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Dear Parents/Carers

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

What a busy and action-packed year it has been! The enthusiasm and hard work from pupils and staff alike deployed consistently over the year makes my job easy and makes me very proud. I would like to thank each and every one of them for making this school such a special one. Indeed, we have had a swathe of visitors recently including the new Senior Adviser, KS2 SAT Moderators, the Youth Club chairperson and many more. To a person they have been highly complimentary of the school with comments such as 'this school is fantastic', 'the best I have visited' or 'what lovely children, all working hard with a smile on their face'.

There are just over 2 weeks left until the end of term but they a myriad of different activities and events taking place: final assessments; reports completed & issued and many end of school year activities take place such as Sports Day, Graduation Day, Party Nights, summer trips, Beckstone's Got Talent etc. We also have Curriculum Meetings for parents of children in next year's R to 5 on Monday 17th July where you will meet your child's next class teacher – it is ESSENTIAL someone from the family attends!

We are also running a summer **holiday play scheme** at a competitive cost of £20 per half day or £25 per full day to help families with holiday care. It is very competitively priced and I hope many of you make use of it. It is **not too late to book**. Further details are in this newsletter.

Please take the time to read this newsletter, digest the information and make a note of the dates on the back (many dates for 23/24 are there too) so you don't miss anything!

May I take this opportunity to also thank you all for your support over the year and for complying so readily with school policies and procedures, I realise there have been a couple of incidents of disrespect and illegal use of social media apps that have caused upset and been raised in previous newsletters but this involves only the tiniest minority of you. The school is very fortunate to have such a huge majority of parents who take a real interest in their child's learning, support them with homework and reading and give generously to school. I hope and trust you all have a wonderful summer and I shall look forward to working with the majority of you again next year. To the Year 6 parents I wish your children every success as they move on to the next stage of their educational career, we will miss them and they have been a credit to yourselves and the school.

Best wishes and hope you have a lovely summer,



Mr Warbrick

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Industrial Action

The industrial action we have seen this term sadly continues as the Government refused to re-open negotiations with the teaching Unions. The strike affects members of the National Education Union which is most of the teaching staff, other Unions will become involved in the autumn if no progress has been made. The next strikes are on Wednesday and Friday this week (the 5th and 7th July). As a result, all classes apart from Nursery are closed.

The school is open only to those groups we have been told to prioritise with low levels of staff. This time we are unable to open to Year 2 and Year 6 but can, on limited staffing, be open to benefits eligible free school meal children, looked after children, children with an Education Health Care Plan and those registered as essential worker children.

If your child falls into any of these groups you will have received a text on Thursday 22nd June informing you of this. In addition, the County coding competition and a LKS2 football competitions are on Friday 7th July so the teams will be attending on that day. All other activities on the Wednesday and Friday have had to be re-scheduled so please note the dates page on the back of the newsletter.



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

School Budget Pressures

The high rates of inflation that we all are very aware of effect schools as well. We have seen huge prices, particularly in gas and electricity (e.g. the school spent less that £9,000 on gas 2 years ago and is forecast to spend over £51,000 in this financial year) as well as increases in pay coming from budget allocations. The Government is saying schools have not been better funded but on the flip side they have never faced the costs they face now and the funding nowhere near matches the shortfall.

We are consistently analysing what we do and are trying our utmost to ensure any financial demands on our parental community are at the minimum they can possibly be.

Now more than ever we need your support in ensuring no reading books are lost or damaged, if they are we ask you to pay for their replacement. Anything that is broken as a result of a non-accident we will also have to chase payment for as we simply have no additional funds, all budget lines are cut to the minimum.

Impact of Rising Costs

Following on from the above there are some areas that will impact families, unfortunately the budget cannot subsidise losses on care services or meals even if we had the funds to do so.

The charge for extended services has been £3.50 an hour for many years (schools in the locality all charge £5 per hour) and we have tried to maintain that. Increased labour and food costs have no longer made this price viable and we are going to have to raise the cost from September to £4 an hour. The cost is still way below rates in other schools and almost half that of some private providers so still provides value for money.

This price increase will affect Breakfast Club where the cost will be £4.50 from 7.30 and £4 from 8am and Beckstone Xtra where the cost will be £4 per hour from 3.15pm until 5.15pm.

