

# Beckstone Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the school year, the year has flown and has been action packed with many exciting activities for your children and there is no let up this half term as witnessed by the plethora of diary dates on the back of the newsletter.

**We are sending this edition in paper form as a 'one off' as there is a lot of information to absorb as well as important articles regarding WhatsApp and respect of staff. We want to ensure these are read and noted so please take the time to do this – thank you.**

Fingers crossed for good weather for the Sports day and the summer trips. I am sure I will get to see many of you at least one of the events that will be taking place soon.

Finally, this is the half term your child will receive their end of term report. This is an important document and summarises their progress and attainment over the year, in addition to the report parents in Y2 & Y6 will receive data summaries too. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

This newsletter has been sponsored by the following local businesses, please look out for their advert and support them when you can. Please mention that you have seen their advert in the school's newsletter!!

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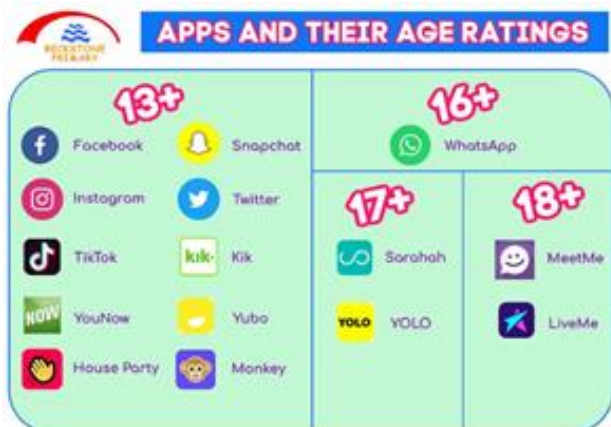
### Opening hours

Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm  
Sat 9am-12.30pm



## Social Media & Pupils

This has been a regular feature in newsletters recently. This is a result of some older children using WhatsApp inappropriately resulting in a recent incident that has caused and continues to cause a lot of upset to pupils, parents and staff alike. The incident has taken up hours of time that could have been directed more fruitfully elsewhere. The solution is simple...parents need to ensure that that children **are not illegally** accessing social media apps as they do not have the maturity to use them appropriately. The legal age limits are shown here:



It is abundantly clear that no Primary aged child should be accessing any of the apps shown. **Access is illegal.** Children may say 'Everyone has it' but that is not the case. The Governors are reviewing the social

media policy and please be aware that it is not the school's responsibility to police or investigate mis-use of social media apps **when the child should not be accessing them by law.** It is important to note that to prevent social media upset spilling into school the policy may result in immediate exclusion for pupils mis-using these apps and causing issues in school. This will go on their school records forever.

**It is your responsibility as parents to ensure your child is NOT using these apps to keep them safe.**

## Respect for Staff

The school has clear behaviour policy that is on our web site. Section 12 applies to parents. Any parent that disrespects staff will be subject to sanctions from the school which at its extreme will result in a ban from the premises and limited communication with the school to protect staff and their wellbeing.



It is less than 1% of our parent population that can cause upset in their attitude on the phone, in writing or in person. This will NOT be tolerated and action will be taken.

All we ask is that you treat all staff with respect. School staff strive hard to do their best in supporting your child with their personal and academic development. They do this in an ever challenging job. All staff do this with good heart as they find their roles rewarding in supporting children. They should NOT face disrespect in any form from a parent and this will not be tolerated and is grossly unfair when all are committed to provide the best service they possibly can.

We are very pleased that the 99% of you reading this do treat staff with respect and many are often praising the good work staff do. This was reflected in the overwhelmingly positive outcomes of the parent questionnaires.

## Social Media & Parents

Related to the above article is the use of social media to sound off about school issues. There are clear procedures in place if you have concerns about the school, **resorting to social media is not one of these.** Again, misuse will NOT be tolerated and action will be taken against 'keyboard warriors' who spread mis-truths about the school. If you are witness to any of this please let us know and we can take appropriate action and we will keep your information/identity confidential.

## Contacting Teachers

We have set systems up e.g. Tapestry and Seesaw for teachers to support your child's development. To support work/life balance we ask that you contact teachers in



school terms only and only between the hours of 8 and 6pm. Teachers are very busy and work very hard so please do not expect an immediate response, please give them time to respond. There is now a scheduling facility on Seesaw to restrict access to teachers out of these times so they have time to have their home lives. One parent has tried to by-pass these times by emailing a teacher late into the evening...this is not appropriate and has been dealt with.

