

# Beckstone Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer term. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays. We hope also that all the pupils are rested and ready for a hardworking and crucial term which features end of year assessments and pupil reports amongst many exciting and engaging activities.

We are already well over half way through April, but it is still a busy month in school with many trophies being awarded in assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, our new April Nursery starters starting school following home visits, the school photographer visiting for class photos on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April and our 'Coronation Parade' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Please take the time to read this newsletter so you are up to speed with all that is happening. Please note the articles on Social Media, it is very important that children have a childhood untarnished by misunderstandings and out of context remarks that can damage mental health or spill over into school.

We do hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful and we extend a warm welcome to the parents of the new Nursery children who start next week.

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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### WhatsApp, Children and Inappropriate Use

There are legal minimum ages for many social media apps, these are reproduced below:

Age Rating	Apps
13+	Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouNow, House Party, Snapchat, Twitter, Kik, Yubo, Monkey
16+	WhatsApp
17+	Sorahoh, YOLO
18+	MeetMe, LiveMe

As can be seen WhatsApp has a minimum age of 16. The reasons for minimum ages are because children are not mature enough to understand messages on online media that are out of context. Many messages can be misconstrued and can lead to fallings out and damage to mental health. In addition when groups are formed the public nature of it adds peer pressure to any fallings out or arguments which further heightens tensions based on out of context misunderstandings.

Children often tell their parents 'Everyone' has it... that is not true and as a parent you have the responsibility to ensure your child is operating within the law. We would strongly urge you to not let your child join these groups and if the genie is out of the bottle and they are

using them then you check their messages to ensure all is ok for your child and their wellbeing.

For the last few years there have been a number of issues that spill in to school as a result of WhatsApp groups, mainly in Year 6. This has again happened this year despite covering the dangers of social media regularly in newsletters, covering online safety as part of our curriculum and focusing on it in curriculum evenings. There is an excellent section on our web site called 'Social Media and our Child' that has a lot of links to advice with regard to apps and an excellent video from Ms Gorman on how we ask parents not to let their children get involved in social media in UKS2, well worth a watch.

[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents\\_info/social-media-your-child.html](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/social-media-your-child.html)



The amount of time in resolving disputes arising from social media is immense and the school does not have access to these WhatsApp groups which makes finding the truth hard. We are going to review our behaviour policy with regard to this and will let you know changes when they have been agreed that will aim to sanction users that cause upset that comes into school and to ensure parents take responsibility for any misuse of media by their child.

### Social Media & Parents

If you have an issue with the school then please do not air it on social media but discuss it with school. The school staff are a welcoming and supportive group of people who will do their utmost to resolve any concern you may have.

In addition, please do not name any children in any posts or indeed share images of children who are not your own either from your own camera or from our learning platforms, Seesaw and Tapestry.

**WARNING Misuse of Social Media**

If you can't say anything nice about School ... don't say anything at all!

Beckstone Primary and all schools in the Workington Consortium take abusive comments very seriously and if we find that individuals are posting defamatory or derogatory comments about the school, staff or volunteers the following action may be taken:

- > Insistence on removal of any such 'posts'
- > Sanctions as outlined in School Policy
- > Contacting the Police
- > The user will be reported to the relevant social media site and the closure of their account requested.
- > Legal action

**Before You THINK!**

T- Is it true?  
H- Is it helpful?  
I- Is it inspiring?  
N- Is it necessary?  
K- Is it kind?





## Coronation Celebrations

To mark the Coronation of King Charles the Third we are planning a school parade on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May through Harrington, down the school hill and down to the railway arches and back to the school field.

The proposals at this stage are

- The parade will be led by our own King and Queen Consort (Y6 pupils)
- There will be accompanying drums.
- All children to be dressed in red, white, blue or kings/queens...we need parent support with this
- All children to have crowns (made in classes from gold card with fake jewels on)
- All children to have Union Jack flags to wave.

Parents will be invited to line the route and then are welcome to come up to the school field for some refreshments, some entertainment and a community patriotic singing session. Further information will be released soon but please make a date in your diary.

