

BECKSTONE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023! I hope and trust you all had a great holiday and Santa was kind to you all and that 2023 will be a wonderful year for all associated with the school.

For the new Nursery starter parents, welcome to your first newsletter at Beckstone Primary. A newsletter is sent out usually on the first school day of each month on Tapestry, Seesaw, the website and via text. It contains information on activities at the school, educational updates as well as important diary dates on the back (the latter is issued a separate paper document for you pin up at home so you don't miss anything).

Please put 10 minutes aside, perhaps with a warm drink to read all about what has been happening at school and what is coming up. If there is anything ever you want included in these monthly updates then please get in touch with me, I would be happy to respond,

Best wishes,
Mr Warbrick

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Sporting Success



Towards the end of last term we took part in the inter school Boccia competition. Boccia is a cross between bowls and petanque. The school entered 2 teams of 3 and amazingly both teams got through to the final so the school ended up winners and runners up! We now have another trophy to squeeze into our cabinet ☺ The 2 teams are pictured below.



Our Dodgeball team that had previously won earlier competitions represented Allerdale in the County round of the national competition. The team entered runners up by a whisker to last year's national champions and very nearly made it to the national

finals. We are very proud of them. The team are pictured below:



World Cup



The pupils had great fun watching England in the league stage of the World Cup. There was only one game during school time during the whole competition which was against Iran, a great game to watch as England won 6-2 and the children wildly celebrated each goal. A video showing the excitement was shared on Facebook and Instagram....it is well worth a watch!



Christmas 2022



The school was a very festive place in the lead up to Christmas with a lot going on at school and across the community. Of note are the following events and activities:

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Christmas Raffle

All prize winners have been notified. Our thanks and appreciation goes to the following businesses who provided prizes, please support them in return if you can:

Asda	The Ritz Cinema, Workington
Teepee Tents	The Look Nook
Lakes Escapes	The Gaiety Cinema, Whitehaven
West Coast Aquarium	The Washington Central
Clip and Climb	Dixons of Whitehaven
The Mental Chef Pizza & Pasta Hub	
Kowloon/Hot Woks	

Children's Christmas Raffle

We would like to thank our two special visitors who helped with the draw and to Linsey Fleet for the costumes. The draw included the two cuddly toys pictured and a series of chocolate hampers.



Santa Visit Number 1

Santa visited all the children on Christmas Dinner Day. His visit was heralded by a message from the elves at The North Pole who knew all about our school. He then arrived and settled in to the new outdoor

classroom where he met every class and gave them a book for Christmas. He is pictured below and there are many more photos in the class zones of the web site.



Santa Visit Number 2

The children have been so good this year that Santa visited twice, he appeared the following day giving all children a selection box.

Our immense thanks goes to Travis Perkins for making this visit possible.



Christmas Performances

Every Stage put on a Christmas performance for families. These were all well attended and very much enjoyed, we have received a lot of positive feedback. The younger children performed nativities at the school (DVDs or downloads are still available on request from the Office) and the older ones performed at the Church. All Stages also performed their productions for the rest of the school and we all enjoyed watching them.

Taking Christmas into the Community

Year 6 sang at the local old people homes, Reception performed for the Harrington Over 55's club, a Year 4 class sang for locals at the Galloping Horse, Year 2 performed for the Allerdale Disability Association and the whole school sang with the Community in Victoria Square on the last morning.

Christmas Thanks

Our grateful thanks go to Mr Bew (parent) for his support at many events over Christmas and for supporting the community carol singing in his role as a police officer on the last day.





Governors' Board

Welcome back to the new school term at Beckstone as we begin 2023.

On behalf of the governors, I hope everyone has had an enjoyable festive period, whether you have been catching up with immediate / extended family or simply enjoying some time away from the work place.

At the end of last term, the governors were lucky enough to have been invited along to enjoy a Christmas dinner with the children and staff. Everyone played their part on the day to ensure the halls were set back up for the next sittings.

Well done and thank you to the kitchen staff for preparing a lovely meal!

2022 seems to have passed in the blink of an eye. That being said, there have been many achievements throughout the year and as parents, we should be really proud of how our children have represented themselves and the school at the external venues they have visited.

I am one of 3 governors who have been in post so for a relatively short period of time now. I think they'll agree, it has been a steep learning curve. We have worked hard on developing the Vision 2025 document, received Ofsted training from a County Adviser and undertaken additional training to help us better understand our role.

