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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter. I hope and trust you all had a fabulous half term. There is a lot happening between now and the Easter holidays in just under 5 weeks' time - we hope this newsletter will keep you up to speed with everything that you need to know about school life this month.

The month of March will see World Book Day, ducks hatching, Cyclewise for Years 5 & 4, many trips out, further sports events and participation in County Finals, party nights and egg decorating. All important dates are on the back page of this newsletter. You will see what an eventful few weeks we have by the long list of dates there. Further details of all these events are contained within this newsletter. Please take time to read it so you are fully aware of all aspects of the life of the school and education generally.

It was wonderful to note that 94% of children had at least one parent meet their teacher last week. All educational research shows that children will do better at school when school and home work closely together. It was lovely to have parents back in school and the 2 nights were enjoyed by families and staff alike. The success of these evenings may lead into some 'open' school sessions in the summer term where parents can visit and have a tour of the whole school so you can see all the exciting experiences we offer your children.

Thank you to all those who continue to support the non-uniform days and the Foodbank collection point. There is further information in this newsletter for those who may wish to contribute in some way.

Finally, if you use any of the services of our advertisers please do let them know where you saw them as their advertising revenue really helps our school fund.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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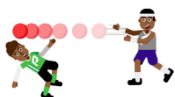


Ongoing Sporting Success

Our KS2 Multi-Skills teams took part in a festival in the week before half term. Teams were unbeaten and the school received sporting value certificates for Teamwork and Passion from the organisers.



Our KS2 Dodgeball teams took part in a competition on the Tuesday before half term, a competition that was won by one of our teams.



Our Quicksticks Hockey team represented Workington at the Allerdale Finals and were third by a point! The team played brilliantly and only let one goal in the whole tournament!



Our Gymnastics team took part in an Allerdale Gymnastics event and were the event winners which means they go on to represent Allerdale in the County finals on the 28th March in Penrith.



The school entered two teams into the Allerdale Table Tennis Tournament last week and one of our teams came third and one won the tournament. The adults had to play as well as the children. The two teams and the trophy are pictured below.



Finally a group of our Y1&2 children took part in a Multi Skills festival yesterday (28th February) at Lakes College. Our team won the award for teamwork as well as awards for passion and respect.

A very big well done to all involved in Sports – staff & pupils alike. The schools success just goes on and on!



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Parents' Evenings

We hope that you found the recent round of parents' evenings informative and they gave you a detailed picture of your child's progress in school.

The turnout for these evenings were impressive (94%). If you did miss the

chance to discuss your child's progress please contact your child's teacher by phone.

We are grateful of the many constructive comments received too. We are acting on one which will be sending out the 'dates page' on paper for you to display at home.

You will receive a full end of year report in the summer term and we are also looking at organising parental 'guided tours' of the school so you can all see what the school has to offer during that term too.

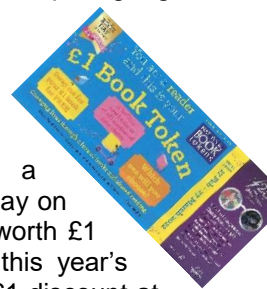
Bingo Night

With the lifting of Covid restrictions we will be running an Easter Bingo Night on Wednesday 30th March from 5.30pm. It is for one night only so you may need to book early to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited (once you receive the text stating it is live on ParentPay).



All tickets cost £3.50 (which includes a Bingo book, a hot dog and a drink). Additional books will

be on sale at the door priced at £1 plus a raffle (£1). Additionally, there will also be a 'stand up bingo' game after the interval costing £1 with a cash prize.



World Book Day

Your child should have received a 'World Book Day' voucher last Monday on return from half term. The token is worth £1 and it will allow your child to buy this year's World Book Day's book or will give £1 discount at book shops.

On World Book Day itself (**THIS** Thursday, 3rd March) our focus this year is purely on reading rather than dressing up. Children however are welcome to dress up as a book character or can come in non-uniform. Most importantly your child is invited to bring their favourite items to read to school from home as they will have the opportunity to read for pleasure at various points throughout the school day. The school tannoy will announce ten minute reading sessions within each lesson across the course of the day. They can bring in comics, picture books, novels or factual books. We will also provide reading material for them.

