

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the March edition of our school newsletter. I hope and trust you all had a fabulous half term. There is a lot happening between now and the Easter holidays in just under 5 weeks' time - we hope this newsletter will keep you up to speed with everything that you need to know about school life this month.

The month of March will see World Book Day, ducks hatching, 'Poetry by Heart', Cyclewise for Years 5 & 4, many trips out, further sports events, party nights, a school Bingo night, participation in County Finals and egg dumping. All important dates are on the back page of this newsletter. You will see what an eventful few weeks we have by the long list of dates there. Further details of all these events are contained within this newsletter. Please take time to read it so you are fully aware of all aspects of the life of the school.

In addition to all of the above there are also parents' evenings this month. Please ensure you return your appointment slip. There is one appointment per child. All educational research shows that when school and home work together to support a child they have greater educational success so please do attend.

Finally, the month of March sees 2 more strike days if there is no resolution of the pay dispute. These take place on the 15th and 16th and are over 2 consecutive days.

Wishing you all an eggsellent Easter when it comes.

Best wishes,
Mr Warbrick



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Industrial Action

The second strike of this round of industrial action was yesterday. Again, the school followed the DfE



and County guidance to the letter opening for Pupil Premium children, Looked After children, Education Health Care Plan pupils, pupils with national tests and pupils of essential workers (who registered earlier in the term).

The teachers realise and understand the disruption partial closure has but received many messages of support from families. It is hoped the action will result in talks between the Government and the National Education Union to resolve this dispute.

The other planned strike days, if there is no settlement, are Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March – the school will aim to partially close again with the same arrangements as yesterday. Please note however that other teaching unions are looking to re-ballot, unions representing non-teaching staff may also ballot and guidance may change. **Please do not assume if the school was open to your child yesterday that this will be the case in the middle of the month.** It may be prudent to be prepared and have childcare in place for the dates shown.

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

Site Safety

For the safety of all please can the following be noted:

1. Cars on the hill – NO vehicle should be moving before and after school when the children are coming to or going from school. We are trying our best to let delivery vehicles know but it is important all are aware of this as it is sometimes parents.

2. The gates of the school are locked at 8.30am and we ask no-one to be on the school site until the gates are open. The



change in procedures follows an updated risk assessment. This change will firstly ensure no cars are moving through the site (see above). In addition, there are no school staff outside until 8.45am to ensure safe use of the site. What was previously happening was some children were playing on the fence/bears directly in front of school whilst parents were waiting with the danger of falling and some Key Stage 2 children were accessing the site without an adult. In this situation if there was an accident the school would have no supervision but as it is on site could bear some responsibility. As a result, to eliminate the risk to school we now ask that no-one enters the school site from 8.30 to 8.45am.

Easter Camp

Unfortunately, we only had demand for 13 children and this would not cover costs so we are unable to run the Easter camp as we are not allowed under financial regulations to run it at a loss.

HOLIDAY PLAYScheme



We hope to run a childcare camp during the summer holidays if there is enough demand. A Google form will be issued about this immediately after the Easter holidays.

Parents' Evenings



Parents of children in classes from Reception to Year 6 will receive a letter with a return slip to request a time frame for an appointment with your child's teacher on Wednesday 22nd March or Thursday 23rd March. Please return these slips to school as soon you can and a


10 minute appointment time will be issued. The appointments are for **you and your child** (one appointment per child...if there are difficult circumstances then a Zoom



appointment at the same time as the in person one could be set up on request but only on an acute need basis. It really is important parents do attend so they hear the same message and so can support their child effectively. The appointment will focus on an interim report on your child's progress along with RAG ratings for attendance, behaviour, uniform compliance etc. as well as reviewing school life in general following on from the Autumn evening. Please note that brothers and/or sisters should not be at these meetings but should be in the FREE crèche provided. We will also be asking you to support your children by setting targets for you to support them at home

School Report Booklet 2022/23

Name: _____
Class: _____
D.O.B: _____
House: Red



This year's reporting to parents is timely to keep you up to speed with your child's academic, social and emotional development over the year.

Autumn Term: A wellbeing/settling in drop in session on Tuesday 11th October to meet the new teacher, look at work & discuss any transition issues or other issues to support Addisyn-Rubie's learning. A paper copy was given to take away.

Spring Term: A formal 1-1 meeting to review wellbeing & discuss academic progress, whether on track for end of year age related expectations and how parents can help their child reach their targets. There will also be RAG rated checklists on general school life.