During the year, two governor successes that I'd like to mention are;

1 - The introduction of the pen pals scheme, setup by Blain Rooney, between UKS2 and local care / residential homes, helping bridge the generational gap and provide elderly people with some alternative interaction, where they can share correspondence and stories.

2 - The introduction of the uniform exchange. As a parent, our child is at the age where uniform seems to only fit him for a term, before he's outgrown it. As such, the exchange gives us the opportunity to hand in the uniform he's outgrown and replace it with 'used but good' replacements. I hope others will see the financial benefit of this and make more use of the scheme given the current cost of living crisis.

As we enter 2023, as governors, we will continue to work with the school leadership team on the completion of the vision document and continue to meet the 3 core functions of a governing body;

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- Holding senior executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

As families, we are all too aware of the impact of, what seems to be, a continual hike in the cost of energy. Sadly, this price hike also impacts on the school massively. That being said, we will continue to work hard supporting Mr Warbrick and the senior leadership team to minimise the that impact on each and every child receiving an exciting and engaging education at Beckstone, where they feel both valued and included.

With thanks to

The children, for their exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes

All parents, for their continued support of the school

All of the teaching staff, who work tirelessly both in the class and behind the scenes in the preparation and implementation of classroom learning.

Wishing everyone the very best for 2023

Simon

Co-Opted Governor



Key Points from December Governor Challenge Day & Meetings:

Challenge Day:

- Governors received training on Ofsted from a County Adviser
- Governors received training on Attendance & Assessment Analysis
- Governors worked hard on completing a 'Vision 2025' document that maps out strategic improvements over the next few years.
- Feedback from the day was that it was good to be back during the school day again and that the behaviour of the children was excellent and a credit to the school and parents.

Staffing & Finance Committee

- The challenge of balancing the budget given the massive rise in energy prices, inflation and funding pay rises from the budget was discussed at length
- Staffing changes into 2023 were agreed
- Key financial policies were agreed

Main Meeting

- Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed
- Further actions to 'poverty proof' the school were discussed
- Governor training modules were identified
- The 'Health & safety' Policy was ratified

Thank You and Farewell

Lesley Robertson has left the Governing Body. She has served the school brilliantly from December 2006 to December 2022... 16 years service.

We are indebted to her for her contribution to the school over the years and wish her all the very best for her future.



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Christmas Thanks Continued



A very big 'Thank You' to Mr Turk, a parent and a Governor for his ongoing tremendous support of the school. Mr Turk set up Christmas Tree decoration packs that went on sale to raise funds for the school, raising ~ £120. He has also



undertaken many excellent jobs for the school, of note are the polishing and mending of the playtime and lunchtime bells. Indeed additional thanks goes to his father too as the bell now has a new handle. Of interest is the Key Stage 2 bell, you may see the 'A.R.P.' engraving on the bell. Whilst being the initials of one of our Year 6 girls as we were told, it actually stands for 'Air Raid Patrol' and is the bell that was rung in WW2 Harrington to warn of bombers approaching, a real piece of history.




FAB Meeting

The next meeting of the 'Friends at Beckstone' (our Parent Teacher Association) is on **Monday 23rd January**



at 3.30pm in the staff room. The meeting will focus on events for families into 2023 and new members are more than welcome. If parents want to attend they can book **FREE** places in Beckstone Xtra for the meeting.

YOUR PTA



**Next Meeting : Monday 23rd
January at 3.30pm
Make a date in your diary!**

Poppy Appeal

The school community contributed £300 towards the Harrington British Legion Appeal. This was over a third of the total raised and is a testament to the generosity of our school community. Thank you to all who contributed.



Non-Uniform Days

The school is actively reducing the number of non-uniform days to support everyone during the cost of living crisis. The school is very short of funds too and would like to do more in developing the outside areas for the children. As a result there will be one non-uniform day this half term on the very last day, Friday 17th February. All money raised will go to this cause but donations will be totally optional and as they will be through ParentPay there will be no knowledge of how much or if anyone donated.



2023 School Calendar



Every Stage produced a 2023 Calendar which included your child in their birthday month. They are great fun and are still available to buy for the New Year though ParentPay at a cost of £3.

All items will be available through ParentPay, please support them as best you can.

Young Voices 2023

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



Details of the trip have been issued to all taking part and parents can also attend the trip. The choir will be showcasing their songs to the school in Singing assemblies throughout this month.