The teachers are there to support and help with academic and personal development issues. Lower level issues such as lost uniform need to be dealt with by discussing with a member of staff at drop off or by contacting the School Office.



### Sporting Success



The children have been involved in a plethora of sporting activities and competitions since the last newsletter.

#### **LKS2 Football**

Our Y3&4 football team took part in a football tournament at the start of May and they won the tournament.

They are pictured at the top of the next column with their certificates and the trophy



#### **Kicky Rounders**

Our KS1 team took part in a 'Kicky Rounders' competition at St Joseph's School on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The team were up against 8 other schools and were runners up. We were very proud of them. An action picture from the event is below Kicky Rounders is like real rounders but involves kicking a ball instead.



#### **Key Stage 1 Football**





Our team won the event at Lakes College on the 10<sup>th</sup> May.

We then took part in a similar competition at St Joseph's School on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May and duly won that one too! The winning team is pictured below.



### Cross Country

We were invited to take part in a Cumberland Cross-Country competition at Maryport on the 24<sup>th</sup> May. The invite was last minute and we didn't have much time to practise however our girls' team did extremely well with our runners taking all of the top 3 slots in the race. The boys' team did well also but were not placed. The runners are pictured below;



Our sporting teams never cease to amaze us. We must be doing something right with our sports curriculum as we do so very well in every competitive event. We need a bigger or another trophy cabinet!

### Easter Raffle

Our thanks and appreciation go to all the firms who very kindly donated prizes for the raffle. The winners have been notified. If you visit/use any of the donors

please thank them for their support. The full list of prizes is shown below.

Family of 4 tickets for The Ritz Cinema  
 Morrisons Hamper  
 Goodie Bag from Tesco's  
 Washington Central Voucher  
 Haigs Voucher  
 Dixons Workington Voucher  
 The Entertainer Gift Voucher  
 Wine and Chocolate

### Sports Day Raffle

We have a further raffle also with some wonderful prizes that will be drawn on Sports Day (27<sup>th</sup> June). Tickets are £1 each and will be available on ParentPay soon.



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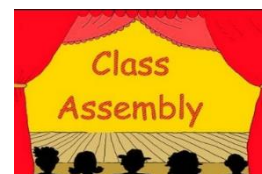
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### Class Assemblies

The last class assembly of the year is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June and this will be Mrs Potts' class.





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### Year 6 Takeover Day

The school has supported the Children's Commissioner's aim, for all schools to provide children with the opportunity to take on adult work so they can gain a deeper understanding of the life of work, every year and this year was no different. On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May the Year 6 children took over the school. The pupils took on the roles of teachers, teaching assistants, admin staff, canteen staff etc.



All the pupils (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed this time and there are over a hundred pictures from the event available to view in the film and photo gallery of our



web site...even if your child is not in Year 6 you may see them engrossed in a lesson taught by the older pupils. The photos can be found by following the link or using the QR code.

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



Teddy, pictured here with Mr Warbrick and one of our Governors, Mr Turk, was headteacher and Elsie was Deputy Head taking on Mrs Yoxall's role. Both are pictured below as well as an article they wrote on how they found their jobs.

### Our day as Beckstone's Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher

### By Teddy and Elsie

On Tuesday morning, it was nerve wracking

because we were excited to see what a Deputy Head and Headteacher do inside of school.

As Headteacher, I got in school at 8:15am to check all the teachers were in school and to greet people as they walked into school. Then I met with the Deputy Head (Elsie Stalker).

We then walked around all the classrooms and gave stickers to hard working children and teachers. It was fun to see what everyone was doing. Lots of Y6 were in class so we saw Logan confusing children with percentages and Kalen was teaching BIDMAS to Y5. Miss Jackson seemed very impressed! Everyone was smiling and enjoying themselves.

Lots of Y6 were in Nursery and we saw them having a great time in the Early Years playground! At playtime, we went outside to ask children which books they would want to win as Strive for Five prizes. Harry Potter was a favourite as well as lots requests for non-fiction.