Your child will also receive a free keepsake, World Book Day book, during the day to take home and keep. It is a book they chose themselves earlier this year.

Maths Award

Mac from Y5 was awarded the Maths 'Star of the Week' recently by Workington Academy following some extension lessons that were offered to him there



Creativity Cup

Sofia in Y4 won the Creativity Cup for this half term. She was chosen for her amazing creative writing and fantastic descriptions, her wonderful art work and very descriptive and emotive poetry. A well deserved trophy winner.

The Marie Wright Kindness Cup

The Marie Wright Kindness Cup was won by Tom from Reception.

He was chosen as he is always striving to look after everyone, is always courteous and polite and shows real kindness to others.



Ducks



We will have some duck eggs delivered on March and they will incubate and hopefully all hatch. They will be based in Mrs White's class. The rest of the school will be able to keep in touch with what is happening via a 'Duck cam' so it should prove very exciting.

The ducks will go 'on tour' round the school next week for all the children to see.

If you would like to 'adopt' the ducks from the 11th March please let the school know.

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Latest Covid Update

At the time of writing the guidance for local schools remains unchanged despite the lifting of many national restrictions.



Please can all parents note that Cumbria continues to have its own guidance for schools that differs from national and is classed as 'enhanced local guidance'

Please also note advice changes regularly and it is more than likely there will be further changes before Easter

The current courses of action are described below:

- If your child is positive (either by PCR or LF test) then they will need to isolate for 10 days (the national option of LF testing from day 6 and having 2 negative LFs in a 24 hour period does not apply).
- If there is a positive case in a household then all children need to isolate for **5** days and then have a PCR test and if negative the children can return to school. The original exception for children who have already had Covid has been withdrawn as the new Omicron variant can re-infect. The option for daily LF testing and attending school does not apply to a Primary pupil at this school.

If your child has to isolate due to Covid you will be asked whether you would like remote work set daily for your child. We are happy to provide this but there have been a number of cases recently where families have found this unhelpful as they or their child are too ill to complete the work and it adds to stress levels. Additionally if your child is eligible for free school meals and are missing out on their meal at school we will provide vouchers for the duration of their isolation.

Wooden Easter Chicks

One of our parents, Mr Turk, has kindly made 100 wooden Easter chicks for



Easter display in homes. They are absolutely lovely and cute. Mr Turk is selling these to raise money for our school and we greatly thank him for that. They will go on sale, priced at £2, from the green hut towards the end of the school day on Friday 25th March.

The chicks will make ideal ornaments for Easter or table decorations or alternatively could be Mothers' Day presents. In addition to the chicks there is the opportunity to buy a strip of raffle tickets to win one of 3 wonderful wooden art displays.



Trip to Alhambra Cinema

Mrs Potts managed to procure a **FREE** Cinema ticket for all children in Years 4 to 6 at the Alhambra Cinema in Keswick to see Kobo and the 2 Strings. This promises to be a lovely experience and there is a £5 charge to cover refreshments and travel. This is now live on ParentPay.





Governors' Board



Mr Andrew Kilgour was recently elected unopposed to the Governing Body. For those of you that don't know him his candidate's submission had there been an election is reproduced below:

I am a qualified chartered accountant, working for a local firm as a business services manager – supporting local businesses with all aspects of business and finance. I live locally in Harrington and I am currently looking at ways to give back to the community.

I have past experience working closely with local schools (on an academy basis) so feel I could offer real financial support.

I have two children at Beckstone School so would love to be able to help in any way I can.

My children's' future is of the uppermost importance on my list of priorities, therefore I would be delighted to be given the opportunity in making a difference in the education, of not just my children, but the school as a whole..

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Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

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



Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Age appropriate PS4 games
- Games, puzzles and jigsaws
- 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

Thank you in advance for any donations



Circuits



'Circuits Days' will take place each half term this school year. They will be on a Thursday or a Friday depending on the day your child has their PE session. As they are now coming to school

in PE Kits on those days anyway there is no need for different clothing on these days. The ones for this half term are Thursday 24th and Friday 25th March.