Due to logistics of numbers etc if the weather is bad the event will be cancelled and there will be a scaled down version in school for the children only.

## Messy Mary's at St Mary's Harrington

Messy Church is held on the third Saturday of every month in St Mary's Church Hall from 4pm to 6pm. The next one is on the 20th May.

Messy Church is for all the family and includes a number of craft activities, songs, a story and some prayers all based on the theme of for the day. It then finishes with a shared meal together. Come and join us – and bring your friends. (Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult)

For more information on Messy Church, please have a look on our Facebook page.

**For all the family**

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## Industrial Action

The industrial action will continue, the next strikes are on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The Government made an offer but this was well below the offer made to teachers in Scotland and Wales plus given a real terms significant fall in wages since 2020 this was rejected by 98% of National Education Union returns in a ballot. At the time of writing the intentions of other teaching unions are unknown (e.g. NASUWT < NAHT etc) so we will have let you know what will happen. If other unions become involved then there is the potential of a full school closure to pupils on those days so please be prepared. **Please do not assume if the school was open to your child previously this will still be the case. Indeed changes are more than likely and due to changes in teachers striking it is unlikely the offer to Y6 and Y2 pupils will continue.** The teachers realise and understand the disruption partial closure has but received many messages of support from families. It is hoped the next proposed strike days will persuade the Government to at least match the offer to teachers in other areas of the United Kingdom.

**Let us all hope however that the dispute is resolved as soon as possible for everyone's benefit.**



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**ADULTS, TEENS, BOYS AND GIRLS, AGED 6 YEARS OLD ABOVE**

<b>HIGH HARRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE</b> TUESDAYS 6pm-8pm SUNDAYS 5pm-7pm	<b>ST BEES SECONDARY SCHOOL MEMORIAL HALL</b> THURSDAYS 6pm-8pm
<b>LAMPLUGH VILLAGE HALL</b> MONDAYS 6pm-8pm	<b>THE GATHER ENNERDALE</b> WEDNESDAYS 6pm-8pm

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**07543 876490**  
 (THIS NUMBER DOES NOT ACCEPT TEXT MESSAGES)

ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

**New PCSO**



Our catchment area has a new Police Community Support Officer, Gemma Robinson, pictured above. She will be a regular visitor to school and we shall look forward to working with her. One of her roles will be to talk to the older children about social media in the near future (see previous article).

**Continuing Success at the Academy**

As previously described some of our Year 5 children go to the Academy for higher level Maths and English. Our pupils continue to receive awards, Jaxx on left directly below) and Jude (also on left on 2<sup>nd</sup> picture) are pictured below with theirs:



**Sporting Success**



Our Year 3 & 4 children took part in an inclusive dodgeball competition and were the winning team. Congratulations to all pictured above.



Our Key Steps 3 Gymnastics Team took part in the County finals towards the end of last month and came 6<sup>th</sup>, out of 330 schools that is amazing, well done to them. The team showcased their entries to the school and we also saw the Key Steps 2 entries from the Allerdale finals.

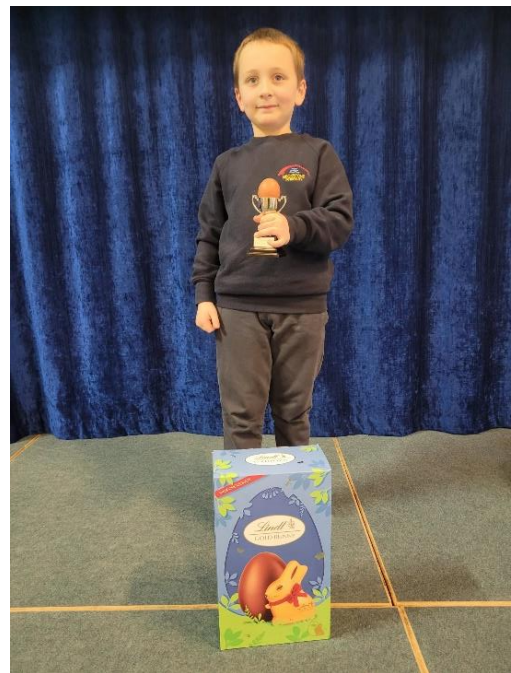


Our Y4 footballers were runners up in the Workington football tournament, they only lost the final on penalties. They are pictured with their certificates below,