Then we went to Mr Warbrick's office for a cup of tea and we talked about his and Ms Yoxall's jobs.

Both jobs were quite similar. Mr Warbrick manages money and keeps track of things happening in school. Ms Yoxall keeps track of



the curriculum and teaches on Mondays. They both seem to be very busy and we noticed how many times the phone rang when we were talking to Mr Warbrick! We both felt that must be very stressful.

We ended the morning watching the Y3 assembly, the play was about the Pied Piper. We thoroughly enjoyed it. At the end of our time in charge of Beckstone, we felt privileged to have had the opportunity to have a day in the life of Mr Warbrick and Mrs Yoxall.



### Year 6 Hoodies

From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### Reminder - Helping with Living Costs



Everyone at Beckstone Primary School is doing their best looking at ways we can help support financial pressures on families during the cost of living crisis. We have been limiting non-uniform days, dress up days, Christmas fair, subsidising school trips and offering free second-hand uniform to children as and when required.

The Government have issued a 'Food Poverty Grant' to all schools to be used at their own discretion. At Beckstone we looked at the best way of using these limited funds and we decided we wanted to support and help children's nutrition. We are doing this by offering the following from NOW until the end of the school year.

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

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

School milk at £9.90 this half term

Breakfast Club

Afterschool Clubs

Beckstone Xtra

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

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

### Get around for two pound

## GET AROUND FOR TWO POUND – OFFER EXTENDED!

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

📖 READ MORE:

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

#GetAroundForTwoPound  
#HelpForHouseholds

### 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**







**Safeguarding/Child Protection**

Full details on the county's policies, procedures and processes with regard to safeguarding plus analysis of outcomes of serious case reviews can be accessed through the Cumbria LSCB website at [www.cumbrialscb.com](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) the site also has a parental information zone.



In addition to the above the school has a 'Safeguarding Zone' on its website which contains the above link as well as relevant school policies, further information and a diagram showing how we keep your child safe in school. It is well worth a look.



**Sharing information is in the best interests of children and their safeguarding. The school reserves the right to share and receive information from other agencies that may have had dealings with your child.**

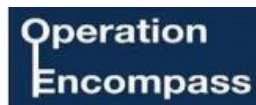
If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can outline their concerns and the Safeguarding Hub will give advice (consultation) and if necessary undertake an assessment of need.



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.

**Summer Bingo Night**

The Easter Bingo Night was a huge success and the 100 tickets sold out in record time, apologies to those that wanted to come but only to find the event was sold out.



We are going to run one towards the end of the Summer term on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We will text when tickets go on sale so please be ready to order if you wish to attend.

**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.

**Beckstone's Extended Services**

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

unable to offer facilities for packed lunches for Nursery children.

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



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



Or simply use the QR code.

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 (the cost is £5 an hour currently in other local schools that operate extended hours) so it is 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.



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**Messy Mary's at St Mary's Harrington**

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

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

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

**For all the family**

**MESSY MARY'S**

Taking place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

4pm - 6pm

In St Mary's Parish Church Hall

Come and join us for church with a difference

Messy craft, games, interactive worship and delicious food!



**Give Blood – Help Save a Life!**

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

The next donor session is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 3-7pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online, just register and book.

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



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



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## Workington Academy Information for Y6 Parents

The following flyers include important information that Y6 parents may wish to take note of if their child is transitioning to the Academy in September.



**YEAR 6-7 INFORMATION EVENING**  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 ADMISSIONS  
**WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE 2023 5PM - 8PM**

JOIN US AT  
 **WORKINGTON ACADEMY**

Come along and meet Mr Bird, Mr Bedford, Miss Tweddle and a range of other Senior Workington Academy staff to support your Transition to Team Year 7 at Workington Academy. Information provided on our Year 7 curriculum, school day and timetable, pastoral care, uniform, equipment, school lunches, summer school and much more.

*To support with the success and logistics of the evening parents/carers will be sent an individual arrival time for this event at either 5PM, 6PM or 7PM (split by current Primary School).*

Unfortunately, the above clashes with the Liverpool residential (see later article). The trip was booked well before we received any transition dates. We have spoken to the Academy and they have asked us to pass on that you don't need your child to attend this evening, all Beckstone parents would be more than welcome to attend.