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.



Revisewise

Free revision classes for **Year 6 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 have dropped recently 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 6 children should be attending

Attendance

School Matters!



Regular and punctual attendance at school is a parental responsibility. The latest figures continue to show that the school's overall attendance was above the national average in Spring1 despite numerous Covid absences.

It is very important good attendance levels continue for the rest of the academic year.

Please think of the importance of your child's education before booking holidays. When on holiday during term time they miss vital work and lose touch with their circle of friends.



REVISE WISE CLUBS

The class with the best attendance for the second half of the Spring term was 4AR who are pictured at the top of the next page with their certificate and trophy that were awarded last week.



Term Time Holidays & Tests

There is active discouragement of taking holidays in term time as it disrupts a child's learning. **Taking time off at the statutory testing time needs to be avoided completely.**

The key dates this year are:

Week beginning 9th May 2022 – Y2 & Y6 SAT tests
Week beginning – 6th June 2022 – Y1 Phonics Screening
3 Weeks beginning 6th June 2022 - Year 4 Times Table Tests



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

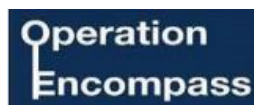


0808 800 5000

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.



Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 January 2019 and 31 March 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2022**.



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**.

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/schools/learning/iss/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.

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 £4.00 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments etc. Places can be booked at bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

Easter & Summer Holiday Play Scheme

The Easter Camp will go ahead in the first week of the Easter holidays. Further information and payment details will be sent out in due course. If you would still like to book please ring the School Office.

HOLIDAY PLAYScheme



BECKSTONE EASTER CAMP

Monday 4th - Friday 8th April 2022

Easter Camp Hours
Full Day - £25
Half Day - £20

Easter Camp is run by Beckstone Staff

Parents to Provide Packed lunch. Snacks Provided by school throughout the day

Fun Theme Days

- Harry Potter
- Sports
- Art
- Games Day
- Tech Day

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<https://forms.gle/VdgmQywsP444ch9x5>

Please also note that we hope to repeat the Summer Holiday Play Scheme for the first 2 weeks and the last 2 weeks of the Summer holiday. A questionnaire and booking details will go out around Easter.

Recipes to Cook at Home



The Phunky Food web site, which is used in school, has lots of recipes (well over 100) for you to cook with your children at home. They are all nutritionally balanced and healthy foods. It also has the facility to search for different meals e.g. breakfast or a main meal. The recipes are easy to use and use everyday ingredients. Do have a go and have fun in the kitchen with your child(ren).

The web site can be found here, or follow the QR code

<https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes/>

A sample recipe is reproduced on the next page.



The site also provides 'How To...' videos for you to follow in the kitchen.



<https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/parents/cooktogether/>

Hot Cross Scones



These light and fluffy, well portioned scones are a great snack for kids to make over Easter. With no yeast, you won't have to worry about proving the mixture, making them an easier and quicker alternative to the usual hot cross buns.

Skills Check

Follow a recipe; follow food safety and hygiene rules; tidy away; use a timer to cook correctly; crack an egg; beat an egg; rub fat into flour; handle and roll pastry; cut out rolled pastry; glaze pastry; use measuring spoons and jug; use weighing scales; use the oven (with adult supervision).

Equipment

20 x 30cm ovenproof dish/baking tray, weighing scales, measuring spoons, measuring jug, medium mixing bowl, wooden spoon, rolling pin, cookie cutter, small bowl, fork or whisk, pastry brush, piping bag or teaspoon.