### Egg Dumping

All the children took part in an egg dumping competition in the last week of the Spring term in their classes. Each class winner went through to the 'Grand Final' on the last Friday morning assembly. The finals were keenly contested and very much enjoyed by all in assembly. Each class champion received an Easter egg and the eventual champion also received a trophy which doubles as an egg cup. The champion, Owen from Year 3, is pictured at the top of the next column with his trophy, winning egg and large chocolate egg.



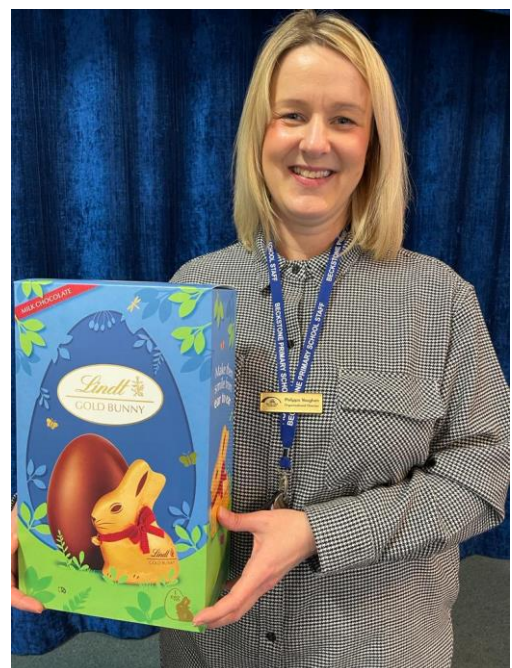
Alongside the children's egg dumping the staff had their own competition with the final being played out in front of the assembly. The finalists were Mrs Davis and Mrs Vaughan.



versus



The winner was Mrs Vaughan pictured below with her prize.







# Governors' Board

On behalf of the governors, I hope that you are all well rested and re-energised after the Easter break and ready to start a new term.

The recent governor challenge day proved very successful. In this instance, governors were able to update their own professional knowledge base, though in-house training as well as discussing key objectives and developments from the last meeting and how they can be implemented effectively moving forward. Developments and improvements examined at the last challenge day including external site developments and repairs, parent evening developments, the food grant offer and additional staff and pupil well-being support are now in motion and their positive impact is now apparent.

It was brilliant to be able to get around the school, engage with staff, talk to pupils and get a feel for the school environment, its value base and ethos. The staff, philosophy and culture at the school is overwhelming positive and it was amazing to see the children learning, developing and engaging in their learning. It is clear that the staff work extremely hard to ensure that all children are provided with a strong education and social foundation in which they can develop the key skills such as having a positive and respectful attitude towards their learning and others as well as building resilience. These qualities and skills will have a positive impact and will enable them to move confidently through the transitions of childhood and young adulthood.

Other governors commented that,

'It was brilliant to go around the school and visit different classrooms. The atmosphere was great, and the children's manners were exemplary'.

'The day was productive & encouraging. As a relatively new group of governors, I feel like we're evolving as a team, to become more comfortable in having open dialogue with not only each other but also the SLT'

As governors we will continue to work hard and with transparency alongside staff and parents to ensure that all children are given the best opportunities to develop their learning, interests and wider school community engagement. Placing the child at the centre we hope that we can support and encourage them to grow into successful young people who can manage the challenges of life moving forward.

In order to ensure that we continue to keep parents informed via our website and newsletter we would appreciate if you could continue to provide us with feedback on their effectiveness as well as any additional feedback from a school perspective. Our newsletter provides information on how you can do this.

Finally, the governors would like to thank staff and parents for their continued support, hard work and commitment in these challenging times.

With very best wishes to you all for the coming term.