After school clubs are also subject to the increase in costs (additional labour charges, heating & lighting etc) and the cost for an after school clubs will rise to £2.50 a session from September. This charge applies half termly to each club apart from those related to revision for statutory tests or sports practises for competitions.

Finally, the school's caterer has met with the school and have said the increased food inflation has left them no option but to increase their per meal charge. We have tried our hardest to negotiate a minimum acceptable rise for both sides. This will result in paid meals rising to £2.90 per day or £14.50 per week. The price of meals is still less than the Workington schools average of £3.00 so we are still doing our best to ensure our families

receive value for money. In turn the cost of a Nursery meal will rise to £2.20 a day.



Respect

Following the article in last month's newsletter there have been no incidents of disrespect to staff

and all, communications have been pleasant and professional, just as they should be. As stated last month we all want what is best for your child on both sides and are striving hard to ensure we support your child and in turn you support the school in its endeavours.

We are aware that life is busy and payments can be forgotten. Please settle your account quickly if you are contacted about any debts and please settle with good grace. This is particularly acute at this time of year as financial regulations mean we have to ensure all accounts are finalised and balanced at the end of the school year. Please make sure your account is settled before the end of term. Within the last 12 months we have had some disrespectful instances with some parents who have not paid and we don't want any repeat of that as it is upsetting for our staff.



WhatsApp Parent Groups

We are finding that social media is often used to air grievances about school decisions and protocols when reasons for these decisions are multi-faceted and are always underpinned by having the best interests of children and families at their heart or been driven by external circumstances beyond our control e.g. the weather.

If you are on group WhatsApp concerning school it may be beneficial to scroll through messages and check if any positive messages are being shared otherwise the group is in danger of becoming a platform that is feeding on negativity.

On platforms such as WhatsApp staff at school have no recourse to address issues. When staff hear about the content of such messages (which they generally do) it is really upsetting when they are working so hard at school for many hours at home to provide the best education they can, especially at a time when Government and media support is sadly lacking.



Teaching is an extremely demanding yet incredible and rewarding job. Our staff are committed to supporting the community they serve. Please support them by talking directly to us if you have an issue rather than resorting to social media.

Organisation 2023/24



A lot of thought has gone into classes for next year. Friendship groups as well as grouping children who work well together have

been the driving force behind the class compositions. It is important you support your child in their transition to their new class <u>and be positive</u> about their placement. Classes are full so there is no 'wriggle room' and no movement across classes. Do let your child settle into their new class and please be assured that we always strive to make sure your child is happy in school and in their class.

Please do not appeal against their placement.

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

The school is organised into 4 Stages with Stage Leaders meeting weekly and reporting back to their Stages to ensure consistency of approach and ongoing review and evaluation of the effectiveness of school policies and procedures. The Senior Leadership Team is as follows from September:

Headteacher: Mr Warbrick

Deputy: Mrs Yoxall

Organisational Director: Mrs Vaughan Early Years Stage Lead: Mrs White

Key Stage 1 Lead: Mrs Needham Lower Key Stage 2 Lead: Mr Fleming Upper Key Stage Lead: Ms McGill

plus Ms Gorman until her maternity in October.



The school will be organised as follows from September:

Nursery – Teacher: Ms Horsburgh; Key Workers: Mrs Holliday; Mrs Byers-Hall; Ms Dolan

Nursery offers 30 hours for those

eligible or a free 15 hours with an optional purchase of additional care of up to a further 15 hours

Reception – 2 classes:

RJW – Teacher: Mrs White; Support: Mrs Stephenson RJT – Techer: Mrs Trotter; Support: Mrs Ferris

Additional Reception SEN Support: Mrs Lee & Mrs

Greenhow

Key Stage 1 - 3 X Year 1 & 2 mixed classes

1/2AN – Teacher: Mrs Needham; Support: Mrs McAdam

1/2AF – Teacher: Mrs Flook; Support: Mrs Sewell 1/2DT – Teacher: Mrs Turk; Support; Mrs McBride