Summer Term: A final end of year report detailing academic outcomes across all aspects of the curriculum and social development outcomes. The end of year report will also include Addisyn-Rubie's own self-evaluation as well as Summer term RAG ratings. Children in Year 2 and Year 6 will also receive SAT results and comparative data.

Spring Report 2022/23

R.A.G. Rating	Key	Sept-Feb	Maths	Writing	Reading	SPAG
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Below 95% ▲ 90 to 95% ■ Above 95% ● Other use ▲ Sometimes Late ■ Never late 		Greater Depth Standard GDS + GDS + GDS + GDS + Working <u>above</u> Age Related Expectation GDS - GDS - GDS - GDS -	GDS + GDS + GDS + GDS + GDS GDS GDS GDS	GDS + GDS + GDS + GDS + GDS - GDS - GDS - GDS -	GDS + GDS + GDS + GDS + GDS - GDS - GDS - GDS -
Punctuality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rarely in uniform ▲ Usually in uniform ■ Always in uniform ● Never in correct kit ▲ Sometimes not in correct kit ■ Always in correct kit 		Expected Standard EXS + EXS + EXS + EXS + National Expectation EXS - EXS - EXS - EXS -	EXS + EXS + EXS + EXS + EXS - EXS - EXS - EXS -	EXS + EXS + EXS + EXS + EXS - EXS - EXS - EXS -	EXS + EXS + EXS + EXS + EXS - EXS - EXS - EXS -
Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rarely in uniform ▲ Usually in uniform ■ Always in uniform ● Rarely completed/on time ▲ Usually completed/on time ■ Always completed & on time 		Working Towards Standard WTS + WTS + WTS + WTS + Working <u>above</u> Age Related Expectation WTS - WTS - WTS - WTS -	WTS + WTS + WTS + WTS + WTS WTS WTS WTS	WTS + WTS + WTS + WTS + WTS - WTS - WTS - WTS -	WTS + WTS + WTS + WTS + WTS - WTS - WTS - WTS -
PE Kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rarely good effort ▲ Usually good effort ■ Consistently good effort ● Regularly causes concern ▲ Sometimes causes concern ■ Always well behaved 					
Homework						
Effort						
Behaviour						

Our 2022-23 Topics

Autumn: Darwin's Delights & Frozen Kingdoms

Spring: Evolution of Childhood (Victorians) & Ancient Greece

Summer: Windrush Generation & Bloodheart

Extra-Curricular Clubs your child could attend to support their learning:


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Our Lower Key Stage 2 team took part in a 'Multi Skills' festival last month. It was a showcase event and our team did fantastically well and received some wonderful sporting accolades from the event organisers.



We entered 2 teams into the Allerdale Gymnastics Championship. Our Key Steps 2 team (lower Key Stage 2) did amazingly well and only just missed being the winners of the event. Our Key Steps 3 team (Upper Key Stage 2) did win their event and will now represent Allerdale in the County Finals on the last Monday in March. Both teams are pictured below and both teams will showcase their entries for the school in the penultimate week of March.



Sporting Success



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



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TABLE TENNIS

Finally, in February we entered 2 teams into the Allerdale table tennis tournament. Both teams played brilliantly and ended up meeting in the semi-final. The event ended with our Team A winning and Team B coming third. This is the only event where school staff have to take part as well. Pictured below are the 2 teams and the winning team with their trophy.



Helping with Living Costs



Everyone at Beckstone Primary School is doing their best looking at ways we can help support financial pressures on families during the cost of living crisis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

GET AROUND FOR TWO POUND – OFFER EXTENDED!

From now until 30th 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

#GetAroundForTwoPound
 #HelpForHouseholds



Governors' Board

Reception children's big kick off!

December saw the launch of football training for the reception children on a Friday evening at the old 6th Form Centre from 5-6pm. The idea of the sessions are to increase social interaction whilst simultaneously creating a fun filled atmosphere in which the children can increase their fitness. The sessions have been a great success which can be measured by the retention and increase of numbers attending each Friday.

At such an early age the goal of the coaches isn't necessarily to massively increase the children's footballing skills. However, due to work commitments I missed a couple of weeks and when I came back, I was so impressed with the improvements the children had made in their ball control. It just goes to show that if the children are enjoying themselves then they will learn and improve at a rapid rate.