Laurie Black

Parent Governor





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## Easter Competitions

The egg and bonnet decorating competitions were lots of fun and the quality of the entries were of a very high standard. The winning designs and many of the entries are available to view in the 'Film & Photo Gallery' of our web site.



The hyperlink below will take you to the gallery or follow the QR code.



[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil\\_zone/film\\_photo\\_gallery/2022-2023/decorated-eggs-and-bonnets/index.html](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2022-2023/decorated-eggs-and-bonnets/index.html)

## Poetry by Heart

This year's winners and entrants into the national competition were chosen by Ms McGill & Mrs Yoxall

POETRY BY  
HEART

### **Freestyle winners:**

Levi Y4 -Boneyard rap  
Marnie, Willow, Alice & Remi (all Y3) – Dreams

### **Classic Winners:**

Ethan Y3 – Noah's Ark & how to Grow Poetry  
Codie Y6– Sick & the Elf & the Dormouse.

Videos of the performances are on our web site:



[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil\\_zone/film\\_photo\\_gallery/2022-2023/poetry-by-heart/index.html](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2022-2023/poetry-by-heart/index.html)

## Living Eggs



The school again incubated eggs this year and the hatchings were streamed live to classrooms. The resultant chicks were ever so cute and went on tour of the school so all the children had close first hand

experience of the chicks. They have now left the school and gone to a local farming family whose children go to the school so we will be kept in touch of their development.

## Lambing Season

The same farming family, the Forsythes, are hoping to bring some lambs in to school soon so the children also get first-hand close-up experience of lambs. We are all very excited by this.



## Morrisons World Book Day Donation



Morrisons very kindly donated a treasury of books to the school for World Book Day. Lesley from Morrisons is pictured below donating the books to the school in an assembly at the start of last month.

## School Meal Menu

The menu for this term is on our web site and is reproduced on the next page. The menu is very much based in the children's choices but also complies with nutritional standard - value for money and healthy for your child.



[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents\\_info/school-meals/menu-summer-2023.pdf](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/school-meals/menu-summer-2023.pdf)




SUMMER MENU

WEEK ONE

17 April  
8 May  
5 June  
26 June  
17 July

Option one

Ham Pizza with  
Potato Wedges

Beef Lasagne with  
Garlic Bread 



Sausage with Yorkshire  
Pudding, Roast Potatoes &  
Gravy

Chicken Chicken  
Curry with Rice


Fishfingers or Fish finger  
Wrap with Chips &  
Tomato Sauce


Option two

Margherita Pizza with  
Potato Wedges

Quorn Mince Lasagne  
with Garlic Bread  

Veggie Sausage with  
the above

Quorn Chicken  
Curry with Rice 

Cheese Pasty with Chips  
& Tomato Sauce 

Vegetables

Mixed Salad  
Coleslaw

Vegetables of the Day

Vegetables of the Day


Vegetables of the Day

Baked Beans

Dessert

Sponge Cake with Sprinkles  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Shortbread  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Flapjack & Custard  
Fruit & Yoghurt 

Custard Cookie  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Love Cake  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit


WEEK TWO

24 April  
15 May  
12 June  
3 July

Option one

Meatballs and Pasta

Pork Sausage Hot Dog  
with Potato Wedges

Minced Beef & Onion Pie  
with Roast Potatoes 

Quirky Bird Chicken

Fish fingers or fish fillet with  
Chips & Tomato Sauce

Option two

Quorn Meatballs  
with Pasta

Quorn Sausage with Potato  
Wedges 

Quorn Mince Pie with  
Roast Potatoes

Quirky Bird Quorn Fillet

Cheese Flan Chips &  
Tomato Sauce

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Vegetables of the Day

Vegetables of the Day

Vegetables of the Day

Peas  
Baked Beans


Dessert

Rice Krispie Cake  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Syrup Snap Biscuit  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Rice Pudding  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Chocolate Crunch  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Jelly & Peaches   
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

