

# Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and to some of you welcome to your first Beckstone Primary School newsletter. If it is your first newsletter then 'Thank You' for entrusting your child's education to us. We will do our utmost to ensure they have a highly valuable, enjoyable, enriching and successful time with us over their Primary career.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and your children are well rested and keen and enthusiastic to return to school.

There is immense pressure now on the school budget and also on household budgets. Please rest assured we are working hard to support both and will actively try our best to reduce financial requests. The Governors are committed to this too and over the Summer have organised the 'Uniform Exchange' – please see the article later in this newsletter.

I hope you find the information in this newsletter useful and informative. Please do let me know if there is ever anything you would like explained or detailed further in any newsletter and I will endeavour to ensure there are articles that help in future editions.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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## Harrington Pharmacy



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❖ Free prescription collection service from Workington and Distington surgeries, for all ages

❖ Regular promotions throughout the shop

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### Opening hours

Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm

Sat 9am-12.30pm



## 2022-23 Procedures & Organisation

Please can all parents note the following:

### Start of the Day

- The school gates open to all year groups from 8.45am daily. Please can all parents ensure the **punctuality** of their child(ren). The start of the day procedures will be the same as the end of last term including hand washing for KS1 & KS2. KS1 to line up the hill and KS2 to line up at the back.
- EY Drop Off - Arrangements change from last term today with all EY parents going through the Nursery gate, dropping their children off and exiting through the Reception gate.
- School must be notified before the start of the day of any absence. Registers are checked first thing and families are contacted if there is an unexplained absence. If no response from families is forthcoming then the Police will be contacted.

### School Uniform

All children **MUST** be in school uniform. Full details about our uniform are on our web site but in a nutshell The uniform consists of:

- School or dark blue sweat shirt, school or dark blue fleece, school or light blue polo shirt
- Grey or black tailored trousers or knee length skirts  
(not sports trousers/tracksuit trousers UNLESS it is a PE day)
- Dark deck shorts or blue gingham or pinafore dresses
- Low heeled footwear, shoes or trainers. These need to be **black with no promotional logos**.

The various items of uniform are modelled below.



Uniform items can be purchased through supermarkets or branded items can be ordered via 'Border Embroideries' by following this link or QR code:

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primary-school.html>



The school now has a well-stocked set of good quality used uniforms that are available **FREE** to any family that would like to use this service. Please see the details on the poster on the top of the next page if you would like to use this service. Uniforms can be collected from the School Office.

A BIG thank you goes to the School Governors who have pro-actively set up this service and to the Laundry Studio who have cleaned all donations free of charge!





BECKSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



# UNIFORM EXCHANGE

**NOW OPEN**



To order uniform simply email  
[uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk)  
or use the QR code



Please note that **only natural hair colours** are allowed and the only jewellery allowed are stud earrings (which have to be covered for PE) and watches.

**PE Kits** - Your child can come in PE Kit on 2 days a week from KS1 up...school or light blue T shirt (NOT football tops or branded sportswear), leggings or tracksuit trousers. They **MUST** wear a school uniform sweatshirt or cardigan on top unless it is a non-uniform day and black trainers. Your child will need plimsolls and shorts that can be left in their locker.

EY children will need to have their PE Kit in school as they will learn to change too (a life skill). Their PE Kit is a light blue T shirt and black shorts plus plimsolls.

## P.E. Kits



Please make a note of your child's PE days

Nursery	PE Kit to be left in school & will be sent home every half term to be washed
Reception	

1AF	Tuesday & Thursday
1/2RM	Monday & Thursday
2HG	Tuesday & Thursday
3SF	Wednesday & Friday
3LS	Wednesday & Friday
4DP	Wednesday & Friday
4AN	Wednesday & Friday
5LJ	Monday & Friday
5/6CC	Monday & Friday
6JM	Monday & Friday

## Free school meals and clothing grant

£500,000 worth of additional funding has been allocated to the school clothing grant fund as part of a new £2m cost of living reserve fund. This means that eligible parents will now receive a clothing grant worth £50 for each primary school child, up from £25, and £100 for each secondary school child, up from £35.

If you're eligible, **make sure you apply for free school meals if you haven't already so that you receive your school clothing grant too.** It only takes 5 minutes.

To apply then follow this link or the QR code. Once completed the system will let you know if you are eligible.

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## Macmillan Coffee Morning

This will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please make a date in your diary. Further details will go out nearer the time.



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## School Organisation

Early Years (EY)	{	Nursery – 4 Key Worker Groups
		2 X <b>Reception</b> classes – RJWh & RJT
Key Stage 1 (KS1)	{	1 X <b>Year 1</b> Class – 1AF
		1 X <b>Year 1/2</b> Class – 1/2RM
		1 X <b>Year 2</b> Class – 2HG
Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2)	{	2 X <b>Year 3</b> Classes – 3SF & 3LS
		2 X <b>Year 4</b> Classes – 4AN & 4DP
Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)	{	1 X <b>Year 5</b> Class – 5LJ
		1 X <b>Year 5/6</b> Class – 5/6CC
		1 X <b>Year 6</b> Class. – 6JM



### Stage Heads:

Foundation: Mrs White  
Key Stage 1: Ms Gorman  
Lower Key Stage 2: Mr Fleming  
Upper Key Stage 2: Ms McGill



The position of your child's class is shown on the displayed diagram on the next page along with the staffing structure of the school.

## Food & Drink



- School meals cost £13.50 per week (£2.70 a day) payable on ParentPay. This still represents good value when

you look at prices of goods in supermarkets for packed lunches.