If your child isn't too exhausted from an action-packed week with the wonderful Mrs. Trotter and Mrs. White then please get in touch with Rachel Forsyth (07903 9+86506), Pete O'Donnell (07595 159270), Lee Bowman (07512 53074) or myself (07527 341240) if you'd like your child to attend, as you can see from the photo above all the children absolutely love it!



Rewind to December

In December the Governors spent a day in school for the challenge day. I just wanted to say how impressed I was with the manners of all pupils and the atmosphere all the children and staff had created around the school. It was a pleasure to be there and on a personal note it was such a nice feeling to know my own children are learning and growing in such a fantastic environment.

Uniform Exchange

As you all know we launched the uniform exchange initiative in July 2022. The scheme has been a relative success as we have had many donations and many families have made use of the scheme. We have lots of excess uniforms, coats, bags and shoes in all sizes.

This scheme is for EVERYBODY so please do not hesitate to come and claim some free uniform. We know it's expensive to buy brand new uniform and how quickly kids grow out of it, so save some money and treat yourselves to a meal out or a cinema trip!

School Gates

Please do not drive up the school hill when dropping off for school or picking up from school unless your child is at breakfast club or after school clubs. Parents with disabilities can apply to drive up the hill and wait but must be there before 8.30am as the gates then close. Unfortunately, there are only 27 spaces and with 50 staff we need to make sure the car park is cleared for staff to ensure all staff are ready and prepared for pupils arriving.

Could all KS2 children please wait until 8.45 to arrive on school property. It's great that they are all keen to get into school but unfortunately the staff are all very busy preparing for the day and there is no one to supervise, this obviously holds many problems if any accidents were to occur.

Teacher Strikes

Before becoming a Governor I always knew that teaching wasn't the stereotypical "only work 6 hours a day" "weekends off" "loads of annual leave". But since taking up the role of parent governor my eyes have been well and truly opened further. The hours and effort our teachers put in behind the scenes is astounding. On behalf of the governor's and as a parent, we and I stand by the teacher's and hope the strikes achieve their purpose.

Thanks for reading,



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Safeguarding Children – A Place of Safety

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



Safeguarding/Child Protection

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



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

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



If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can outline their concerns and the Safeguarding Hub will

give advice (consultation) and if necessary undertake an assessment of need.



0333 240 1727

There is now also an adult NSPCC helpline where any concerned adult can seek advice if they are concerned about a child and would like advice on whether to make a referral. The number to call is



0800 800 5000

Domestic Violence

Operation Encompass

Debbie Cook, our Educational Support Manager has trained to be a 'Domestic Violence Champion' and is a resource available to any adult who would like to confidentially share incidents with her and is a very good source of advice. Just contact the School Office to get in touch with her.

Domestic violence is on the increase and causes terrible harm to victims and the associated children.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure it is eradicated. We are working closely with the Police and the school will learn of any incidents to support any children whose lives are affected by such an occurrence.



Police Notice

We have been **CENTRED POLICING** asked to share the following letter with our parental community by Cumbria Police:

Child 

Dear Parent/carer,

Cumbria Police investigate cases daily involving children sharing explicit material over the internet and/or between mobile devices.

To explain the term sext, it is defined as, a self-generated explicit image which is sent to other young people over the internet. However, it can also include naked or indecent "selfies" sent by mobile devices.

We write to you to advise you of the risks involved in this behaviour and to ask for your support in reminding children that one click can have a massive impact on their lives and reputation.

It is vital that people are aware of the dangers of sharing explicit material online and that this could constitute a criminal offence.

Many young people do not know that if they send an indecent or naked image of themselves, they are breaking the law. The receiver of the image is also breaking the law (even if they have your consent) if they view the image and do not take positive action to delete it immediately or report it. Additionally, anyone who shares that image (even with your consent), is also breaking the law. Potential consequences of this may be prosecution, a permanent criminal record, or even be made to register as a sex offender. A record or being a registered sex offender can stop you travelling abroad and getting into certain professions.

It is important to remember that once an image is sent out all control of where it ends up is lost and in seconds it can be shared widely amongst friends, family, and the internet. It may seem like harmless fun at the time, but it can have huge emotional consequences for those involved, leaving them vulnerable to blackmail, bullying and harm. We are seeing these impacts regularly. From social media to online gaming, the internet plays a major role in children's lives. It is a fantastic source of information and entertainment for children, but unfortunately offenders are increasingly using the internet and technology to harm children.