WEEK THREE

1 May  
22 May  
19 June  
10 July

Option one

Sausage Roll with  
Wedges



Pasta Bolognese 

Roast of the day with  
Potatoes & Gravy

All Day Breakfast

Chicken Nuggets with Chips  
& Tomato Sauce

Option two

Chinese Vegetable  
Noodles  

Quorn Pasta Bolognese 

Quorn Fillet with Mashed  
Potato, & Gravy

Vegetarian All Day  
Breakfast

Quorn Chicken Nuggets

Vegetables

Vegetables of the Day

Vegetables of the Day

Vegetables of the Day

Beans

Hot Cheese &  
Ham baguette

Dessert

Chocolate Cake  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit


Cornflake Tart  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit


Apple Pie & Custard  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Gingerbread Person  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

Ice cream  
Yoghurt & Fresh fruit

MENU KEY

 Added plant power

 Wholemeal

 Vegan

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes and Sandwiches with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.



# Step by Step Education

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## Class Photos

Class photos take place THIS Thursday (20<sup>th</sup> April). We have booked a new photographer, Heidi Bea, and we hope you will like the changes. You will receive proofs of you wish to order.

## 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](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) the site also has a parental information zone.



In addition to the above the school has a 'Safeguarding Zone' on its 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.

## Face Profiles on Seesaw

Please can all families ensure that their child's profile picture on Seesaw is not a photo of themselves for GDPR reasons. The blogs from Seesaw form part of many of the class pages on our web site and we don't want children's photos linked with their name. Thank you for your support with this.

## Summer Camp

We hope to run a childcare camp during the summer holidays if there is enough demand, we are not able to run it at a loss for financial regulation reasons

A Google form will be issued about this very soon so please do respond if you would be interested in the summer care option.



## Parents' Evenings

The parents' evenings were a great success and over 98% of parents attended. Thank you for complying with the one child one appointment policy, this ensures both parents hear the same message and also reduces the workload on teachers. We hope you liked the report format. This will be updated and form the basis of the end of year

school reports.

The 'Come & Play' sessions in Nursery are the equivalent of parents' evenings and staff will talk to you about your child's development and progress so please ensure someone from home attends.

## Operation Encompass

## HOLIDAY PLAYScheme



## Reminder - Helping with Living Costs



Everyone at Beckstone Primary School is doing their best looking at ways we can help support financial pressures on families during the cost of living crisis. We have been limiting non-uniform days, dress up days, Christmas fair, subsidising school trips and offering free second-hand uniform to children as and when required. The Government have issued a 'Food Poverty Grant' to all schools to be used at their own discretion. At Beckstone we looked at the best way of using these limited funds and we decided we wanted to support and help children's nutrition. We are doing this by offering the following from NOW until the end of the school year.

- free fruit to all children
- free fruit and snacks to children in Nursery and Reception provide KS2 children with a FREE school meal on a Monday at no cost to the parent

As a result of the above the only cost to Y1-Y6 parents is;

School milk at £7.50 this half term  
Breakfast Club  
Afterschool Clubs  
Beckstone Xtra

A text message will go out to parents in KS2 on a Sunday with the meal choice for the following day so it is your decision if you would like to take the school up on the offer of a free meal on a Monday. Your child will then select in class on Monday morning their choice of meal. This is totally optional and you can choose week on week if you want to opt in or opt out and is available to packed lunch children too.

If you have any queries with any of the above please never hesitate to contact the school and we are always happy to help.

## Get around for two pound

# GET AROUND FOR TWO POUND – OFFER EXTENDED!

From now until 30<sup>th</sup> June, the government have capped the cost of a single bus journey at £2\* on most Stagecoach routes in England, including in Cumbria.

READ MORE:

[markshar.es/getaroundfortwopound](https://markshar.es/getaroundfortwopound)

#GetAroundForTwoPound  
#HelpForHouseholds

Running after school clubs and after school care requires robust systems to ensure safety at all times. Any system however is subject to human error either by an adult who in the highly busy end of the day time forgets to give out a lanyard or a child forgetting a club or a number of other factors. We do try to impress on all the children in assemblies that if they realise something is amiss e.g. a parent is not in the place they said they would be **then they MUST come back to school and we will help them from there. The front of the school is ALWAYS open even if the back gates get locked. Please stress this to them if they use after school clubs/Beckstone Xtra.**



## 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.**

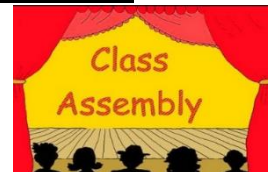
The key dates this school year are:

### May – KS1 SATs Month

**Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>  
3 weeks from week beg. 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Times Table tests  
Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check**

## Class Assemblies Date Changes

Both Year 3 classes are going to collaborate on a joint assembly. This will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.