Similarly, the Academy have released their tutor meeting date, this is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June which is a direct clash with the Cumbria Girls' football tournament in Harraby. We have again reached agreement that the girls in our team will be offered a different day for their tutor meetings.



**TEAM YEAR 7 TRANSITION WEBSITE**

<https://workingtonacademy.fireflycloud.net/welcome-to-team-year-7>

Log in to find out more about what you can look forward to as part of Team Year 7 at **Workington Academy**

- Check out our 360° Virtual Tour
- Watch our wide range of Department Familiarisation Videos
- Hear from some of our current students
- Find a wide range of useful documents to support your transition
- Find out about Summer School
- Complete your Admission Form Online

 **SCAN ME**



**SUMMER SCHOOL 2023**

Calling All Year 6 students joining Workington Academy in September 2023

You are invited to attend our Workington Academy Summer School between 24 July - 4 August. Choose to attend **Week 1** or **Week 2** of the Summer Holidays - 9am -2pm Monday to Friday.

Come along and get to know other new Team Year 7 members, spend time in our Academy building and familiarise yourself with new key staff members.

To apply for a place – complete the Online Application Form on our Team Year 7 Transition Website by Friday, 16 June 2023.

\*Please note that places are limited to 100 students per week and places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, with priority given to students in receipt of FSM or who are deemed as vulnerable, (as in line with the DfE Summer School guidance).

 **SCAN ME**

# WHITEHAVEN FLOWER CLUB



## Summer Gala Evening

### "Floral Fashions"

DEBBIE

DAVIES

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

At

ROSEHILL THEATRE

7.00pm

Tickets price £10

Telephone Sheila 01946 63355  
or from Theatre Box Office

### Coronation Celebrations



To mark the Coronation of King Charles the children had a great day dressed in red, white or blue or other royal costumes. The theme of the day focused on the Coronation. It was a shame the weather forecast was so unreliable that resulted in us having to cancel the outdoor events as there was a high % chance of rain that never happened.

The 'outdoor concert' that was planned for the field took place for the pupils in the Sports Hall. It was an amazing event and the pupil's performances and singing made the staff immensely proud. The 'concert' is well worth a view and can be seen in the 'Coronation Celebrations' section of our film and photo gallery, details to follow.

The afternoon celebrations began with the coronation of our own King Cameron and Queen Addisyn. The coronation was carried out by the local Vicar, Dom de Santos, who took on the role of 'Archbishop of Harrington' magnificently.



The parade, which visited Harrington Over 55's the day before with a scaled down version of the concert, took place on the school field. The children all wore crowns and had Union Jacks to wave. The parade was led by our own drummers. Thank you to those parents that were able to attend at short notice and we hope you enjoyed the spectacle. Again, pictures of the parade can be found in the coronation Celebrations section of our film and photo gallery, simply follow the link or the QR code.



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



Finally, the Coronation Committee deserve a huge public 'Thank You' for all the hard work behind the scenes in organising the crowns, party bags, concert, costumes, the parade etc. The committee is pictured below with only Mrs Davis and Mrs Vaughan missing. The committee from left to right pictured are Mrs Beecroft, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Forsythe, Mrs McAdam and Mrs Sewell.





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

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



## Nursery Intakes

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



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

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

**If you know of any children with birth dates between these times and would like their child to come to this school, then please ask them to get in touch with the School Office as soon as possible.**

Forms for applying for any of these intakes can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council website <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> (or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form, we need to see the Birth Certificate and a proof of address.



## Non-Uniform Days



We have a non-uniform day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July when we will be asking for donations of chocolate or bottles to support the Bingo Night, there will be further information in the July newsletter.

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



## The Glade

We have a new area in school we have called 'The Glade'. It was previously a storage area for the stage outside the Sports Hall but has been transformed into a green wooded area complete with soft furnishings and bird sounds! The area is for use as a 'de-stressing' zone for children if they get upset or distressed. It is mainly aimed at children in Early Years but is so relaxing it is a favourite place for staff too! Pictured below is one of our Governors, Simon Turk, officially opening the area.



## Foodbank Donations

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



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

To support this initiative please think of our more vulnerable community members and buy some non-perishable food items you think would help feed children and donate regularly. A list of suggested items is at the top of the next column.