Lower Key Stage 2 - A Y3, Y3/4 and a Y4 class

3LS – Teacher: Ms Strong; Support: Mrs Forsythe 3/4SF – Teacher: Mr Fleming; Support: Ms Jackson 4KB – Teacher: Ms Braniff; Support; Mrs Cunningham

Additional SEN support: Mrs Musgrave

Upper Key Stage 2 - 2 X Y5 & 2 X Y6 classes

5LJ- Teacher: Ms Jackson 5RM - Teacher: Ms McMinn 6JM - Teacher: Ms McGill 6CC - Teacher: Ms Crook

Support Staff for Stage: Mrs Chambers, Mrs Beecroft & Ms

Neen

Where there are mixed age classes these are being set up as mixed ability classes and not based on academic ability so are certainly not 'sets'. Indeed, the reasoning underpinning the class structure for next year is likely to be discussed at the Curriculum Evening (see below).

Your child's class will have already been shared with them if they are in Years N to 2 to fully comply with the Early Years Framework transition arrangements. All other children will visit their new classes on Thursday 13th July and again on Friday 14th July. Again, please do not appeal against their placement. Please rest assured that children's friendships have been closely considered and that school staff will have placed

children well to ensure they can make maximum progress.

Curriculum Evening & Reports

There are 'Curriculum Meetings' on the last Monday of this term (Monday 17th July). Please make a note in your diary. We expect an adult from every family to attend so that you can meet your child's new teacher, learn about their areas of study in 2023/24 and what is expected from them and from yourselves as well as see your child's new room so you can picture them in it. Your child's end of year report will be issued at the end of these meetings on Tapestry/Seesaw.

It is important that you attend.



In order to minimise clashes so that parents

with children in multiple classes



can attend the timetable for this day looks like

this. Please note the times for your child's next class.

- 2.30pm Reception Sports Hall (RJW & RJT)
- 3.00pm Key Stage 1 Sports Hall (1/2AN, 1/2AF & 1/2DT)
- 3.30pm LKS2 in Sports Hall (3LS, 3/4SF & 4KB)
- 4.00pm 5LJ & 5RM in Sports Hall
- 4.30pm 6JM & 6CC in Sports hall

Groups in the Sports Hall will get the opportunity to visit their child's next classroom after the meeting and to collect the report.

There will be refreshments in the Dining Hall for those who may have to wait between sessions or would like to stay and chat.

Reports will go out on Monday 17th July after the Curriculum Evenings in electronic format on Tapestry/
Seesaw.



Please download them immediately as once the holidays start the children will be allocated into different classes and they may get lost.

Statutory Outcomes

Early Learning Goals:

The Early Years 'Good Level of Development' Outcome (which is the percentage of pupils assessed as 'Good' in all prime areas plus Maths and Literacy) was 70.5%

Comparative data is in the table at the top of the next page:

	Good level of	
	Development	
	(GLD)	
School 2023	70.5%	
Cumbria 2022	61.3%	
National 2022	65.2%	



Phonics:

82% National 2022 = 75% Cumbria 2022 = 72% School 2022 = 80% A big congratulations needs to go to the Key Stage 1 children who had a phonics screening check recently. We are very proud of the progress they have made and the school achieved

a pass rate of 82%, just above last year's national average and an improvement from last year's school outcome.

Key Stage 1:

There will be a comparative breakdown of data along with your child's report in Key Stage 1. This is the last year they are statutory and will be reported in this manner. Going forward KS1 tests are optional and are for use to moderate teacher assessment judgements only.

The results are:

	School	Cumbria	National
	2023	2022	2022
Reading	67%	64%	66.9%
Writing	67%	55%	57.6%
Maths	77%	66.6%	67.7%

Year 4 Times Table Check:



Comparative data for his test is not published. The Government released the results last week and 32% of the Year group got 100% of the questions correct and 54% got over 20 out of 25. Both of these figures are higher than

last year!

Key Stage 2

Unfortunately we are unable to release any end of Key Stage 2 outcomes until the Department for Education release them on the 11th July. These will be reported to Y6 parents in the end of year report and available on our school web site soon after. The results this year will be affected by 2 children who were absent for the tests and in Government data these count as 'fails' so we are already 5% down before they are released. Please do not take your children out of school at SAT time as this really places not only them but also the school at a great disadvantage.