The assemblies 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 via ParentPay. 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.



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## Bingo Night

The Easter Bingo Night was a huge success and the 100 tickets sold out in record time, apologies to those that wanted to come but only to find the event was sold out. We hope to run some other Bingo nights later in the year and given the interest may try to run it over 2 nights.

A HUGE thanks go to Mrs Cunningham for working so hard to stage the event and raising £635 for the school's children!



# PARENTAL FEEDBACK

We hope that the information on our website and newsletters are useful in keeping you updated on what's going on at Beckstone.

We would very much welcome your feedback anytime with any queries or suggestions!

We have a Parents' Suggestions box at the top of the school hill or preferably please email us at the address below.

**admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk**

If ever you wish anything to be included in a newsletter then please do let us know



### 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 which will now precede the singing sessions on a Tuesday. 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 ☺

### 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](mailto:bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk)



Or simply use the QR code.

**Please note that Beckstone Xtra is moving to the Dining Hall for the summer term and collection of children will be from the Breakfast Club door.**

The prices for our extended services are extremely competitive to support families in these difficult economic times. The price per hour is only £3.50. This is very good value and an extremely competitive rate for child care.



### 30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:  
11:50 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)  
11:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

A charge of **£2.00 per day** will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and is to be paid via Parentpay.

Please contact the office for further details.

### NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:  
11:50 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. = **£8.50**  
11:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. = **£12.00**

Educare bookings and payment are to be made via Parentpay. Please note you will need to choose your child's lunch (top choice) and pay for this at the same time via Parentpay at a cost of **£2.00 per day**

Please contact the office 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.





## 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 session is not until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 3-7pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online, just register and book.

**Do something worthwhile and save someone's life**



Further details and booking details can be found at [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)

## Revisewise



Free revision classes for **Year 6 children now take** place weekly on **THURSDAY** at 8.15 – 8.45 and again on a Wednesday lunchtime 12.15 – 12.45. Y6 pupils have the choice to attend either club.

**All Year 6 children should be attending one of the sessions**

**Please note that this club will be offered to Y5 children after SATs week, from Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 23.**

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May.



## Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 April 2020** and **31 August 2020** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2023**.



Children born between **1 September 2020** and **31 December 2020** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2024**.

Children born between **1 January 2021** and **31 March 2021** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2024**.

**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.



## Uniform

Please ensure your child attends in the appropriate uniform...dark trousers, navy sweatshirts, light blue polo shirts and if a sports day dark leggings and **dark/black trainers**.

Please also remember that that until we hear that Haig Embroideries are able to supply our uniform colours for polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces **please do not purchase these items from them as they are not the correct colour**. Some parents are still buying these items and the school uniform is no longer uniform in colour. The Governors are considering what to do about this as there is no point in having a uniform if it is different colours. We had asked Haig Embroideries not to sell these items until they had our colours, it is very disappointing this saga is continuing.

Our colours in these items are available with a logo from Border Embroideries or without the logo from Matalan, Asda etc. The logo is completely optional and we are trying our best to support families with uniform costs

Full details of our uniform can be found on our web site: [https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents\\_info/school\\_uniform.html](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/school_uniform.html) or by following the QR Code.



## Non-Uniform Day

The non-uniform day for this half term is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May where we will be asking again for donations towards purchasing outdoor play equipment for the pupils. In advance of that the children are invited to come in red, white or blue or dressed as a King or Queen for the Coronation Parade day (please see earlier article).

## Holiday Activities

In the run up to the Summer holidays we will be adding any information or flyers we receive about half term or Summer holiday activities into our 'Holiday Activity Ideas' zone of the web site, which can be found in the Parents' drop-down menu or by following the QR code. Do have a look as there may be activities of interest to you and your family.