**Shopping List**

Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to the North Lakes Foodbank

Thank you!

- \* Milk (Full Fat or Semi- Skimmed UHT)
- \* Fruit Juice (1 ltr carton UHT)
- \* Pasta Sauces (jars or sachets)
- \* Biscuits or snack bars
- \* Cereals (Medium sized boxes)
- \* Tinned Meat
- \* Tomatoes (Tinned or Carton)
- \* Tinned Fish
- \* Tinned Fruit
- \* Tinned Vegetables
- \* Soup (Tinned no Cuppa Soup)
- \* Rice Pudding (Tinned)
- \* Instant Mash Potato
- \* Sponge Pudding (Tinned)
- \* Sugar
- \* Jam
- \* Pasta (Medium bags of dried pasta. No sachets of 'pasta & sauce' mixes)
- \* Tea Bags/Instant coffee (Med)



**No Low Calorie Foods**

**Easy Fund Raising**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising **FREE** donations for Beckstone Primary School with easy fundraising?



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



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

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

Thank you for your support.



**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. 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Times Table tests**  
**Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**Y1 & Y2 Phonics Screening Check Week – Week beg. 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**Y4 Times Table Check – 2 weeks from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**UKS2 Liverpool Trip**



Years 5 & 6 are going on a summer residential this week to Liverpool. They leave tomorrow (Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June) and return on Thursday. They have an action packed itinerary and it should be great fun. A big 'Thank You' in advance to the staff who are accompanying the trip as they are giving up their home life and comforts for 3 days for the benefit of the children. The staff attending are Ms McGill, Ms Crook, Ms Jackson, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Beecroft, Mrs McAdam and Mr Bechelli.

**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 😊

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

**Travis Perkins Sand Donation**



Travis Perkins very kindly donated sand to replenish all our Early Years' sand pits last half term. It was a lovely gesture and we are very grateful.





### Creativity Cup



Isabelle was chosen as the LKS2 winner of the Creativity Cup last half term for her creative flair and her DT skills.

Her recently made book cover required precise measuring, accurate design and top quality sewing and she was able to achieve all of these with ease.

### The Marie Wright Kindness Cup



Boe from Nursery was chosen as she is always kind to her friends.



### Whinlatter Geography Field Trips

These took place in the week before half term. Each Stage at the school visited Whinlatter Forest to develop their Geography Field skills. The trips were fantastically planned by Mrs White and she ensured each trip was

a huge success and very much enjoyed by the pupils. Our thanks go to her and to her husband who were on every trip and to all the parent helpers who also attended the trips.

There is a compilation video in the film and photo gallery of the web site and there are many photos in class zones, well worth a look.



The compilation video can be found here:



[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil\\_zone/film\\_photo\\_gallery/2022-2023/geography-field-trips.mp4](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2022-2023/geography-field-trips.mp4)

### Attendance

The class with the best attendance for the second half of the spring term was 3LS (they have been the class with the best attendance for 3 out of the 4 terms so far). They are pictured below with the trophy and their certificate.



It is of the utmost importance to your child's education that they attend school consistently as learning is planned in a progressive way and one day follows on from the next in each subject. Of course, there will be times when a child is too poorly to come to school (there is guidance on illness related absence at the top of the next



page which we hope you will find useful) or they have to isolate (the latter does not count as an absence on their attendance records). However, these should be **rare events** as prompt regular attendance will really help your child do well at school.

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



### Blain Rooney Sporting Cup

One of our Governors, Mr Blain Rooney, has donated a 'Sporting Achievement Cup'. This will be awarded half termly at the same time as the Creativity and Kindness Cups for a child in a chosen Stage that has shown great sporting prowess. It will be awarded for the first time towards the end of this half term. We would like to thank Mr Rooney for this kind donation and enhancement to our prize giving events.



### Trainers

Please can all parents note that the PE uniform allows trainers but they need to be dark/black and where possible have no branding. There have been reminders about this over the year and there has now been time for any replacement trainers to have been purchased. Trainers that are of a different colour (we have seen red, orange, yellow etc) are NOT allowed in school.