Allergens (Please note the allergens listed are indicative only. Allergens vary depending on brand: check the labels on the products you use):

Wheat | Gluten | Eggs | Milk | Sulphites

Ingredients (makes 8):

- 225g self-raising flour
- 30g butter
- 15g sugar
- 30g raisins
- 125 ml semi skimmed milk
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp mixed spice
- 2 small eggs

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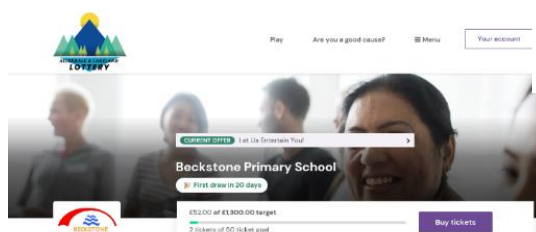
- 45g plain flour
- 30ml water

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 220C/200C (Fan) and butter a 20 x 30cm oven dish or baking tray.
2. Combine the flour, salt, mixed spice and cinnamon in a medium mixing bowl. Add the butter and rub in until combined.
3. Add the sugar, raisins and one of the eggs. Stir to mix.
4. Add just enough milk, little by little, to form a stiff dough.
5. Roll out the dough to a 2.5 - 3cm thickness and use a 5cm (2 inch) round cookie cutter to cut out 8 circles. Place in the prepared baking tray.
6. Beat the remaining egg and using a pastry brush glaze the top of each scone with the beaten egg.
7. Mix the flour and water together to make a paste, and pipe a cross onto each scone.
8. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes.

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



Instead of Cinema Nights this half term Beckstone's Extended Services are planning some party nights with food, party games, dancing etc.

The cost for each night is £6. Places can be booked on on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments and prizes.

We hope these nights will prove popular with pupils. The dates are on the back of this newsletter and further details will go out in the near future.

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.

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QR Codes

QR stands for 'quick response'. QR Codes, if you don't know, are those funny black and white boxes you see in newspapers and magazines such as the image alongside. These are placed within this newsletter at



relevant points to give you quick access to websites mentioned. All you have to do is install a free QR code reader to your phone/tablet, just search the App/Play Store using 'QR', and simply scan the code or you can just use your camera with more modern phones.



**No
running**

School Hill

Please can all families speak with their children not to run on the hill, particularly unaccompanied Key Stage 2 pupils who come out down the road hill. In the past there have been some serious injuries from children doing this and we don't want any children hurt!

Clocks Go Forward

Clocks go forward on the last Sunday of this month (27th March). This will result in lighter evenings in readiness for the Spring Break. Fingers crossed for good weather too!



Use of Cutlery

We have noticed that there are a significant number of children of all ages who are unable to use a knife and fork correctly when eating. There is a lot of 'toffee apple' eating where food is stabbed with a fork and then eaten like a toffee apple. Please check your child is using cutlery properly at home and support them in learning how to use it properly if they are not. Being able to use a knife and fork is a life skill your child needs now and into their future.

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.



The Reader Teacher Web Site



This is an extremely useful web site for parents to support their children's reading. The site allows parents to see book lists appropriate to their child's age, to read reviews of the books and also to #bookmatch books your child enjoys to similar books from other authors.

It is well worth a good exploration.

The site can be found here or follow the QR code.

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com>



Amazon Smile



Please follow this link and choose us

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1075994-0>

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.



How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app

1

Get the app

Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.

2

Join AmazonSmile

Simply sign up by selecting your favorite charity (you can change this at any time).

3

Turn on AmazonSmile

Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (≡). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

AmazonSmile in the app is not available for iPads and other tablet devices

To shop AmazonSmile on your tablet, open smile.amazon.co.uk in the browser.

Swimming



Swimming this half term will focus on Year 5. The sessions will be an intensive one week of one hour sessions with an aim to get all children being able to swim 25m before the week is out (the minimum National Curriculum expectation).

The weeks this term are:

5LJ: Week beginning 7th March 1.30-2.30pm

5DP: Week beginning 14th March 1- 2pm

Children will need a bag, a towel, appropriate swimwear and a hair brush or comb. Time is tight and the children will not have time for any 'beauty' treatments before returning to school on the bus!

Workington Reds Season Pass



A reminder that for the rest of this season and for the whole of the 2022/23 season every child in Key Stage 2 received a season ticket to mark the centenary of Workington Reds. Every child will go free along with a paying adult until May 2023.