### Food & Drink



- **School Meals NOW** cost £10.80 per week (£2.70 a day) payable on ParentPay **as Monday Meals are FREE** until the end of the school year. This is great value when you look at prices of goods in supermarkets for packed lunches.

- **Milk** is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for this half term is **£8.40** and needs to be paid by **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023** via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque. The cost for the second half of the summer term is **£9.90** payable by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. 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 now **FREE** until the end of the school year.



- Fruit is now also **FREE** until the end of the school year.

A link to the new menu for this half term and up to the end of the school year will go out by text soon. The menu is a result of much consultation with children in classes and the

School Council and we hope it caters to 'favourites' for the children.

### Foodbank Donations

In the midst of this cost of living crisis donations would be more than welcomed to help support the vulnerable families in the locality.

Recent events have shown that the school can be a focal point for supporting some of our more vulnerable school families. Donations continue to be very much welcome and there is a collection bin in the green shelter at the top of the school hill.

To support this initiative please think of our more vulnerable community members and buy some non-perishable food items you think would help feed children and donate regularly.



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**



### 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 donate – 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](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 donate 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.

## 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 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"*

## Cyclewise

The children in Year 5 and Year 4 did very well in their Cyclewise training and are now much safer on their bikes.



## Behaviour Accolades

The instructors above commented on how well behaved our children are. Comments like this are now a regular feature at school with many visitors and indeed places we visit going

out of their way to let us know how impressed they are with the manners, friendliness and behaviour of our pupils. It is very heart-warming to here and Mr Warbrick is often telling the children how proud he is of them.

## Cinema Nights



These take place each half term. The ones planned for this half term take place next month on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Reception & KS1) and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May (KS2).

The cost for each night is £6, which is payable on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments.



## FAB Meeting



There is a 'Friends at Beckstone Meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm. New members are always welcome. Parents attending can send their children to Beckstone Xtra FREE of charge. Please book through the Office.

## 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.



## Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- 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



## School Funds



**We need donations to this fund** as funds are really REALLY tight. The school fund is purely donation based and is used to buy many consumable items and fun activities outside the remit of the school budget for the pupils as well as many other things for school that enable us to provide services free of charge.

Please have a ratch down the sofa or anywhere to find some spare money to donate to the school to support all the children.

**Please help if you can by donating to this fund.**



Now we have the ParentPay system we can offer the facility for families to make an automatic School Fund donation on a monthly basis, from their bank account even £2 per month would accumulate in to a great fund to support activities in school. If you would like to support the school in this way please contact the School Office for further details on how to set this up or, if you would rather, for direct debit details.



### Workington Reds Season Pass

Date	Comp	Opponent	Venue
Sat 08/04 15:00	+ Northern Div 1 West	Witton Albion	Home
Sat 22/04 15:00	+ Northern Div 1 West	Colne	Home



There are 2 games left for your child to use their FREE season pass. The remaining fixtures left this season are displayed above.

### Facebook & Instagram

The school is on Facebook and Instagram.



You should be able to search for the pages or you can use these addresses/QR codes.



Facebook

Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/beckstoneprimaryschool/>

<https://instagram.com/beckstoneprimary?r=nametag>

### Baby Congratulations

Further to the last newsletter Mrs Newton began her maternity leave earlier than expected and gave birth to the beautiful Halle Sarah born on the 17<sup>th</sup> March. She is pictured below and all associated with the school were delighted with the news.



Ms Forster started her maternity leave in the last week of last term and by the Wednesday she had given birth to her first child, Harley. Again, all associated with the school are absolutely thrilled for her. Harley is pictured below.

We can't wait to meet both babies.



Harley



### Staff Changes



Sadly, Mrs Cunningham left us at the end of last term.

She has a new job starting after Easter and we wish her well as the next chapter of her career unfurls.



We welcome temporarily Ms McKenzie who will be taking Ms Maskew's class until the return of Mrs Watson from her maternity leave.



