the 'Parent Info' zone follow this link https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/social-media-your-child.html or the QR code.



Please Be Aware - Huggy Wuggy



This is Huggy Wuggy - a sinister character that children are coming across online via YouTube and TikTok. A number of

the children at school know about this character. The bear sings about "hugging and killing" and asks those watching to "take their last breath". One line says: "I could hug you here forever, til you breathe your last breath together."

The Police are aware of this issue.

Top Tips for helping your children :

1. If your child hasn't mentioned Huggy Wuggy or Poppy Playtime, don't name it. You may pique their curiosity which in turn could lead to them searching out the content for themselves on platforms they might have access to.
2. If you hear a child in your care mention Huggy Wuggy, pause and remain calm. It could be that they have overheard conversation about in school or online, it doesn't necessarily mean they have viewed content or have a full understanding of who Huggy Wuggy is.
3. Ask them about the content they enjoy watching online, and if anything they've seen has ever made them or their friends upset or scared.
4. If they have seen anything upsetting, reassure them that they are safe. It's important children know they can come and speak to you without

fear of judgement. If necessary, ask them to show you the video or game, and follow appropriate reporting procedures if you are concerned.

5. If your child is having nightmares or is anxious about something they've watched, it's important to have a conversation about expressing their feelings. You can use our emotions journal to help your child express complex emotions.

As with all online material PLEASE PLEASE do make yourself aware of what your child(ren) are watching online.

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 website 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 website 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 wellbeing 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.

Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Age appropriate PS4 games
- Board games
- Construction Equipment e.g. K'Nex,
- Meccano or Lego
- Lego Classic Blocks
- Railway or road sets
- Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Comics/games for wet playtimes



Give Blood – Help Save a Life!

Giving blood to support others is a wonderful selfless act that helps fellow citizens. Who knows, a member of your family may rely on someone else's blood donations to save their life at some point. The next donor sessions you can book online is on Wednesday 10th August and Thursday 25th August 2022 from 3pm to 7pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online.



Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

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

Revisewise



Free revision classes for **Year 5 children** 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.** We have noted numbers are quite low and this is a concern, please can you support us with this, it is in your child's best interests. Children need to queue at the back gate for entry from 8.15am.

All Year 5 children should be attending

Summer Holiday Play Scheme

HOLIDAY PLAYScheme



Following on from the successful Easter Camp the school is running a Summer Camp for the first 2 weeks of the holiday and the final 2 weeks of the holidays. Many children are now booked in. If you wish to still apply then please use the link below:

<https://forms.gle/LzUbcd6wZRfVWgZG8>



Allerdale Lottery

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

There are a number of ways of winning. We have over 60 players assigned to our school and many have already won prizes!! For more information and to play through our page please go to:



<https://www.allerdalelottery.com/support/beckstone-primary-school> or use the QR code: Please share this link with friends and family.

Party Nights



The 'Party Nights' return this half term instead of Cinema Nights. The dates are on the back page for each Stage. The cost is £6 which includes care, a party tea, games with prizes and lots of fun. Bookings will be via ParentPay.

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 website 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 website 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 once Covid restrictions are lifted for gatherings indoors 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 once these are allowed. If you do hire this venue, please let Marjorie know you read about it in this newsletter.

The Ladies Club which runs every Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.45pm. 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"

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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.

Easy Fund Raising



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising **FREE** donations for Beckstone Primary School with easy fundraising? There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.



All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Beckstone Primary School at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations that will enrich your child's experiences at school.

Thank you for your support.

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To support us you would need to download the Amazon Smile app. Then if you order as normal from Amazon via the Amazon Smile app then Amazon will donate money to the school if you select Beckstone Primary School PTA & Friends from their Charity list.



Please support this if you can.

Non-Uniform Day



The last non-uniform day of the year is on Tuesday 19th July for the FUN Day. This is a free non uniform day. We would like to extend our thanks for your supportive donations over the year.