### Uniform

The Governors are very concerned about items being sold by **Haig Embroidery** that are not our uniform colours, namely PE T shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans. Whilst these may be more competitively priced they are NOT our uniform colours. We have contacted the firm and they have ignored our request not to sell items that are not our uniform colours until they can stock them. This clearly has been ignored and the Governors have sought legal advice as there is no point in having a uniform policy that is not uniform! The colours of the uniform, navy and sky blue were chosen specifically as they can be sourced easily at stores such as Asda, Matalan etc. The uniform being sold by Haig and purporting to be our uniform and using our logo without permission is navy/purple hue for sweatshirts/cardigans and a much deeper blue for the PE shirts. We have no had assurances from the firm that these will no longer be sold so we hope they are true to their word and hopefully they can source the correct colours to enable parents to have a wider choice. Until we hear that has happened please DO NOT purchase these items from this firm.



### Lambs Visit

Last half term the Forsyth family brought some lambs into school for each class to visit, learn about lambs and to hold/stroke them. The children really enjoyed this and our thanks go to Rachel Forsyth for giving up her day to host this exciting event for our pupils. There are many photos of the visit in many of the class zones if you would like to look. 6JM are pictured below.



### Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 performance for parents and graduation ceremony takes place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm.

Due to constraints of space attendance at the event will be limited to 3 seats per child so we are letting you know in advance so you can decide who attends.



## Readathon Week

# readathon



The week beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> June will see a 'readathon Week'. FAB/PTA are looking for families to sponsor their children to read consistently and at length during the

week. Further details will be released soon, please support the school with this if you can, sponsorship can be done through ParentPay.

The 'Friends at Beckstone' raise much needed money for the school which is used to enhance and enrich your child's experience at the school so a very worthy cause to support.



## 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.



## Workington Swimming Gala

The Workington Swimming Gala will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Vaughan & 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.

## Summer Camp

### HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEME



Thank you to all who responded to the Summer Camp questionnaire. The final day for responses is **TODAY**.



Once we know numbers we will let you know what weeks we can offer so you will then be able to book and hopefully we can help ease some of the child care worries for

the Summer.

## Circuits

'Circuits Days' take place each half term. 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 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.



## UKS2 Intensive Swim Weeks

Each of the UKS2 classes has a week of swimming during this half term (**dates on back page**). The sessions will be an intensive one week of one hour sessions with an aim to get all children being able to swim 25m before the week is out (the minimum National Curriculum expectation). Swimming times are 2 to 3pm so the class will arrive slightly later than normal finish time on these weeks.

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

Please note that spectators are not allowed in for these sessions.

## Clothing Return

When children in Early Years mainly but not exclusively, have an 'accident' we change their clothes and send home the soiled ones. We are finding that the clothing we dress your child in is not being returned and we are now desperately short of underwear, socks, tights etc. Please can these be returned if it has happened to your child. Thank you

## Sports Day



This takes place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather we will then try to stage it on Thursday of the same week (29<sup>th</sup>). If possible please send your child in the colour of their house.

If you want to watch it then you can take a seat on the field after you have dropped your child off. The fun starts at 9.20am and Nursery will leave after half an hour to an hour once their races are complete and the rest of the school should complete their events by around 11am. 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.

## Advertisements

If you run a business or know of someone who does (even baby-sitting services) then please do get in touch with the School Office. An advert costs £5 a month, goes to at least 500 local households (parents, staff etc.) and also provides much needed funds for the school. Adverts are subject to the approval of the Governing Body.



## Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Board games
- Construction Equipment e.g. K'Nex,
- Meccano or Lego
- Lego Classic Blocks
- Railway or road sets
- Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Comics/games for wet playtimes



## School Funds

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

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

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

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



## 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"*

## Food & Drink



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





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



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

### Party Nights



The 'Party Nights' return this half term instead of Cinema Nights. The dates are on the back page for each Stage. 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.

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### Be Sun Wise

As the days get hotter (hopefully!!) 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](http://www.wrapsplathat.co.uk)

### Class Photos

Please note that if you want to order photos of your child's class then you have until Friday of this week. If you have lost the form just contact the School office.



### Staffing

Mrs Watson has returned from her maternity leave and will be teaching 1/2RM for the rest of the year.

We are currently working on the structure and staff deployment for next year and will let you know all about 2023/24 in the July newsletter.