Summer Camp



It is not long until the Summer Camp starts.

The camp runs for the first 2 days and 2 weeks of the Summer holidays and the last 2 weeks.

It is fully staffed and well planned with lots of exciting activities for children to enjoy allowing parents to work or take time off secure in the knowledge their child will be happy.



The cost is £20 for a half day or an amazing £25 for a full day. Further details are available from the School office

and there are still



places available to book on a day or week block basis. Please contact the School office if you are interested or email

bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or follow the QR code

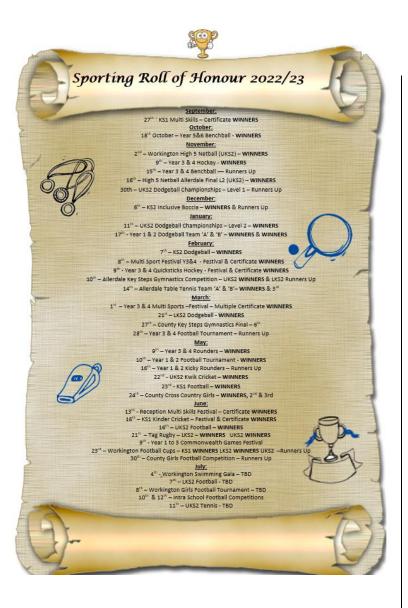


Sporting Success



The school very much complies with the PE national curriculum and the sporting objectives/aims

placed on schools since the introduction of 'Sugar Tax' sports funding. All pupils complete a minimum of 2 hours sport a week, there are many opportunities for sporting activity at play and break times and over the year a multitude of out of school sports club. Our emphasis on sport has resulted in many sporting successes over the course of this year as the very impressive 'Sporting Roll of Honour' shows at the top of the next page.



KS2 Allerdale Cricket

Our KS2 Cricket team is pictured below. They won the local tournament and they are now representing the area in the County Finals (!!) on Monday 17th July.



Other successes in Sport from the month of June include:

KS2 County Girls' Football Competition.

Pictured is our girls' football team that were runners up in the County Cup at Harraby last week:



Harraby Football Tournament

Our team played very well but unfortunately arrived late to this event resulting in a flurry of matches to catch up. The team were 6th out of 20 which is a very commendable finish.

UKS2 Workington Football Tournament

Our team took part against all other schools in the town and were runners up. They are pictured below:



Kinder Cricket

Our KS1 team took part in a cricket festival recently. It was not a competition however across the whole festival the 'Batting Award' was awarded to one of our pupils, Chase from Year 2; the bowling award to one of our pupils also, Emilia from Year 1 and the catching award went to another of our pupils, Lilly from year 2. An amazing clean sweep of awards!

Workington Football Cups

There was a football event the week before last involving teams from across the school. Our KS1 team won their tournament, our LKS2 won theirs (they are pictured at

the top of the next page) and our UKS2 were close runners up in theirs....very impressive all round!





Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby Tournament

We entered 2 teams into the Lower Key Stage 2 competition and 2 into the UKS2 competition. One of our teams in each event won the competition. Again our

emphasis on sport is paying dividends. The LKS2 teams is pictured below.



Sports Day

After all the lovely sunny days we were then hit by a miserable week of



weather. We took the decision early to postpone to give parents a chance to make arrangements. The diary is full for the next few weeks with year groups out on visits/trips and there are very few times the whole school is in the building. We are hoping to stage it on Thursday 13th at 10.30am after the first 'meet the new classes' morning unless something else changes enabling us to stage it earlier...we will give the best notice we can if that happens.

We will need to tweak some races as unfortunately we have families taking holidays in term time so the absentees from the original sports day are likely to be here for the next one and some might be away. We will do our utmost to ensure every child is in at least one race.

Towards the end there will be a women's race and a men's race – a short sprint so if you would like to take part do come out on the day.

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

Workington Swimming Gala

The Workington Swimming Gala will take place on Tuesday 4th July from 10.30am. Parental spectators are welcome however the



priority for seating will go to the pupils of the school's competing so space is very limited.