Finally Mrs Boyd has a new job at the hospital and will be leaving us this half term. Mrs Boyd has been a wonderful teaching assistant and we will miss her greatly. We wish her all the very best for her new career and hope she keeps coming to visit.

CHILDREN ARE  
MADE READERS  
ON THE LAPS  
OF THEIR PARENTS.

# Diary Dates



## Term Dates until Summer 2024

	Summer 2023	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
<b>Start of Term</b>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April May Day – Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April May Day – Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
<b>End of Term</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

### April

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Children start back  
 Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – New starter home visits  
 Thu 20<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos  
 Week beg. 24<sup>th</sup> - Phased start for April Nursery  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – FAB meeting 3.30pm  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Strive for Five Draw  
 Thu 27<sup>th</sup> - **PROPOSED STRIKE DAY**



### May

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday**  
**Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> PROPOSED STRIKE DAY**  
**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> King's Coronation Event**  
 Week beg. 8<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs  
**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Coronation Bank Holiday**  
 Tue 8<sup>th</sup> – LKS2 Rounders Competition  
 Wed 10<sup>th</sup> – Y1&2 Football Competition  
 Week beg 15<sup>th</sup> – Walk to School Week  
 Tue 16<sup>th</sup> – Strive for Five Draw  
 - Kicky Rounders Competition  
 - Summer Governor Challenge Day  
 - Staffing & Finance Meeting 3pm  
 - Main Governors 4pm  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - Takeover Morning  
**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Class Assembly**  
 Week beg. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Whinlatter Field Trip Week
 

- LKS2 on Tuesday
- Early Years on Wednesday
- KS1 on Thursday
- UKS2 on Friday

 Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Y5&6 Kwik Cricket
 

- YR & KS1 Cinema Night

 Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> May – KS1 Football Competition  
 Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Cinema Night  
 Thu 25<sup>th</sup> & Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Circuits Mornings  
 Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for half term



### April

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Chil  
 Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – New  
 Thu 20<sup>th</sup> – Class  
 Week beg. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – FAB  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> – Strive for Five Draw



### Dates for rest of the year.

**3 weeks from week beg. 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Times Table tests**  
**Week beg. 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week**

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> & Thu 8<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 Liverpool Residential  
 Thu 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June – EY Come & Play  
 Week beg 12<sup>th</sup> June - Intensive Swim Week – Y6 class  
 Tue 13<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Multi Skills Competition  
 Thu 15<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Beach trip  
**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June – 4DP Class Assembly**

- KS1 Kinder Cricket Festival
- UKS2 Football Competition at Harraby

 Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day  
 Week beg. 19<sup>th</sup> June - Intensive Swim Week – Y5/6
 

- Readathon Week

 Tue 20<sup>th</sup> June – UKS2 Football Competition
 

- Big Sing at the Carnegie
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> – Tag Rugby tournament for KS2

 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Workington Football Cup  
 Week beg. 26<sup>th</sup> June - Intensive Swim Week – Y5 class  
 Tue 27<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
 Thu 29<sup>th</sup> June- Sports Day Reserve  
 Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June – Girls football tournament at Harraby  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Swimming Gala Practice
 

- Reception party Night

 Tue 4<sup>th</sup> July – Large Schools Swimming Gala  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 party Night  
 Thu 6<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 Picnic with parents  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival
 

- LKS2 Football tournament at Harraby
- Computing competition

 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July – LKS2 Party Night  
 Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Jul – UKS2 Tennis
 

- Curriculum Committee & Main Governors

 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Reception & Autumn Nursery trip to Lake District Wildlife Park
 

- KS1 trip to Walby Farm park
- UKS2 Party Night

 Thu 13<sup>th</sup> July – Meet new classes morning part 1  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July – Meet new classes' morning part 2
 

- Workington girls' football tournament

 Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening  
 Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – FUN day
 

- **Y6 Graduation**

 Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Jul – Wheelchair Basketball
 

- No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today
- School Year Ends



### Dates for

**3 weeks from**  
**Week beg. 1**  
 Tue 6<sup>th</sup> & Th  
 Thu 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June – EY Come & Play

