

BECKSTONE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

Half term is just over two weeks away and we will actually be half way through the school year in the week before half term! School has been so busy with so many things happening time has just flown!!



I STAND WITH TEACHERS

Thank you for your understanding and support with the teacher's strike, the National Education Union (one of many teaching unions but the largest) took strike action. We fully followed Government guidance for yesterday's strike however this may not be possible for future strike days as many factors are subject to change. My union (National Association of Head Teachers) got an overwhelming strike vote but had less than 50% return of voting slips so their members couldn't strike despite wanting to myself.

In the second half of this term there will be Parents' Evenings, please make a note of the dates (on back page). I would urge each family to ensure they attend as this is an opportunity to learn about your child's academic progress. All educational research shows that where school and home work closely together the child flourishes.

We hope you find this newsletter informative and useful and would very much welcome feedback either verbally or in writing. Please use the Parent Suggestions box at the top of the school hill or indeed the 'Parents' Online Suggestion Box' on our web site. If ever you wish anything to be included in a newsletter then please do let me know

I hope you all have a fabulous half term when it comes.

Best wishes,
 Mr Warbrick

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Industrial Action

Along with many areas of the public sector there is currently an ongoing industrial dispute over pay. The real term salaries of staff working in education has fallen significantly since 2010 and the impact of the high rate of inflation has caused a further squeeze on the living standards of the workforce. In addition, school budgets have not been compensated for increased costs (e.g. 391% increase in gas prices for this school) and as a result there is immense financial pressure on the school. In this context there were strike ballots by all the major teaching unions, all of which had a clear majority for strike action but only the National Education Union got over 50% of its membership voting.

The first strike was yesterday, the 1st February, and the school followed the DfE and County guidance to the letter opening for Pupil Premium children, Looked After children, Education Health Care Plan pupils and pupils of essential workers (who had to register by the deadline of last Monday so plans could be out in place).

The other planned strike days if there is no settlement are:

Tuesday 28th February (North West Region)

Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March – both national strike days.

At the time of writing it is unclear as to what form these days will take. Some of the teaching unions are looking to re-ballot, unions representing non-teaching staff may also ballot and guidance may change. **Please do**



not assume if the school was open to your child yesterday that this will be the case for every strike day. It may be prudent to be prepared and have childcare in place for the dates shown.

Let us all hope however that the dispute is resolved before any more action has to be taken.

Uniform

There will be a RAG rating for uniform and PE Kit compliance on your child's Spring report that will be shared with you at the March Parents' Evenings (see later article). There has been some slippage in basic uniform recently so please can we have your support in ensuring that:

- No children are wearing nail varnish
- Dye in hair is only a natural colour
- The ONLY jewellery allowed is STUD earrings and watches. NO bangles, necklaces or dangly earrings.
- Footwear including trainers on sport days are dark, preferably black and not white, pink etc. This was explained in September and hopefully time has elapsed so replacements are correct.
- Sports leggings are plain and dark...no jazzy leggings etc

School Uniform



P.E. Kits



Also, please 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. There is little point in having a uniform if it is not all the same colour. 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.

Finally, please can as many of you make use of the uniform exchange as you can. Simply email uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk and if we have the items in stock then you can collect them in the Office FREE of charge.

BECKSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Uniform can now be ordered FREE without donating old uniform as we have large stocks.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

NOW OPEN

To order uniform simply email uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or use the QR code

Additional Funding for Nutrition

The Government has provided additional funding for all schools to support nutrition for children amidst the cost of living crisis. Whilst the funding is not large it is a welcome development and there are proposals going to Governors next week about this funding and we will let you know the outcomes as soon as we can. It is hoped to support/subsidise certain items after half term.



GET AROUND FOR TWO POUND

From now until 31st March, the government have capped the cost of a single bus journey at £2* on most Stagecoach routes in England, including in Cumbria.

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Sporting Success

DODGEBALL

Since the last newsletter we entered the Workington KS2 Dodgeball tournament. We are pleased to announce one of our teams won the event, they are pictured below.














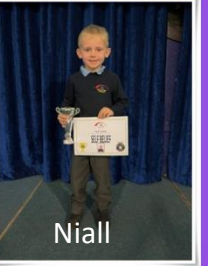


We also entered 2 Key Stage 1 teams into the Workington KS1 Dodgeball competition. There were 2 separate tournaments due to the numbers involved. Amazingly the teams we entered into each event both won resulting in 2 trophies. The children were a credit to the school with perfect behaviour, a competitive spirit but showed true sporting values. We are very proud of them. The 2 teams are pictured together below.



shown below and they were awarded the trophies in assembly in early January. Their trophies are kept with them in class for the term. Trophies will be re-awarded at the start of the summer term.