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

UKS2 Intensive Swim Weeks

These have all now been completed and were successful in more children than previous years being able to swim 25 metres unaided which is a National Curriculum aim. The children were very well behaved, enjoyed their sessions and all tried their very best. We are proud of them.

The intensive swimming sessions for the Year 5 and Year 6 classes will take place earlier in the year in 2023/24, towards the end of November (see dates on the last page).





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

<u>www.cumbrialscb.com</u> 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.



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

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.

Keeping Your Child Safe

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

 What to do if they were expecting someone to collect them and they are not there or if they have gone home and no-one is there...please tell them to return to school. School is a place of safety, there will always be someone there and we will sort things out from them.

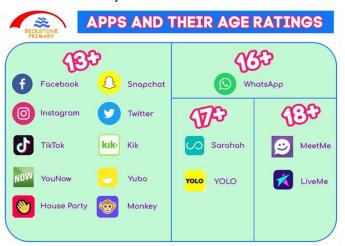
With summer holidays on the horizon please also talk to them about the following:

- Keeping safe from strangers. Explain to your child never to go with anyone they don't know. If they feel scared to go into the nearest shop and ask them to phone you (make sure they have your number) or have a phone with them if they are out and about.
- Keeping safe near roads, with warm and light nights they may be playing out on school days but also during the day in the summer holidays. Please instil



into them the Highway Code and NEVER to run into a road after footballs etc.

- Not to go near railway lines. The West Coast line has had a number of incidents with children getting injured. Please ensure they know to keep well away.
- Finally, please ensure they are safe online. We continue to have to deal with issues that have resulted from children using social media sites that quite simply they are accessing illegally. Please have a good look at the chart below and ENFORCE it for your child's safety and their mental health and to preserve their innocent childhood years:



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



There is a new WhatsApp information zone on our web site for parents now too:

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/statutory_info/safeguarding/index.html



Summer Raffle

This is now live on ParentPay. There is a fantastic prize. Tickets cost £2 and the winner will receive all the summer goodies before the end of term. Tickets cost £2 and can be purchased on ParentPay.



Year 6 Hoodies

From today, Monday 3rd July all the Y6 children will be allowed to wear their hoodies for school until the end of term. They have all chosen the colours they would like and we are looking forward to seeing them wearing them.



Summer Bingo Night

This will take place on Thursday 13th July at 6pm.. Tickets are on sale on ParentPay from today so please order quickly if you wish to attend as we only have capacity for 100 and tickets sold out almost immediately for the Easter night.

REVISE WISE CLUBS

All tickets cost £3.50 (which includes a Bingo book, a hot dog and a drink). Additional books will be on sale at the door priced at £1 plus a raffle (£1). Additionally, there will also be a 'stand up bingo' game after the interval costing £1 with a prize for the last standing adult and child.

Revisewise

Free revision classes for Year

5 children now take place weekly on **THURSDAY** at 8.15 – 8.45 or at lunchtime on the same day. Y5 pupils have the choice to attend either club.

All Year 5 children should be attending one of the sessions

Y3 Rotary Dictionaries

Workington Derwent Rotary have again very kindly (for the 20th year now!) bought every child in Year 3 a picture dictionary for their use throughout Key Stage 2. We are very grateful for their support and two of their members, Richard and John presented them in a special assembly. Of note was that John Wilson, the President of Rotary and on the right below, was Headteacher to Mr Warbrick, Debbie Cook and Ms Gorman who were all on their best behaviour ③ The children are pictured below with their dictionaries.



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

Sadly, there is no further government funding to support this initiative so the 'free 'items listed above will no longer be free from September apart from fruit for the children in EY and KS1.

Food & Drink



• **School Meals** from September will cost £14.50 per week (£2.90 a day) payable on ParentPay. This is still 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 the first half of the autumn term is £9.00 and



needs to be paid by **Friday**, 8th **September 2023** via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque. 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 £14 for next half term.



• Fruit is £9.00 for the autumn term.

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 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 but please note they will change from September...please see the article on page 2 for what changes are being made. An updated Nursery costing information poster from Septemebr is below,





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.

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.

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 their Facebook page.



Give Blood - Help Save a Life!

Giving blood to support others is a wonderful selfless act that helps fellow citizens.