Class Assembly Change

Please note a change in dates since the last newsletter. The class assembly for 1AF is now Friday 3rd February and the one for 4AN is Friday 10th February,

Pen Pals



One of our Governors, Mr Rooney, has worked hard to establishing a pen pal link between the children in Upper Key Stage 2 and the residents of local old people's homes. This is a lovely initiative aimed

at bringing the generations together and increasing respect. The pupils have written their letters and some already have replies which they were really excited about and more are to come. Our thanks goes to Mr Rooney for setting up this heart-warming initiative.

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 **£8.50** and needs to be paid by **Friday, 6th January 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, 6th January 2023**, the cost is £13 for next half term.



- Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up is also paid this way, £8 for next half term by **Friday 6th January 2023**.



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.



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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

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.

Too Good to Go

There is a useful app called 'Too Good to Go'. It is designed to stop good food going to waste as it approaches sell by dates etc. At a time when the cost of living is putting a squeeze on everyone's finances this app can really help with food costs.

Full details are on their web site



which can be visited here or by using the QR code <https://toogoodtogo.co.uk/en-gb/consumer>

HOW IT WORKS



DISCOVER

Search for unsold food near you



COLLECT

Buy and collect it for a great price.



ENJOY

You've saved great food

Uniform Issues

Please note 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.

Indeed we have lots of free uniform in our 'Uniform Exchange'. We have received far more donations than those taking uniform so it would really help us out if

parents requested uniform from it. There is absolutely no stigma attached and we want parents to make use of it. If you would like any uniform simply email uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk



Names in Clothing

The lost property box was bulging at the end of term!!! Please, please, please put your child's name in their clothing. When this happens their clothing is easily returned. The amount of money some families lose by not doing this is staggering when you see how much is left unclaimed!



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Coats

We need all children to wear their coats at lunchtimes and playtimes. We have an external thermometer and when the outside temperature drops below 13°C then coats are mandatory. Please ensure they come to school with a coat and **one**



that has their name in – thanks!

There are also coats available for free via our uniform exchange. To enquire simply email uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or use the QR code.



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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



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.



REVISE WISE CLUBS

All Year 6 children should be attending one of the sessions



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 clubs/care after school.

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



0800 800 5000

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



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.

**PLEASE
DO NOT
OPEN
THE GATE**

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.

Christmas Technology

We understand some children, as a result of Christmas, now have access to phones/tablets. We 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.



Police Advice for parents and carers on the use of technology.

The advice below is directly from CEOP, the Police's Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency. Please use the links to familiarise yourself on the steps you can take to protect your child.

Lots of us will continue to rely on technology over the winter break, for entertainment and keeping in touch with friends and family.

You can share the following articles (they are hyper linked) to help parents and carers keep their children safer online:

1. [A parent's guide to privacy settings](#)
2. [Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)
3. [What is the Internet of Things \(IoT\)?](#)

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

Beckstone's Extended Services



Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£4.00 from 7.30am, £3.50 from 8am) Last entry is at 8.30am; Educare (our popular afternoon child care provision for morning Nursery children – see table at the top of the next page – please note these places **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**) with pick up times at 2.15pm and 3.15pm Please note that unfortunately we are unable to offer facilities for packed lunches for Nursery children.

Beckstone Xtra (again £3.50 an hour) runs from the end of the school day until 5.15pm with an earlier pick up time of 4.15pm if required. Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm for anyone who books in advance via bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk



Or simply use the QR code.

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



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.



Attendance

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.

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	



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 beg. 8th May – KS2 SATs

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

Week beg. 12th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check



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.

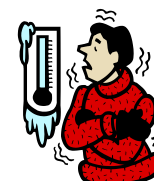
Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

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



Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies

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

Gritting!!!!



The school does not own the land outside the fenced area and as such does not have the responsibility to grit the paths and have been advised not to.

However out of good will and to support our families we

will grit as best as we can when we can. If it is very icy please don't always rely on this and an alternative route can be taken using the steps and entering through the gates at the front to walk round the back if that is the way you or your child comes onto site.



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 😊

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.

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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Christmas at the HSBC Bank

The HSBC bank in Workington was decorated with pictures from our Years from 4 to 6 at Christmas as shown in the photos below.





Cinema Nights



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

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

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.

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.



QR Codes

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



Easy Fund Raising



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you

could be raising **FREE** donations for Beckstone Primary School with easy fundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

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

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

Thank you for your support.