Key Stage 1

		
		
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Sporting Achievement

The school awards trophies for sporting behaviour on a termly basis. The children who won trophies for showing specific sporting values last term can be seen in the Sporting zone of our web site. They are also

Change of Y6 Graduation Date

Please note that the Y6 Graduation has been moved to Tuesday 18th July as a result of Workington Academy changing their Prom date which involved older siblings of some children.



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Key Stage 2



Annabel



Gracie



Charlie



Harlow



Brody



Ollie



Teddy

Half Term 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.



Text Messaging

We are going to streamline our text messaging system as we get charged for text messages and money in school is very very tight indeed. As a result, we will only text 'Priority 1' parents and ask them to pass on or forward any messages to their partners. Where families are split each parent will continue to get a message each.

Young Voices 2023



The school choir travelled to Manchester Arena on Wednesday 1st February to attend the Young Voices 2023 concert. Choirs from across the North of England gathered for this musical spectacular which was greatly enjoyed by all who take part.



The children set off at 9.30am and didn't return until around midnight. They were excellent ambassadors for the school. There are some photos from the event below and lots more in the photo gallery zone of our web site https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2022-2023/young-voices/index.html . A huge thanks goes to Mrs Yoxall for her expert organisation of the event.



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Safeguarding Children – A Place of Safety

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,



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

Operation Encompass

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.



Site Safety

The gates at the top of the road hill are only closed when there are pedestrians and children using the areas. The separation of cars and pedestrians is a very important safety measure. Recently there have been parents opening these gates and driving in or out. This is HIGHLY DANGEROUS. Please do not open the gates. There are staff deployed to open the gates and they do this once these areas are free of people. Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

In addition, please DO NOT come onto site in the morning until the gates are opened by a staff member.

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



Easter & Summer Holiday Play Scheme

Following on from the success of the Summer Play Scheme the school is looking in to offering an Easter Holiday Play Scheme.

Please look out for a Google questionnaire that will come out soon to ascertain demand for places and will contain further details on length of day, approximate costs etc. 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 for this camp will go out immediately after Easter.

HOLIDAY PLAYScheme



Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the second half of the autumn term was 3LS (they were also the class with the best attendance for the first half of the term). They are pictured below with the trophy and their certificate.



It is of the utmost importance to your child's education that they attend school consistently as learning is planned in a progressive way and one day follows on from the next in each subject. Of course, there will be times



when a child is too poorly to come to school (there is guidance on illness related absence at the top of the next page which we hope you will find useful) or they have to isolate (the latter does not count as an absence on their attendance records). However, these should be **rare events** as prompt regular attendance will really help your child do well at school.

Planning holidays in term time is to the detriment of your child's education.



Term Time Holidays & Tests

There is active discouragement of taking holidays in term time as it disrupts a child's learning – see article above.

Taking time off at the statutory testing time needs to be avoided completely.

The Government however have recently announced an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May, the start of the Y6 SATs week!! We are awaiting further details but hope to fit the SATS into the 4 days of that week that remain.

The key dates this school year are:

May – KS1 SATs Month

Week beginning 8th May – KS2 SATs

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

Week beginning 12th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check



Tapestry Notifications

For parents of children in Nursery and Reception there is a new app, Tapestry Journal 2. The app allows push notifications so you are aware when something has been updated/added. To set your device for these please follow the instructions by following the link or using the QR code.

<https://eyfs.info/forums/topic/51496-how-to-enable-push-notifications-on-the-new-ios-app/>

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



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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.

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.



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 etc.



FAB Meeting Feedback

The meeting of the 'Friends at Beckstone' (our Parent Teacher Association) was on **Monday 23rd January**. FAB agreed to staging a BINGO night this term on Wednesday 29th March – further details about this event will be in next month's newsletter. In addition, it was agreed to have a chocolate non-uniform day to help with this event on Friday 24th March. Finally, it was agreed that there would be a sponsored 'Readathon' in the summer term in the week beginning the 19th June. Further planning for these events will take place at the next FAB meeting on Monday 24th April. Please do make a date and come along, **new members are always welcome.**



Non-Uniform Days

The non-uniform day for this half term is Friday 10th February...any donations on ParentPay towards

developing the outdoors would be welcome. The non-uniform day next half term is Friday 24th March where we will be asking for donations of chocolate in return for wearing no uniform.