The next donor sessions are on Monday 10th July from 3-7pm or Friday 4th August from 10am to 2pm or Thursday 10th August from 3 to 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



Readathon

Thank you to all who supported their children in reading 100 minutes during the 'Readathon' that took place recently. FAB raised an amazing £614.90 from this event so as well as the children enjoying reading their books in



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





various places across the school day (2HG are pictured below reading in Mr Warbrick's Office which was kept a secret from him!) all the children will benefit greatly from the additional funds available to enhance



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/schoolsa



ndlearning/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.

Non-Uniform Days

We have a non-uniform day today 3rd July where donations of chocolate or bottles to support the Bingo Night have been welcomed. We had to move the date from Friday due to the teachers' strike.

The final non-uniform day this half term is FREE and will take place on the 'FUN' day on Tuesday 18th July.

UKS2 Liverpool Trip

This was a great success and enjoyed immensely by all the



children. There are a plethora of photos to be enjoyed in the film and photo gallery of our web site. Simply follow the link or QR Code.



A very big 'Thank You' goes to the accompanying staff who gave freely of

their time and gave up time with their own families to support the children, namely Ms McGill, Ms Crook, Ms Jackson, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Beecroft, Mrs McAdam and Mr Bechelli.

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2022-2023/uks2-liverpool-residential/index.html

Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the first half of the summer term was 3LS (they have been the class with the best attendance for 4out of the 5 half terms so far –

a record!!). 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 and this can't be helped but this should be a rarity.

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.

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

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

Week beginning 12th June -Y1 Phonics Screening Check

If you are planning trips next year please avoid the following dates in 2024:

KS1 Optional SATs – The month of May 2024 KS2 SATs - Week beg. 13th May 2024 Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week – Week beg. 10th June 2024

Y4 Times Table Check – 2 weeks from Monday 3rd June

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 bill



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. A list of suggested items is below:



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

Local Outdoor Opera

There is a rare opportunity for local families to enjoy an 'opera' in the open air. Full details are below so please do take advantage of this if you can. Some of our pupils saw it last year and really enjoyed it.



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:

- Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/b eckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
- 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.

Calculation Policy

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



The Policy is available on the school web site in the curriculum zone or follow this link or the QR code - https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/curriculum/calculation-policy.html and should prove to be a valuable

reference point for parents to support their children with Maths at age appropriate levels. The relevant sections for your child will be shared at the Curriculum meeting on Monday 18th July with your child's new teacher.



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

Holiday Homework

Your child will receive some basic skills tasks to learn in readiness for their new curriculum year before the end of term.



Please help them ensure they have the necessary skills to make a success of their next school year.

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

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



Mathletics & Education City
- Home Access



All children from Year 1 upwards have access to Mathletics at home (as well as Education City). They

should all know their passwords; they are the same for both.

To access these sites simply go to

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

Times Tables Rock Stars

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



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

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



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

Contact your child's teacher if ...

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

Teach Your Monster to Read

Teach your Monster to Read is a series of free games to practise the first stages of reading. Combining top quality games design with essential learning, the game is built on

the principles of synthetic phonics and follows the teaching sequence of the Letters and Sounds programme. It has been designed in collaboration with academics from Roehampton University.

To use the site go to:

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

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

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



<u>Curriculum Visions</u> This site is accessed at:

https://www.curriculumvisions.com/

The username is **beckstoneprimary** and the password is **beckstone2**. Using these will give you and your child access to 1,000s of books across a wide range of subject to widen your child's knowledge at an age appropriate reading age. Do have a good look.



Computer Zone

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



simple coding challenges to

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

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

Creativity Cup



Alex from Nursery was awarded the Creativity Cup for this half term for his creative approach to all aspects of his work in Nursery.

He is a worthy winner.

The Marie Wright Kindness Cup



Luca from Y2 was awarded the Kindness Cup for this half term. He was a very popular choice as his kindness to others knows no bounds and he always goes out of his way to try and support everyone's happiness.