Cumbria Police continue to work with education providers and children to highlight the dangers but ask if you could reinforce our message and remind your children of the useful tips below.

- Not everyone is who they say they are. It is very easy for somebody to hide their real identity online.
 - NEVER arrange to meet a person you have 'met' on the internet.
 - NEVER give out contact details to someone you have met online such as your phone number or address.
 - DO NOT give out personal details that could reveal your age, gender, or location, such as your school.
 - Change your email address if you suspect someone you have met online has access to it.
 - Tell a parent or trusted adult if you are worried about something or someone you have come across on the internet.
 - Only use moderated chat rooms to chat to your friends on, which are monitored to keep you safe.
 - Never email a photo of yourself to someone you have met online.
 - Don't believe everything you read - sometimes people don't tell the truth and will say things to manipulate you.
 - Use your common sense! If something seems wrong or makes you feel uncomfortable, you must tell a parent or another trusted adult immediately.
- The NSPCC and ChildLine have produced a range of excellent online safety resources for both children and adults, including guidance on how to request the removal of an indecent image from the internet.

CEOP's (child exploitation and online protection) is another great website for support regarding online safety. The content can be tailored to parents/carers but there are resources available for children, and these can be tailored to different age groups. There is also a link to the Report Remove Tool.

Cumbria's Centred Policing Teams are here to support children and advise parents. If you have any concerns or information about sexting, then please contact police on www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it. You can also call 101 or live chat with an officer through our website.

Yours faithfully,

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Term Time Holidays & Tests

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

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



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

The key dates this school year are:

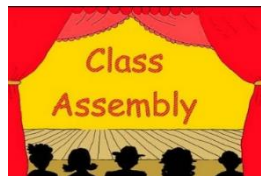
May – KS1 SATs Month

Week beginning 8th May – KS2 SATs

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

Week beginning 12th June –Y1 Phonics Screening Check

Class Assemblies
Date Changes



Due to circumstances beyond our control 3LS's class assembly will now be on Friday 5th May and 3SF's on Friday 12th May. The only class assembly this month is 1/2RM on Friday 24th March.

The assemblies start promptly at 9.05am. Parents are welcome to attend. We film the assemblies and DVDs or password protected downloads can be ordered for £3 after the event via ParentPay.

Finally, no fire drills are planned for these times so if the fire alarm does sound please leave by the rear doors of the Sports Hall and muster on the back playground.

Bingo Night

The Easter Bingo Night will take place on Wednesday 29th March from 5.30pm. It is for one night only so you may need to book early (once you receive the text stating it is live on ParentPay) to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited to 100



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.

World Book Day



Your child will receive a 'World Book Day' voucher today along with the dates page. The token is worth £1 and it will allow your child to buy this year's World Book Day's book or will give £1 discount at book shops.

On World Book Day itself (**THIS** Thursday, 2nd March) our focus this year is again purely on reading rather than dressing up. We did not advertise costumes for the day and referred to no dress up days in a letter last half term but clearly it wasn't clear enough. We are trying our best to reduce costs for families but realise from feedback that some have bought/made costumes. As a result, your child can come dressed as a book character if they so wish but it is purely optional, please don't go out and buy costumes or they can come in non-uniform or indeed uniform, the choice is yours.. **Most importantly your child is invited to bring their favourite items to read to school** from home as they will have the opportunity to read for pleasure at various points throughout the school day. The school tannoy will announce ten-minute reading sessions within each lesson across the course of the day. They can bring in comics, picture books, novels or factual books. We will also provide reading material for them.

Your child will also receive a free keepsake, World Book Day book, during the day to take home and keep. It is a book they chose themselves earlier this year and has been funded by the school.

Comic Relief

Given World Book Day, egg decorating, egg dumping, chocolate non-uniform day, Easter party nights, Bingo and may other exciting events this short half term the school will not be officially taking part in Comic Relief. It may be something you want to do with your family instead.





Strive for Five

As a reward for those reading at least 5 times a week at home they become eligible to be part of the fortnightly 'Strive for Five' draw which will now precede the singing sessions on a Tuesday. Each year group winner will receive a book and chocolate for the parent(s) who have supported at home. Please use this as an incentive to read regularly with your child ☺

Beckstone's Extended Services

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



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



bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk



Or simply use the QR code.