Creativity Cup



Joshua from Year 2 won the Creativity Cup.

He was chosen not only for his creative flair in art and model making but also for his amazing creative writing. Recently he wrote and made a book at home and this inspired many of his classmates to do the same.

The Marie Wright Kindness Cup



Alice from Year 3 won the Kindness Cup. Alice goes out of her way to be friendly to everyone and will always ensure that all know they have a friend in Alice.



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 ☺

Food & Drink



• **School Meals** cost £13.50 per week (£2.70 a day) payable on ParentPay. This still represents good 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 next half term is **£7.50** and needs to be paid by **Friday, 3rd March 2023** 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 due also by **Friday, 3rd March 2023**, the cost is £10 for next half term.



- Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up is also paid this way, £6.25 for next half term by **Friday 3rd March 2023**.



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

regularly.

Cyclewise

Children in Year 5 who were given consent from parents will be taking part in Cyclewise week during the week beginning the 6th March 2023.

All children taking part will need warm and waterproof clothing. They will also need a cycle helmet (the instructors will have spares if they forget). In addition, all bikes need to be road worthy and have air in their tyres and brakes that work!

Bikes should be locked up against the fence in the Infant yard at the start of each day. If you wish your child to leave their bike on site during the week then they can bring it in at the end of the day and leave it in the corridor.

Year 4 children who have parental consent will have their beginner Cyclewise session either on Thursday 9th March or Friday 10th March in the same week. The pupils' bikes can be locked in the front yard and will need to go home at the end of the day. Further details on timings will be released nearer the time. Further information can be found here or follow the QR code:



<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/about-cycle-training/cycle-training-for-schools/tools-for-schools/>



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



Poetry by Heart

Children from Reception upwards will be learning poems for a showcase of poetry on the Thursday 9th 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.

Emergency Drills

The school strives to ensure that health and safety is paramount. As part of our vigilance we ensure that every half term we have fire drills and ingress drills at various times to ensure all are aware what to do in an emergency. These drills are almost always when there are no parents on site however if you are collecting a child or are on site for any reason then please follow the procedures below. Thank you.

- **Fire Drill** – You will hear an alarm (a constant fire bell). The muster points for the school are in the back yard so please head there.
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- **Ingress Drill** – You may hear a claxon if the children are outside but if it is an indoor practice you will not hear anything. You will however note that all doors are locked and all blinds closed and the Office is empty. If you come across this situation we ask you kindly to leave the site promptly and return after 15 minutes.



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 Friday 7th April from 10am until 2pm or on Monday 17th April from 3-7pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online, just register and book.



Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

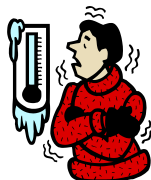
Further details and booking details can be found at www.blood.co.uk





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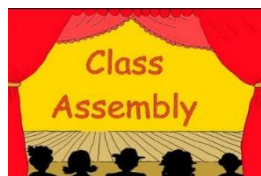
With winter here, it is to be hoped that inclement weather is not serious, and that the heating system works effectively. If this happens not to be the case and the school is forced to close, then the following will be sources of information;



- ⌚ A text message will be sent to all parents (*it is of vital importance we have an up to date mobile number contacts for every child*)
- ⌚ The County Council web site carries information on schools that are closed
- ⌚ CFM and Radio Cumbria will be informed, and closure details will be included in their broadcasts
- ⌚ The school web site will be updated underneath the 'Weather Warnings' link

Class Assemblies

This month sees assemblies by 1AF THIS Friday (3rd February) and 4AN (hosting theirs on Friday 10th February). These 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.



The dates for class assemblies are on the back page. 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.

Nursery Intakes

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**.



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**.

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/childrenservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> (or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form, we need to see the Birth Certificate and a proof of address.

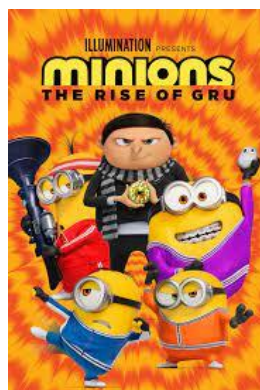


Cinema Nights

These take place on the first half of a term with a party night in the second



half of the term. The ones planned for this half term take place next on Monday 13th (Reception & KS1) and Wednesday 15th February (KS2).