School Fund

We need donations to this fund as funds are getting REALLY tight so please help if you can. The fund is donation based (for example the businesses advertising in this newsletter provide donations to this fund) and is used to fund the coaches for sporting events, buy many consumable items and fun activities for the pupils as well as many other things for school that enable us to provide services free of charge. Please have a ratch down the sofa or anywhere to find some spare money to donate to the school to support all the children.

Please help if you can by donating to this fund.

Parent Pay Donations



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. Alternatively if you wish to make a standing order then the school's bank details are available on request from the School Office too.

Foodbank

We have a Foodbank collection bin just inside the green hut at the top of the hill if you would like to donate any items. It is collected regularly. A list of foods welcomed is alongside

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

Staff Changes

At the end of an academic year there are often changes in staffing and this year is no exception.

Leavers

We say goodbye to Mrs Bagley who has been at the school since it opened and worked at Garth Infant School before that so is well known to many families in the catchment. She has been a wonderful teacher and much loved colleague. We wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life. She has written you all a letter and this is reproduced below



Dear Parents,

After 34 years I know that it is the right time for me to leave teaching and follow new pathways.

When I began as a nursery teacher we had no photocopier, no computers and a mobile was something you hung up to entertain a baby!

I wonder what a classroom might look like 34 years into the future...

Beckstone Primary has been a huge part of my life for the past sixteen years: I feel truly blessed to have worked in such a wonderful community with amazing staff. It has been a joy and a privilege to see so many children build their foundations for life.

It is hard to write into words how much I will miss the children. Early years education has been my passion and I thank you all sincerely for letting me into your lives and for sharing your most precious and wonderful child/ren with me.

Beckstone children past and present, you make me so proud and you have all enriched my life.

Make time to play, laugh and learn together, show love, care and respect for all humankind and our amazing planet.

With all my love, blessings and good wishes.

Mrs Bagley



We are also saying goodbye to another staff member who has been here since the school opened, Mrs Walker. Mrs Walker is retiring and will be a sad loss to the school. Her sports teaching and dance choreography (she has been instrumental to school dance performances over the years e.g. Rock Challenge). We wish her a long and happy retirement.



Mrs Teasdale is also retiring, she has worked at the school for 12 years and has been an amazing teaching assistant. She will be very much missed and we wish her all the very best for her retirement.



Mrs Armstrong is moving on to new pastures. She has been at the school for 11 years and has also been an amazing teaching assistant. We wish her every success in the next stage of her career.



Ms Royle is moving to Scotland and will be continuing her teaching career there. She started her career with us and has been a great Year 4 teacher and can look forward to an effective career into the future. We wish her well.



We also have 2 Early Years staff members who are moving on to jobs in other schools. Miss Barnard and Mrs Graham. They have been lovely staff members and both will



be missed too. We wish them well in their new schools.

Finally we say goodbye to our year 6 pupils. They have been an excellent cohort of pupils as they have moved through the school and we wish them every success at Secondary school. They will be performing for the ir parents at the Graduation ceremony and on the last day they will walk down the hill after the end of the school day with a guard of honour, parents this will make a good photo if you are at the bottom of the hill around 3.30pm on Wednesday 20th July.

Maternity



We are also saying goodbye for a short while to Mrs Cunningham who will be on maternity leave from September. We will share news of her new baby when he/she arrives.

With so many changes there are also new staff starting, we will introduce them in the first newsletter of 22/23.

Last Day of Term

The school (including Nursery and Educare) will finish **at normal time** on Wednesday 20th July.



There will be no Beckstone Xtra on the last day.



As the school year comes to end we would like to thank all of you, our wonderful parental community. Your support of the school is absolutely amazing. Your children are a credit and an asset to the school.

We wish all of our school community a fantastic and enjoyable summer holiday and for those leaving us a very successful future!