The home fixtures left this season are:

Sat 19 Mar	H	Trafford	NPL West	3pm
Sat 2 Apr	H	Colne	NPL West	3pm
Sat 9 Apr	H	Warrington Rylands	NPL West	3pm
Mon 18 Apr	H	Kendal Town	NPL West	3pm

Comic Relief



The school has supported this annual national event for many years but due to so many demands on family finance at the moment we are taking a break from some fund raising to focus on school and local community needs as well as striving to reduce the number of requests for money. We hope you understand this and families can of course buy items for Comic Relief and support this national charity individually.

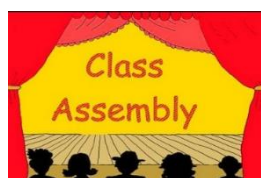
Non-Uniform Day



The non-uniform day for March is on Friday 25th March. Donations of chocolate items to form part of prize hampers etc for the Bingo Night would be most welcome but please only contribute if you can.

Class Assemblies

These are on Fridays and start promptly at 9.05am. Parents are welcome to attend. We film the assemblies and DVDs or password protected downloads can be ordered for £3 after the event.



The dates for class assemblies are on the back page. The assemblies this month are for class 1AF on the 18th March and Class 1AB/AC on the 25th March. There are no class assemblies for Early Years, as they have already performed for parents in the Nativities, nor for Year 6 who will be staging a Graduation performance for parents in July.

Finally, no fire drills are planned for these times so if the fire alarm does sound please leave by the rear doors of the Sports Hall and muster on the back playground.

Strive for Five



As a reward for those reading at least 5 times a week at home they become eligible to be part of the fortnightly 'Strive for Five' draw. Each year group winner will receive a book and chocolate for the parent(s) who have supported at home. Please use this as an incentive to read regularly with your child ☺

All children across the school in every Key Stage should be reading daily!

Food & Drink



- School meals £2.50 a day or £12.50 a week

- 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 half term after the Easter holidays is £7.50 and needs to be paid by **Friday, 22nd April** 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 is also due by **22nd April** the cost is £6 for next half term
- Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up is again also paid this way, £6 for this half term, again payable by **22nd April**



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 only £12 per week (£2.50 per day) and the Nursery meal for the 30 hour pupils is £1.80.





Poetry by Heart

Children from Reception upwards will be learning poems for a showcase

of poetry on the 4th March with some of the entries being entered into a national 'Poetry by Heart' competition.

Each Reception and Key Stage 1 class will recite a choral class poem.

Classes in Y3&4 will be 'freestyling' their poems and our older children will be choosing 'classic' poems. These year groups will have a mixture of individual, group and class performances.

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. For further details of the work of the Foodbank and how



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

you can be involved contact; the North Lakes Foodbank; email:

info@thefoodbank.org.uk www.thefoodbank.org.uk or

tel: 0750 2311 452

A list of foods welcomed is below.

Easter 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.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party

Workington Town Council are organising a town party on Saturday 4th June 2022 from 10am-4pm at Vulcan Park.

From the Council:

We are hosting an event to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4th June from 10am-4pm in Vulcan Park. The aim of the event is to bring the community together to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee.

We encourage everyone to bring their own afternoon tea to the park, and we will put on the entertainment.

Watch the Queen's Jubilee celebration on BBC along with live music performances.

We'll also have market stalls, face painting, children's entertainment, companion show, a hat parade and much more!

If you would like a stall at this event or to get involved in any way, [please feel free to get in touch for a chat.](#)

Workington Town Council 01900 702986

Find out more on our website

A hat fit for a Queen!

(or King! Come and join our hat parade!)

Could you make your own hat fit for a Queen or King?

As part of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party on Saturday 4th June, we will be holding a hat parade in Vulcan Park.

Anyone can join in, all ages welcome, all we ask is that your hat is handmade!

There will be judges on hand with prizes for the best entries, we can't wait to see what you come up with.