The film for both nights is 'Minions: The Rise of Gru'. The evenings cost £6 and are inclusive of copious refreshments and care. Booking is through ParentPay and further details will go out soon.

Circuits



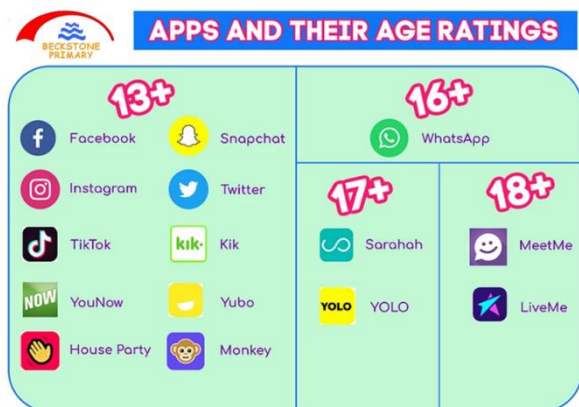
'Circuits Days' will take place each half term this school year. They will be on a Thursday or a Friday depending on the day your child has their PE session. As they are now coming to school in PE Kits on those days anyway there is no need for different clothing on these days. The ones for this half term are Thursday 16th and Friday 17th February.

Social Media

We continue to strongly urge you to please keep your child away from social media apps. They have a minimum legal age for a reason. These apps can cause upset when being used at such a young age and children can type things out of context and without thinking that can cause upset and also could haunt them in later life as once posted the messages are always there.

Please note: **Social media sites have a legal MINIMUM age for a reason, children's brains are not mature enough to understand texts out of context or share things that are inappropriate.**

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



Please protect their childhood and innocence. There is a minimum age for a reason. Please blame the school and if they say "Everyone is on them" then that is certainly not true!

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 or follow the QR code.



QR Codes

QR stands for 'quick response'. QR Codes, if you don't know, are those funny black and white boxes you see in newspapers and magazines such as the image alongside. These are placed within this newsletter at relevant points to give you quick access to websites mentioned. All you have to do is install a free QR code reader to your phone/tablet, just search the App/Play Store using 'QR', and simply scan the code or you can just use your camera with more modern phones.

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.



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.

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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 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.

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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.

Donations Needed

Nursery would like any unwanted everyday items made out of metal, wood or wicker to reduce the use of plastics.

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



It is the centenary year for Workington Reds. To celebrate reaching such a milestone they very kindly issued free season ticket passes to last year's Key Stage 2 children a for the whole of the 2022/23 season. They have also issued passes now for this year's Year 3 which means again all Key Stage 2 children will have a pass. Every child will go free along with a paying adult until April 2023. This is a very generous gift and we are very grateful to the board of Workington Reds. The home fixtures left this season are displayed above.

Date	Comp	Opponent	Venue
Tue 07/02 19:45	➕ Northern Div 1 West	Ramsbottom United	Home
Sat 25/02 15:00	➕ Northern Div 1 West	Macclesfield	Home
Sat 04/03 15:00	➕ Northern Div 1 West	Hanley Town	Home
Sat 25/03 15:00	➕ Northern Div 1 West	Glossop North End AFC	Home
Sat 08/04 15:00	➕ Northern Div 1 West	Witton Albion	Home
Sat 22/04 15:00	➕ Northern Div 1 West	Colne	Home

Facebook & Instagram



Facebook

The school is on Facebook and Instagram.



Instagram

You should be able to search for the pages or you can use these

addresses/QR codes.

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

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

FREE DROP IN SESSION

1-5pm Friday 3rd of Feb
The Oval Centre - CA14 5HA

WORKINGTON GREEN COMMUNITY HUB EDUCATION EVENT

Free refreshments
Free entry to all children under 16 plus 3pm

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

- Wellbeing through nature
- Seed planting
- Composting lesson
- Meditation lesson
- Arranged crafts & DIY
- Low Food Mile Waive activity
- Picnic

Local Events

1. There is a FREE 'drop in' at the Oval Centre THIS Friday (3rd) for gardening activities. There are free refreshments too.

2. There is a FREE 'Meet the Author' (Jane

Senior) event at Workington Library THIS Thursday (9th) from 3.45 to 4.45pm. To book a place call 01900 706170.



We hope you have a wonderful half term when it comes.



CHILDREN ARE
MADE READERS
ON THE LAPS
OF THEIR PARENTS.