Y6 Graduation

The Graduation ceremony for our Year 6 pupils will take place from 6pm on Tuesday 18th July. Please could all Y6 families

make a note of this date and time. The venue will be the School Sports Hall. The children will perform a



leaving show for the audience and will receive a 'Primary Diploma' from the Governors and a leaving gift from the PTA. Seating is limited. A Google form has been sent out to all Y6 families offering 3 tickets per family, space is very limited and we ask that split families share the tickets fairly. There is an option to be placed on a waiting list for more if the full allocation is not taken up but there are no guarantees. The deadline for ordering tickets is Friday 7th July.

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.



Worldwide Coverage

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

In addition you can see in the top right that

the total page views this school year are over 16,000!





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Party Nights



The 'Party Nights' return this half term instead of Cinema Nights. The dates are on the back page for each Stage (there has had to be a change due to the teachers' strike

day). The cost is £6 which includes care, refreshments games with prizes and lots of fun. Further details will come out nearer the time and bookings will be via ParentPay.

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"

Herbs



There are herb pots again at the front of the school (thank you to Mrs Sue Murray for cultivating these for

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

Summer Holiday Zone

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

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 8 Reception
- Comics/games for wet playtimes



Fun Day Donation

On the 'Fun day' on Tuesday 18th July (where the children will have bouncy castles and other fun activities) and we will provide them with refreshments. We would greatly appreciate a donation towards the large costs for this with a donation of at least £1 on ParentPay.

PLEASE BOATS

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.

Be Sun Wise

Hopefull the sunny days will return, if and when they do it is important that thoughts go to protecting children from the sun. The children at the school spend a lot of time

outdoors during the school day and lunch



times in particular are times when the sun is at its hottest.

Please help your child by applying sun screen **before** they get dressed in the morning (it should last for the school day so children don't need to apply it at school and given chemical content staff aren't allowed to). Also, please ensure they have the minimum of skin showing and provide them with a hat to wear outside to protect their heads...remember...

'Wrap, Splat and Hat! www.wrapsplathat.co.uk

Last Day of Term

The main school will finish **at normal time** on Wednesday 19th July.

There will be no Beckstone Xtra or Educare/Afternoon Nursery on the last day.



Staff Changes

Mrs Potts is retiring at the end of this term. She has worked at the school since it opened and indeed in Harrington Juniors before that. She has been a brilliant teacher and is much loved and will be a very sad loss. We wish her a long and happy retirement and hope she becomes a regular visitor.





Mrs Watson has been at the school since 2014 and is leaving to take up a part time post in another school following her maternity. We wish her every success in her future career.

Finally we say goodbye to Ms Scott who was a trainee TA placement at the school and has been working temporarily with us this half term. We wish her very future success and hope our paths cross again.

As we say goodbye to the above we also say a warm welcome to our new staff who will be working with us from September.

Mrs Turk is joining us from another local school and will be based in Key Stage 1.



Ms Braniff is returning to the school following her training with us as a teacher in LKS2.

Ms McMinn will also be joining us from another

Cumbrian school and will be based in UKS2.



All three teachers were successful in recent interviews when we received an amazing amount of applications, which has bucked a national trend and lays testament to the popularity of the school. We are very confident they will be fantastic additions to our strong teaching team.



As the school year comes to end we would like to thank all of you, our wonderful parental community.

Your support of the school is absolutely amazing.
Your children are a credit and an asset to the school.

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



Harrington Youth Club Newsletter

We hope as an additional news item you find the newsletter from the Youth Club at the nottom of the hill of interest



THE HARRINGTON YOUTH CLUB

Now under New Management! Check out the exciting things underway!

What's available right now?

Our venue has undergone decoration and refurbishment with more to follow and we are happy to let you know that you can now hire out space for an event/party, additional extras include facepainting; live music, sweet stalls and popcorn machine.

We also offer (for Adults only):

Mental health Drop in - Monday 12-2pm (Ran by A New Hope)

Smart Art's Art Club - Wednesdays 10-12pm (£1 per session)

What's coming up?

This summer we have a 4 day project to rejuvenate the Harbour Side Flowerbeds, We are now taking the names of young people (8-24yrs) who are interested in getting their fingers green and their hands dirty by helping to paint, weed and plant fresh flowers to attract birds, butterflies and bees, we even have activities and treats to celebrate the end of the project.