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

30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)

11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

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

Please contact the office for further details.

NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. = **£8.50**

11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = **£12.00**

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

Please contact the office for further details.

Please note 30 hour Scheme can be used in Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra.

Carer & Toddler Club

This runs every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 3pm and is a very popular club. It is a great way to meet new friends. There is no cost to join but a £3.00 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments



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Give Blood – Help Save a Life!



Giving blood to support others is a wonderful selfless act that helps fellow citizens. Who knows, a member of your family may rely on someone else's blood donations to save their life at some point.

The next donor session is not until Friday 7th April from 10am until 2pm or on Monday 17th April from 3-7pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online, just register and book.

Do something worthwhile and save someone's life



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

Revisewise



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

All Year 6 children should be attending one of the sessions

Circuits

'Circuits Days' will take place each half term this school year. They will be on a Thursday or a Friday depending on the day your child has their PE session. As they are now coming to school in PE Kits on those days anyway there is no need for different clothing on these days. The ones for this half term are Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th March.





Poetry by Heart

Children from Reception upwards will be learning poems for a showcase of poetry on the Friday 10th March with some of the entries being entered into a national 'Poetry by Heart' competition.



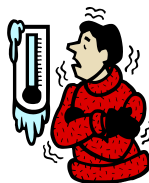
Each Reception and Key Stage 1 class will recite a choral class poem.

Classes in Y3&4 will be 'freestyling' their poems and our older children will be choosing 'classic' poems. These year groups will have a mixture of individual, group and class performances.

Extreme Weather/Heating Emergencies



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



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

Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 January 2020** and **31 March 2020** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2023**.



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

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

If you know of any children with birth dates between these times and would like their child to come to this school, then please ask

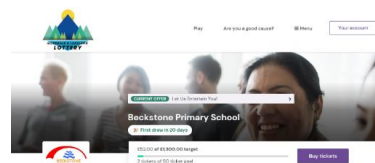
them to get in touch with the School Office as soon as possible.

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



Allerdale Lottery

Allerdale's lottery is now live with a monthly draw. The top prize is £25,000 and it costs £1 a ticket. If you are going to play and you buy your ticket through our own Beckstone Primary Page then the school will receive **50p** for every ticket sold through our part of the site going forward. You can play once or pay by direct debit which costs £4.34 a month for one ticket in every weekly draw.



There are a number of ways of winning. We have over 60 players assigned to our school and many have already won prizes!! For more information and to play through our page please go to: <https://www.allerdalelottery.com/support/beckstone-primary-school> or use the QR code: Please share this link with friends and family.

PARENTAL FEEDBACK

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

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

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

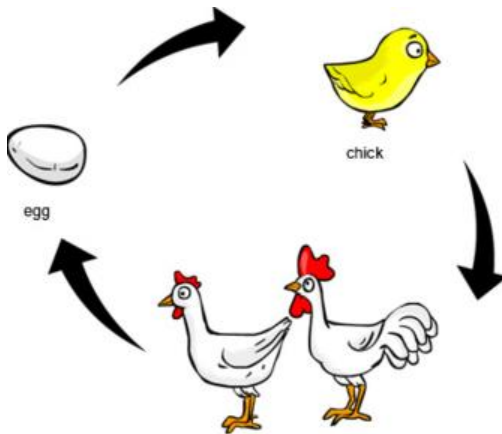
admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

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



Living Eggs

The school again is incubating eggs which will hopefully hatch into chicks within a week. The incubator will be in Mrs White's room but all classes can watch events within school via a live webcam. The eggs will arrive next Tuesday (7th). The hatching process is very exciting and certainly catches the children's imagination as well as raising their awareness of life cycles. When the chicks hatch they are either yellow (male) or brown (female). Your children will no doubt keep you up to date with developments particularly as they should be really cute!



King's Coronation Party Plans

We are hoping to host a 'street party' on Friday 5th May, a day before the Coronation and in advance of the bank holiday on the following Monday. We are just in the planning stage but make a date for the afternoon of the 5th May so you can attend with your child, a family event with historical significance!



Uniform

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

Please also remember that until we hear that Haig Embroideries are able to supply our uniform colours for polo shirts, sweatshirts and fleeces please do not purchase these items from them as they are not the correct colour. There is little point in having a uniform if it is not all the same colour. Our colours in these items are available with a logo from Border Embroideries or without the logo from Matalan, Asda etc. The logo is completely optional and we are trying our best to support families with uniform costs



Full details of our uniform can be found on our web site: https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/school_uniform.html or by following the QR Code.