Diary Dates



Term Dates until Summer 2024

	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Start of Term	Wednesday 4 th January	Monday 17 th April May Day – Mon 1 st	Wednesday 6 th September	Wednesday 3 rd January	Tuesday 16 th April May Day – Mon 1 st
Half Term	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	Monday 12 th February – Friday 15 th February	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
End of Term	Friday 31 st March	Wednesday 19 th July	Tuesday 19 th December	Thursday 28 th March	Friday 19 th July

February

Wed 1st – Young Voices Trip to Manchester Arena

Fri 3rd – 1AF Class Assembly

Tue 7th – KS2 Dodgeball Competition

- Curriculum & Pupil Committee 5pm
- Governors Meeting 6pm

Wed 8th – Y3&4 Multi Sport Festival

Fri 10th – 4AN Class Assembly

- Key Steps Gymnastics Competition
- Non-Uniform Day to support school outdoor de

Mon 13th – R&KS1 Cinema Night

Tue 14th – Strive for Five Draw

- UKS2 Table Tennis Competition

Wed 15th – KS2 Cinema Night

Thu 16th – Circuits

- Harrington over 55's coming for lunch

Fri 17th – Circuits

- Break up for half term

HALF TERM



Mon 27th – Children start back

Tue 28th – Strive for Five Draw

- Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament – St Joseph's

- PROPOSED STRIKE DAY

March

Wed 1st – Y1&2 Multi Skills Festival

Thu 2nd – World Book Day

Mon 6th – Classes vote for their 'Poetry by heart' entrants

Tue 7th – Hatching eggs arrive

- Internet Safety Day

Thu 9th – Poetry be Heart Showcase

- Educare Afternoon Tea

Fri 10th – 3SF Class Assembly

- Educare Afternoon Teas

Mon 13th – Reception Easter Party Night

Tue 14th – Strive for Five Draw

- KS1 Easter Party Night

Wed 15th – PROPOSED STRIKE DAY

Thu 16th – PROPOSED STRIKE DAY

Fri 17th – Chicks leave

Sun 19th – Mother's Day

Mon 20th – Y3&4 Party Night

Tue 21st – Y5&6 Dodgeball, Lakes College

- Y5 & 6 Party Night

Wed 22nd & Thu 23rd – Parents' Evenings (N to Y6)

Thu 23rd – Circuits

Fri 24th Mar – 1/2RM Class Assembly

- Circuits
- Chocolate Non-Uniform Day

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

Tue 28th – Strive for Five Draw

- LKS2 Football Competition
- Spring Governor Challenge Day & Governors 3.30pm

Wed 29th March – KS1 Easter Cheesecake making with parents

- BINGO Night

Thu 30th – Egg judging

Fri 31st – Egg Dumping Final

- No Educare
- No Beck Xtra
- Break up for Easter

EASTER



POETRY BY
HEART



CHALLENGE



Dates for rest of the year.

Mon 17th April – Children start back

Thu 20th Apr – Class Photos

Mon 24th April – FAB meeting 3.30pm

Fri 28th Apr – 4DP Class Assembly

Mon 1st May – Bank Holiday

May – KS1 SATs Month

Week beg. 8th May – KS2 SATs

Mon 8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday

Tue 8th May – LKS2 Rounders Competition

Wed 10th May – Y1&2 Football Competition

Week beg 15th May – Walk to School Week

Tue 16th May – Kicky Rounders Competition

- Summer Governor Challenge Day, Staffing & Finance & Main Governors

Fri 19th May – Takeover Morning

Week beg. 22nd May – Whinlatter Field Trip Week

Mon 22nd May – Y5&6 Kwik Cricket

Tue 23rd May – KS1 Football Competition

Half Term

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

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

Tue 6th & Thu 8th – UKS2 Liverpool Residential

Thu 8th & Fri 9th Jun – EY Come & Play

Week beg 12th Jun - Intensive Swim Week – Y6 class

Tue 13th Jun – Reception Multi Skills Competition

Fri 16th Jun – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

Sun 18th Jun – Father's Day

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

- Readathon Week

Tue 20th Jun – UKS2 Football Competition

Week beg. 26th Jun - 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

Thu 6th July – KS1 Picnic with parents

Fri 7th July – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

Tue 11th Jul – UKS2 Tennis

- Curriculum Committee & Main Governors

Thu 13th July – Meet new classes morning part 1

Fri 14th July – Meet new classes' morning part 2

Mon 17th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 18th – FUN day

- Y6 Graduation

Wed 19th Jul – Wheelchair Basketball

- No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today