We shortly launching our Summer Raffle for only £1 per strip starting 1st July with prize's including; Beatrix Potter Golden Ticket, Maryport Aquarium Family Pass, Lakeland Motor Museum Family Pass, Keswick Launch Family Ticket, Wine, Chocolates and more. Raffle will be drawn FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST leaving plenty of time to use your prize over the summer holidays!

We also run First Aid, Safeguarding And British Sign Language (BSL) Classes/Course.

For information on any of the above please email us:

(a) thyc.committee@gmail.com or find us on Facebook The Harrington Youth Club

Why not help us when you shop online scan the QR code for more:



CHILDREN ARE MADE READERS ON THE LAPS OF THEIR PARENTS.

Diary Dates



July

Mon 3rd – Swimming Gala Practice

- Y6 can wear Hoodies from today
- Non-Uniform Day Bottles & Chocolate
- **Reception Party Night**

Tue 4th – Large Schools Swimming Gala

Wed 5th – Strike Day

Thu 6th – Y6 Academy Tutor day

- KS1 Party Night

Fri 7th – Strike Day

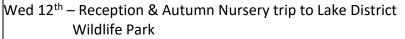
Computing competition

Mon 10th – Y5 Greek Mythology at Workington Academy.

- Y3&4 Intra school football competition
- LKS2 Party Night

Tue 11th - UKS2 Tennis

- Governor Challenge & Main Governors
- Last Strive for Five Draw
- LKS2 Trip to Dalstone Farm
- **Educare Pyjama Party**



- KS1 trip to Walby Farm Park
- Y5&6 intra school football tournament
- **UKS2 Party Night**

Thu 13th – Meet new classes morning part 1

- Sports day WEATHER DEPENDENT 10.30am
- BINGO Night 6pm

Fri 14th – Meet new classes' morning part 2

- 'The Promise' performance for Y4 & Y5
- Workington girls' football tournament

Mon 17th – Beckstone's Got Talent

- **County Cricket Finals**
- Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 18th – FUN day

Educare Dance for parents (YN pupils going to YR) 2.45pm

Y6 Graduation

Wed 19th – Leavers' Assemblies

No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today













Summer

rm Dates until Summer 2024

Spring

Autumn

Tuesday

19th Decembe

Dates for next school year already

Wed 6th – Children start back

Wednesday 19th

Wed 6th - Fri 8th Sep – Nursery New Starters Home Visits

Fri 15th Sep – Gurning Final

Thu 21st & Fri 22nd - Individual and family photos.

Thu 28th Sep - REACT Science Show - Years 5 & 6

Tues 17th Oct – Governor Challenge Day, Staffing & Finance & Main Governors AGM

Week beg. 23rd Oct – Half term

Tue 31st Oct - Halloween Themed Day

Fri 10th Nov – Remembrance Silence 11am

Sun 12th Nov – Remembrance Parade

Week beg. 20th Nov – Y6 classes intensive swim week

Week beg. 27th Nov – Y5 classes intensive swim week.

Fri 1st Dec - Reception trip to Whinlatter

Thu 14th Dec - Christmas Dinner day

Mon 18th Dec-Christmas Party Day

Tue 19th Dec - Carols in the Square 10.30am

Break up for Christmas

Wed 3rd Jan - Children start back

Week beg. 12th Feb - Half term

Thu 7th Mar – World Book Day

Sun 10th Mar - Mother's Day

Week beg. 25th Mar - Egg & Bonnet Design Week

Thu 28th Mar – Egg Dumping Final

School breaks up for Easter

Wed 2nd May – Class photos

May - KS1 Optional SATs Month

Week beg. 13th May - KS2 SATs

Tue 21st -Thu 23rd May - UKS2 Residential trip to Edinburgh

Fri 24th May – Early Years Colour Run

Week beg. 27th May – Half term

2 weeks from week beg. 3rd June – Y4 Times Table tests Week beg. 10th June - Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week

Sun 16th Jun - Father's Day

Tue 25th Jun - Sports Day

Thu 11th & Fri 12th July – Meet new classes mornings Mon 15th Jul – Swimming Gala Practice Session

Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 16th July - Swimming Gala

Wed 17th July - Graduation

Thu 18th - FUN day

Fri 19th Jul - Beckstone's Got Talent

School Year Ends





Summer

Friday 19th July