Workington Academy Award Winners

Some of our Year 5 children go to the Academy for enrichment sessions for Maths and English. These are attended by pupils from many other schools and an award is given for the outstanding pupils of the week...our pupils have been having a run of success in receiving these which has made us all proud.

Lara:



Tom:



Harrie & George:



& Scarlett



Trip to Alhambra Cinema



Mrs Potts managed to procure a FREE Cinema ticket for all children in Lower Key Stage 2 at the Alhambra Cinema in Keswick to see 'Raya & the Last Dragon'. This takes place next Wednesday (8th) and promises to be a lovely experience. There is a £5 charge to cover refreshments and travel. This is now live on ParentPay.



Non-Uniform Day



The non-uniform day for this half term is on Friday 24th March where



we will be asking for donations of chocolate in return for wearing no uniform. The chocolate will be used for Bingo prizes and for egg and bonnet prizes, see below.



Easter Competitions

Children in Nursery & Reception, are invited to bring bonnets that they have decorated at home with a parent in the last week of term. There will be prizes for the most original and they will go on display outside the classrooms.



Children in Key Stage 1& 2 are invited to bring in **hard boiled** eggs (i.e. they will need 2, one for decorating and one for dumping) in the last week of term. They will decorate their eggs

in school and they will be judged by the cook towards the end of that week.

Egg Dumping

Children are invited to take part in an egg dumping competition in the last week of this term in their classes. Each class winner will then go through to the 'Grand Final' on the last Friday morning assembly where the 'School Champion' will be crowned. Children wishing to take part will need to bring a **hard-boiled** hen's egg to school (not duck, not dinosaur or concrete and not varnished!) on the Monday of the last week– we will endeavour to remind you about this.



Holiday Activities

In the run up to the Easter holidays we will be adding any information or flyers we receive about Easter holiday activities into our 'Holiday Activity Ideas' zone of the web site, which can be found in the Parents' drop-down menu or by following the QR code.

Do have a look as there may be activities of interest to you and your family.



Food & Drink



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

- **Milk** is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for this half term is **£7.50** and needs to be paid by **Friday, 3rd March 2023** via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque. The cost for the first half of the summer term is **£8.40** payable by Friday 21st April. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.



- Snack money for Nursery and Reception is now **FREE** until the end of the school year.



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

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



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

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.



Easy Fund Raising

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

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



All you need to do is:

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

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

Thank you for your support.

High Harrington Community Centre



The Community Centre is in Crooklands, High Harrington and is colloquially known as the 'Green Hut'. It is a very competitively priced and useful resource for all in the community to use.

To hire this facility for gatherings indoors then please contact Marjorie Rae on 01946 831004. The venue can be used for children or adult parties, meetings etc. and hire rates are very reasonable indeed once these are allowed. If you do hire this venue, please let Marjorie know you read about it in this newsletter.

The Ladies Club which runs every Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.45pm. A great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends.

Ladies Club
Tuesday
from 1.30 to 3.45pm at High
Harrington Community
Centre.



All ages are welcome to attend.

"A great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends"

Cyclewise

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



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

Bikes should be locked up against the fence in the Infant yard at the start of each day. If you wish your child to leave their bike on site during the week then they can bring it in at the end of the day and leave it in the corridor. Year 4 children who have parental consent will have their beginner Cyclewise session either on Thursday 9th March or Friday 10th March in the same week. The pupils' bikes can be locked in the front yard and will need to go home at the end of the day. Further details on timings will be released nearer the time.



Further information can be found here or follow the QR code:

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

Easter Party Nights



Beckstone's Extended Services are hosting some Easter party nights with food, party games, dancing etc. The dates are on

the back page and you will be informed when you can book your child into one of these if you want to.

The cost for each night is £6. Places can be booked on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments and prizes.

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.