Amazon Smile

Please follow this link and choose us

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



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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

Date	Comp	Opponent	Venue
Sat 07/01 15:00	➕ Northern Div 1 West	Prescot Cables	Home
Sat 28/01 15:00	➕ Northern Div 1 West	Newcastle Town	Home
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

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.

Facebook & Instagram



The school is on Facebook and Instagram.



Facebook

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



Instagram

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

Christmas Card Winners

Our children did very well in a series of Christmas card Competitions as reported in last month's newsletter.

The Mayor of Workington, Councillor Denise Rollo, chose Erin from Y6. The Mayor of Allerdale chose Jesse from year 6. Finally our MP chose Remi from Y3 as one of his winners. Her design can be seen below with the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, and she also received a signed version of her card from the Prime Minister!



The 3rd gift the children received at the end of term was from Mark Jenkinson M.P. He provided every child with a copy of the original Snowman book or for the older children Michael Morpugo's version which was inspired by the Raymond Briggs original. If your child was off towards the end of term don't worry, we put names on the 2 Santa gifts and the MP's gift so they should receive them this week.



CHILDREN ARE
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ON THE LAPS
OF THEIR PARENTS.

Diary Dates



January

Week beg. 4th – January Nursery Starter home visits
Mon 9th – Nursery starters 9-10am
Tue 10th – Nursery starters 9 – 10.50am
Wed 11th – Nursery starters 9 -11.50am
- UKS2 Dodgeball Competition, Lakes College
Thu 12th – Nursery starters in all session
Tue 17th – Strive for Five Draw
- KS1 Dodgeball Competition
Fri 20th – Year 5 Assembly
Mon 23rd – FAB/PTA Meeting 3.30pm
Fri 27th – Aladdin, M&M Productions 9.30am
Tue 31st – Strive for Five Draw

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
Mon 13th – R&KS1 Cinema Night
Tue 14th – Strive for Five Draw
- KS2 Table Tennis Competition
Wed 15th – KS2 Cinema Night
Thu 16th – Circuits
- Harrington over 55's coming for lunch
Fri 17th – Non Uniform Day to support school outdoor development fund
- Circuits
- Break up for half term

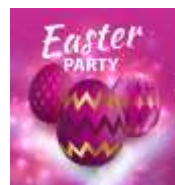
Mon 27th – Children start back
Tue 28th – Strive for Five Draw
- Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament – St Joseph's

March

Wed 1st Mar – Y1&2 Multi Skills Festival
Thu 2nd Mar – World Book Day
Mon 6th – Classes vote for their 'Poetry by heart' entrants
Tue 7th – Hatching eggs arrive
- Internet Safety Day
Thu 9th – Poetry by Heart Showcase
- Educare Afternoon Tea
Fri 10th Mar – 3SF Class Assembly
- Educare Afternoon Teas
Mon 13th – Reception Easter Party Night
Tue 14th – Strive for Five Draw
- KS1 Easter Party Night
Wed 15th – Y3&4 Party Night
Thu 16th – Y5 & 6 Party Night
Fri 17th – Chicks leave
Sun 19th Mar – Mother's Day
Tue 21st Mar – Y5&6 Dodgeball, Lakes College
Wed 22nd & Thu 23rd Mar – Parents' Evenings (N to Y6)
Thu 23rd – Circuits

Fri 24th Mar – 1/2RM Class Assembly

- Circuits
Week beg. 27th Mar – Egg & Bonnet Design Week
Tue 28th Mar – Strive for Five Draw
- KS2 Football Competition
- Spring Governor Challenge Day & Governors 3.30pm
Wed 29th March – KS1 Easter Cheesecake making with parents
Thu 30th – Egg judging
Fri 31st Mar – Egg Dumping Final
- No Educare
- No Beck Xtra
- Break up for Easter



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 2 nd January	Tuesday 26 th April May Day – Mon 1 st
Half Term	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February	Monday 28 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
End of Term	Friday 31 st March	Wednesday 14 th July	Tuesday 19 th December	Thursday 28 th March	Friday 18 th July

Dates for rest of the year.

Mon 17th April – Children start back
Thu 20th Apr – Class Photos
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
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
- **Y6 Graduation**
Fri 14th July – Meet new classes' morning part 2
Mon 17th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
Tue 18th – FUN day
Wed 19th Jul – Wheelchair Basketball
- No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today
- School Year Ends