This year has seen a number of staff changes as staff have moved on to other employment outside of education. This is happening across schools nationally due to deteriorating pay following Government pay freezes, extra responsibilities on schools as support systems have been cut and pressure on school budgets resulting in less staff so increasing pressure in the school day. We have lost staff to a call centre, the NHS, & Sellafield...all offering more pay and less pressurised working conditions. The Education Unions will be continuing their industrial action into the autumn if nothing is done to resolve this situation and all in education need support to secure a better future for schools, their staff and their pupils.

### **Retirement**



Mrs Potts, who has worked at the school since it opened is retiring at the end of this term. It has been a very hard decision for her as she loves teaching and has taught well over 500 children in the locality who have all enjoyed being in her class. There will be more about her in next month's newsletter but we thought we would let you know in advance.



CHILDREN ARE  
MADE READERS  
ON THE LAPS  
OF THEIR PARENTS.

# Diary Dates



# Term Dates until Summer 2024

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

## June

Week beg. 5<sup>th</sup> June - **3-week window for Y4 Times Table Check**

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> & Thu 8<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 Liverpool Residential  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Information Evening at the Academy  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> & Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – EY Come & Play  
Week beg 12<sup>th</sup> - Intensive Swim Week – 6JM

- **KS1 Phonics Screening Check Week**

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> – Strive for Five Draw  
- Reception Multi Skills Competition



Thu 15<sup>th</sup> – Reception Beach trip  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – 4DP Class Assembly  
- KS1 Kinder Cricket Festival  
- UKS2 Football Competition at Harraby



Sun 18<sup>th</sup> J – Father's Day  
Week beg. 19<sup>th</sup> - Intensive Swim Week – 5/6CC  
- Readathon Week

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 Football Competition  
- Big Sing at the Carnegie

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> – Tag Rugby tournament for KS2

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> – Nursery Parents' Evening

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Workington Football Cup

Week beg. 26<sup>th</sup> - Intensive Swim Week – 5LJ

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Starter Home Visits

- 'Sing Up' day

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day Reserve

- Y6 visiting Dowdales School re: Shakespeare

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Girls football tournament at Harraby

- Y6 Tutor Meeting Day

- Strive for Five Draw



## July

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Swimming Gala Practice

- Y6 can wear Hoodies from tod

- Reception Party Night



Tue 4<sup>th</sup> July – Large Schools Swimming Gala

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 Party Night

Thu 6<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 Picnic with parents

- Y6 Academy Tutor day

- Circuits Day

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

- LKS2 Football tournament at Harraby

- Computing competition

- Circuits Day

- Non-Uniform Day – Bottles & Chocolate

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July – Y5 Greek Mythology day at Workington Academy

- LKS2 Party Night

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Jul – UKS2 Tennis

- Governor Challenge & Main Governors

- Last Strive for Five Draw

- LKS2 Trip to Dalstone farm

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

Wildlife Park

- KS1 trip to Walby Farm park

- UKS2 Party Night

Thu 13<sup>th</sup> July – Meet new classes morning part 1

- BINGO Night

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

- Workington girls' football tournament

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent

- Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – FUN day

- **Y6 Graduation**

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

- No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today



## Dates for next school year already

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> – Children start back

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Sep – Nursery New Starters Home Visits

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Sep – Gurning Final

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> & Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Individual and family photos.

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Sep – REACT Science Show – Years 5 & 6

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Governor Challenge Day, Staffing & Finance & Main Governors AGM

Week beg. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Half term

Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Halloween Themed Day

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Silence 11am

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Parade

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Reception trip to Whinlatter

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner day

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Party Day

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carols in the Square 10.30am

- Break up for Christmas

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Children start back

Week beg. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half term

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mother's Day

Week beg. 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Egg & Bonnet Design Week

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – Egg Dumping Final

- School breaks up for Easter

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Class photos

**May – KS1 Optional SATs Month**

**Week beg. 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs**

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> –Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> May – UKS2 Residential trip to Edinburgh

Week beg. 27<sup>th</sup> May – Half term

**2 weeks from week beg. 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Y4 Times Table tests**

**Week beg. 10<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week**

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Jun – Father's Day

Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Jun – Sports Day

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Jun- Sports Day Reserve

Thu 11<sup>th</sup> & Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – Meet new classes mornings

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July - Graduation

Thu 18<sup>th</sup> – FUN day

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent

- School Year Ends