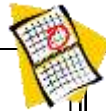


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Term Dates until Summer 2024

	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Start of Term	Wednesday 20 th April May Day – Mon 2 nd May	Wednesday 7 th September	Wednesday 4 th January	Monday 17 th April May Day – Mon 1 st	Wednesday 6 th September	Wednesday 3 rd January	Tuesday 14 th April May Day – Mon 1 st
Half Term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February	Monday 28 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
End of Term	Wednesday 20 th July	Tuesday 20 th December	Friday 31 st March	Wednesday 18 th July	Tuesday 18 th December	Thursday 18 th March	Friday 18 th July

Diary Dates



July

Mon 4th – ‘Strive for Five’ Draw
- Reception Party Night



Tue 5th – Sports Day



Wed 6th – KS1 Party Night

Thu 7th – Sports Day reserve
- Bingo Night 6pm

Fri 8th – Workington Girls’ Football Competition

Mon 11th – Swimming Gala 10.30am

- September new starter families on school
- UKS2 Party Night



Tue 12th – Y3&4 Summer Trip to Muncaster

- Y5&6 Tennis competition
- Governors’ meetings



Wed 13th – Nursery & Reception Lakeland Wildlife Park Summer Trip

- Wheelchair Basketball Day
- Workington Academy Transition Day (& Thu 14th)
- LKS2 Party Day



Thu 14th – Meet the new classes morning

- Y6 Graduation ceremony 6pm (rehearsal at 5pm for pupils)
- Keswick Induction Day & Workington Academy tutor day



Fri 15th – Meet new classes morning

- Y6 party day inc trip to Fusion, Carlisle
- Strive for Five Draw
- Educare Parents’ Dance

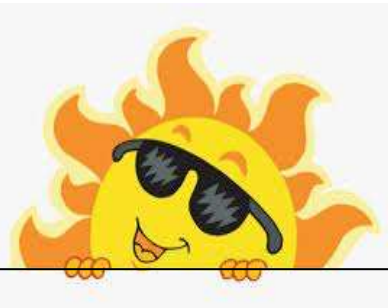


Mon 18th – Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 19th – FUN day – FREE non uniform

Wed 20th – Beckstone’s Got Talent

- Educare Party
- Break up for summer. No Beckstone Xtra



Dates for next School Year already



Wed 7th – Children start back

Wed 7th – Fri 9th Sep – Nursery New Starters Home Visits

Fri 16th Sep – Gurning Final

Thurs 22nd Sep – Individual & Family Photos

Tue 27th Sep – REACT Science Show – Years 5 & 6

Mon 10th – KS1 Harvest at Church

Tues 11th Oct – Meet the Teacher Evening

Tues 18th Oct – Governor Challenge Day, Staffing & Finance & Main Governors AGM

Thu 20th & Fri 21st – Circuits Days

Mon 31st Oct – Halloween Themed Day

Fri 11th Nov – Remembrance Silence 11am

Sun 13th Nov – Remembrance Parade

Fri 2nd Dec – Reception trip to Whinlatter

Tues 6th Dec – Curriculum Committee & Main Governors

Thu 15th Dec – Christmas Dinner day

Mon 19th Dec – Christmas Party Day

Tue 20th Dec – Carols in the Square 10.30am

Fri 27th Jan – Aladdin, M&M Productions 9.30am

Tue 7th Feb – Governors Meeting

Thu 2nd Mar – World Book Day

Sun 19th Mar – Mother’s Day

Week beg. 27th Mar – Egg & Bonnet Design Week

Tue 28th Mar – Governor Challenge Day & Governors

Fri 31st Mar – Egg Dumping Final

Thu 27th Apr – Class Photos

May – KS1 SATs Month

Week beg. 8th May – KS2 SATs

Tue 16th May – Governor Challenge Day, Staffing & Finance & Main Governors AGM

3 weeks from week beg. 5th June – Y4 Times Table tests

Week beg. 12th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week

- Intensive Swim Week – Y6 class

Sun 18th Jun – Father’s Day

Week beg. 19th June – Intensive Swim Week – Y5/6 class

Week beg. 26th June – Intensive Swim Week – 5 class

Tue 27th Jun – Sports Day

Thu 29th Jun – Sports Day Reserve

Mon 3rd July – Swimming Gala Practice

Tue 4th July – Large Schools Swimming Gala

Tue 11th Jul – Curriculum Committee & Main Governors

Thu 13th July – Graduation

Fri 14th July – Meet new classes morning

Mon 17th Jul – Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 18th – FUN day

Wed 19th Jul – School Year Ends