Sumdog Competition

4DP entered a national maths competition last half term and became really inspired by the nature of the event and on the closing day they won it...see screengrab below:

Position	Class Name	Score
1st	Y4DP, Beckstone Primary School	567
2nd	CON-22-3-MA, North Lakes School	238
3rd	ELT-22-5-MA, North Lakes School	201
4th	Year 5/6, Hawkshead Esthwaite Primary School	159
5th	BJUT-22-3-MA, North Lakes School	136
6th	CRU-22-6-MA, North Lakes School	134
7th	ULL-22-4-MA, North Lakes School	79
8th	WIN-22-4-MA, North Lakes School	76
9th	BAS-22-6-MA, North Lakes School	60
10th	RYD-22-5-MA, North Lakes School	23

In addition, our pupils scored very highly with Libby being overall super mathematician but many of her peers also scoring highly enough to get into the top 10: The whole class did amazing well and we are very proud of them. Roll on the next competition and hopefully more will get involved as it was a great way

of consolidating known maths skills and learning new ones.

Position	Name	Score
1st	Libby R	969
2nd	Hannah Grace G	959
3rd	Isabella L	930
4th	David Maria B	906
5th	Neil W	901
6th	Sebastian D	895
7th	Afia L	893
8th	Elliot S	893
9th	Rose B	874
10th	Zach B	864
11th	Ian W	843
12th	Dylan L	835
13th	Paul D	831
14th	Kaden M	802
15th	Spencer S	782
16th	Samuel W	728
17th	Kyleen B	678
18th	Levi H	675
19th	Charlie S	623
20th	Elisabeth H	571
21st	Zach B	531
22nd	Jason F	498

Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following:

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



School Funds

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

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

Please help if you can by donating to this fund.

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



Workington Reds Season Pass



It is the centenary year for Workington Reds. Every child will go free along with a paying adult until April 2023 with the pass that was distributed last term.

This is a very generous gift and we are very grateful to the board of Workington Reds. The

Date	Comp	Opponent	Venue
Sat 04/03 15:00	→ Northern Div 1 West	Hanley Town	Home
Sat 25/03 15:00	→ Northern Div 1 West	Glossop North End AFC	Home
Sat 08/04 15:00	→ Northern Div 1 West	Witton Albion	Home
Sat 22/04 15:00	→ Northern Div 1 West	Colne	Home

home fixtures left this season are displayed below...

Facebook & Instagram

The school is on Facebook and Instagram.



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



Facebook

Instagram

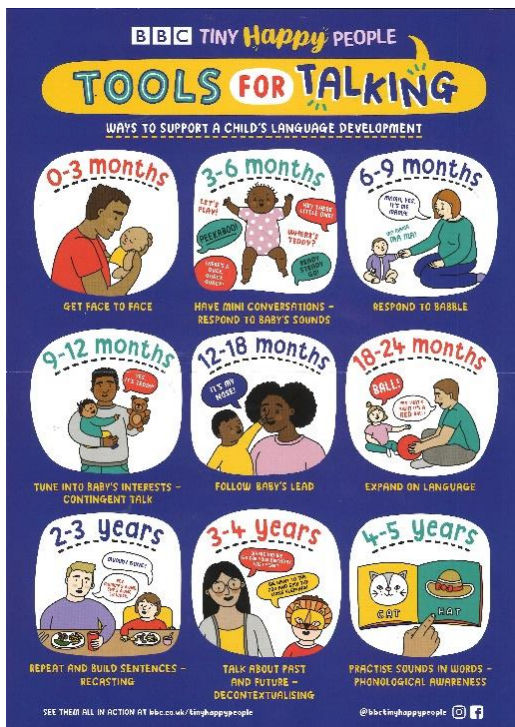
<https://www.facebook.com/beckstoneprimarieschool/>
<https://instagram.com/beckstoneprimary?r=nametag>

Parent Questionnaire



Thank you to all of you who completed the recent parental questionnaire. We really value your views and will incorporate the findings into the development of the school.

Tools for Talking



The BBC has put together some very useful free activities to support the development of children over a range of ages (see graphic at the bottom of the last column). The activities can be found here and they are well worth a look.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



Staff Changes



The end of this term sees quite a number of staff changes.



Sadly, Ms Maskew is leaving us at Easter. She has been a brilliant teacher and we will miss her greatly. Her class will be taken by Mrs Watson on her return from maternity leave for the second half of the Summer term. For the first half there will be another teacher in place. Parents of children in that class will know more towards the end of the term.

We are also sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Barbu who has been a mid-day supervisor and extended services worker for many years now. She is leaving for personal reasons and we wish her every success in the next chapter of her career.



Finally, we are saying a goodbye for now to 2 other staff members who start their maternity leave towards the end of this month. We wish them well and their babies are due very close together. Both plan to return to school before Christmas.