Visit our website for more information -
www.visitworkington.co.uk/queensplatinumjubilee



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Diary Dates



March

Tue 1st – Thu 4th – Y5 Cyclewise



Tue 1st – Pancake day



- Ducks eggs arrive
- 6JM Fairtrade Cooking

Thu 3rd – World Book Day

- Pyjamadrama visiting Early Years



Fri 4th – Y4 Cyclewise day

- Strive for Five Draw
- Poetry by Heart Showcase



Week beg. 7th – Intensive swim week for 5LJ

- Ducks go on tour round classes

Mon 7th – 5LJ visiting reservoir am & 5DP pm

Tue 8th – 6CC visiting reservoir am & 6JM pm

- 6CC Fairtrade Cooking



Thu 10th – Y4-6 visiting Alhambra Cinema to see 'Kubo & the 2 Strings'

Fri 11th – Ducks leave



Week beg. 14th – Intensive swim week for 5DP

Tue 15th & Wed 16th – United Utilities visiting Y5&6

Tues 15th – Governors Meeting 5pm

Fri 18th – 1AF Class Assembly

- Strive for Five Draw



Mon 21st – Y3&4 Dodgeball competition

- Educare Afternoon Tea
- April Nursery starters tour school



Tue 22nd – Y5 Fairtrade Cooking

- Reception Party Night



Wed 23rd – Y5 visiting Workington Academy am

- Key stage 1 Trip to Wildlife Park
- Educare Afternoon Tea
- Marie Wright Memorial Service

Thu 24th – KS1 Party Night

Thu 24th & Fri 25th – Class circuits sessions

Fri 25th – 1AB/AC Class Assembly

- Non Uniform Day – Chocolate donations
- Easter Chick (£2) & Raffle Stall (£1) after school



Sun 27th – Mothers' Day

- Clocks go forward for BST



Week beg. 28th – Egg Decorating Week

Mon 28th – Key Steps Gymnastics Count

Tue 29th – Y3&4 Football competition

- LKS2 Party Night



Wed 30th – UKS2 Party Night

- Easter Bingo Night

Friday 1st Apr – Egg Dumping Final

- Break up for Easter



Term Dates until Summer 2023

	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Start of Term	Wednesday 5 th January	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
Half Term	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February	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 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
End of Term	Friday 1 st April	Wednesday 20 th July	Tuesday 20 th December	Friday 31 st March	Wednesday 19 th July

Dates for rest of School Year



Wed 20th Apr – Children Start back

Thu 28th – Class Photos

Fri 29th April – 3LS Class Assembly

Mon 2nd May – Bank Holiday

Fri 6th May – 4AR Class Assembly

Mon 9th – Thu 12th May – KS1 & KS2 SATs Week

Tue 10th May – Y3&4 Rounders competition

Fri 13th May – 3JWa Class Assembly

Tue 17th May – Kicky Rounders competition

- Staffing & Finance Committee 5pm & Governors

Fri 20th May – 4AN Class Assembly

- Y6 Takeover morning

Mon 23rd May – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tues 24th May – KS2 Cinema Night

Wed 25th May – Young Voices Trip

Thu 26th & Fri 27th May – Circuits Days

Fri 27th May – Break up for half term

Week beg. Mon 6th Jun – KS1 Phonics Screening Check

- 3 week window for Y4 Times Table Check

Tue 14th Jun – Reception Multi Skills Festival

Fri 17th Jun – 5DP Class Assembly

- Y1&2 Kinder cricket competition

Tue 21st Jun – Y5&6 Football competition

Wed 22nd Jun – Y5 Maths Challenge Competition - St Joseph's

Thu 23rd & Fri 24th Jun – Circuits Days

Fri 24th June – 2SF Class Assembly

Tue 28th Jun – Y5&6 Cricket Competition

Thu 30th Jun – School tour for September Nursery Starters

Mon 4th July – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tue 5th Jul – Sports Day

Wed 6th Jul – Reception Beacon Trip

- County Finals (fingers crossed for teams there!)
- KS2 Cinema Night

Thu 7th Jul – Sports Day reserve

Thu 14th Jul – Y6 Graduation

Fri 8th Jul – Y1&2 Kinder cricket competition #2

Tue 12th Jul – Y3&4 Sumer Trip to Muncaster

- Y5&6 Tennis competition

Wed 13th July – Nursery Beacon trip

- Wheelchair Basketball Day

Thu 14th July – Y6 Graduation ceremony

Fri 15th Jul – Meet new classes

Mon 18th Jul – Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 19th Jul – FUN day

Wed 20th Jul – Break up for summer