CHILDREN ARE
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ON THE LAPS
OF THEIR PARENTS.

Diary Dates



Term Dates until Summer 2024

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

March

Wed 1st – Y1&2 Multi Skills Festival

Thu 2nd – World Book Day

- Open Evening for New Nursery Starters

Fri 3rd – 25 Y5 Mathematicians are going to St Jo's for a Maths Masterclass

Mon 6th – Cyclewise week starts for Y5 children

- Classes vote for their 'Poetry by heart' entrants

Tue 7th – Hatching eggs arrive

- Internet Safety Day



Wed 8th – Year 3 & 4 visiting Alhambra Cinema at Keswick to see 'Raya & the Last Dragon'

Thu 9th – Y4 Cyclewise starts (pm)

- Educare Afternoon Tea



POETRY BY
HEART

Fri 10th – Poetry be Heart Showcase

- Y4 Cyclewise continues (am)

- Educare Afternoon Teas



Mon 13th – Reception Easter Party Night

Tue 14th – Strive for Five Draw

- YR & Y6 heights and weights

- KS1 Easter Party Night



Wed 15th – PROPOSED STRIKE DAY

Thu 16th – PROPOSED STRIKE DAY

Fri 17th – Chicks leave

Sun 19th – Mother's Day

Mon 20th – Nursery Giraffes 'Come & Play' 2-3pm

- Y3&4 Party Night

Tue 21st – Y5&6 Dodgeball, Lakes College

- Y5 & 6 Party Night

Wed 22nd – Nursery Monkeys 'Come & Play' 2-3pm

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

Thu 23rd – Circuits

- NSPCC visiting Y6

- Nursery Lions 'Come & Play' 2-3pm



Fri 24th Mar – 1/2RM Class Assembly

- Circuits

- Chocolate Non-Uniform Day

- Nursery Elephants 'Come & Play' 2-3pm



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

Mon 27th – County Gymnastics Final



Tue 28th – Strive for Five Draw

- LKS2 Football Competition

- Spring Governor Challenge Day & Governors 3.30pm



Wed 29th March – KS1 Easter Cheesecake making with parents

- BINGO Night 5.30pm

Thu 30th – Egg judging



Fri 31st – Egg Dumping Final

- No Educare

- No Beckstone Xtra

- Break up for Easter



EASTER



Children start back on Monday 17th April

Dates for rest of the year.

Mon 17th April – Children start back

Thu 20th Apr – Class Photos

Mon 24th April – FAB meeting 3.30pm

Mon 1st May – Bank Holiday

May – KS1 SATs Month

Fri 5th May – 3LS Class Assembly

- King's Coronation Event

Week beg. 8th May – KS2 SATs

Mon 8th May – Coronation Bank Holiday

Tue 8th May – LKS2 Rounders Competition

Wed 10th May – Y1&2 Football Competition

Fri 12th May – 3SF Class Assembly

Week beg 15th May – Walk to School Week

Tue 16th May – Kicky Rounders Competition

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

Fri 19th May – Takeover Morning

Week beg. 22nd May – Whinlatter Field Trip Week

Mon 22nd May – Y5&6 Kwik Cricket

Tue 23rd May – KS1 Football Competition

Half Term

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

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

Tue 6th & Thu 8th – UKS2 Liverpool Residential

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

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

Tue 13th Jun – Reception Multi Skills Competition

Thu 15th – Reception Beach trip

Fri 16th Jun – 4DP Class Assembly

- Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

Sun 18th Jun – Father's Day

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

- Readathon Week

Tue 20th Jun – UKS2 Football Competition

Week beg. 26th Jun - Intensive Swim Week – 5 class

Tue 27th Jun – Sports Day

Thu 29th Jun - Sports Day Reserve

Mon 3rd July – Swimming Gala Practice

Tue 4th July – Large Schools Swimming Gala

Thu 6th July – KS1 Picnic with parents

Fri 7th July – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

Tue 11th Jul – UKS2 Tennis

- Curriculum Committee & Main Governors

- Wed 12th – Reception & Autumn Nursery trip to Lake District Wildlife Park

Thu 13th July – Meet new classes morning part 1

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

Mon 17th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 18th – FUN day

- Y6 Graduation

Wed 19th Jul – Wheelchair Basketball

- No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today

- School Year Ends