The meals menu for this half term is on the page after next. There are loads of choices so your child should always find something they like.

- 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 **£9.00** and needs to be paid by **THIS Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September** via **ParentPay** NOT cash or cheque. If you need help with this please see the School Office. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.



- Snack money for Nursery and Reception is also paid by ParentPay and is due by the same Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, the cost is £13 for this half term and is payable by **THIS Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**.
- Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up is also paid this way, £7 for the first half term by **THIS Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

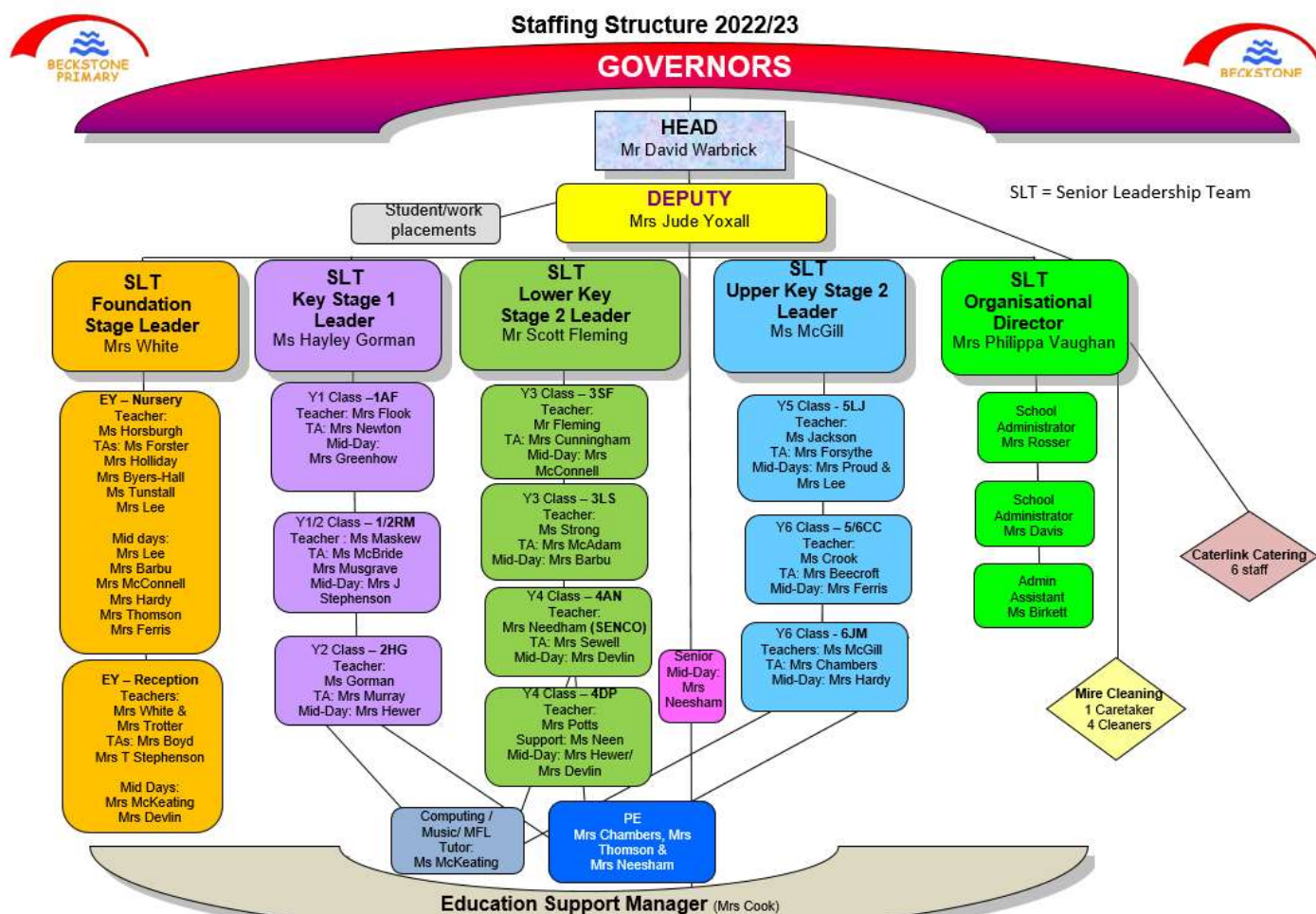


## End of Day

All classes will finish at 3.15pm with EY classes to be collected from Nursey Yard / Reception Garden & KS1 classes to be collected from the front yard. KS2 children will be dismissed at the front & back depending on their route home as per the end of last term. Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm for anyone who books in advance via [bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](http://bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk) or simply use the QR code



# Staffing Structure





## First Half of Autumn Term Menu – Beckstone

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week One	Option 1	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Tattie Hash	Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Broccoli & Cheese Pasta	Stir Fried Vegetable Wrap	Cheese Pasty with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas	Sweetcorn	Broccoli Carrots	Cauliflower	Baked Beans
	Dessert	Carrot Cake with Custard	Apple & Raisin Rapjack	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt or Ginger Cookie	Iced Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream

Fresh Fruit available daily

Week Two	Option 1	Meat Balls in Gravy with Mash Potato	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Sausage, Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Bolognese	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Veg Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Green Beans	Carrots Peas	Cucumber Rainbow Slaw	Baked Beans
	Dessert	Butterfly Bun	Orange & Cinnamon Cookie	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station or Jelly	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Apple, Cheese & Crackers

Fresh Fruit available daily

Week Three	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Sweet & Sour Vegetable Noodles	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Catherine Wheel, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Cheese Pasty with Chips
	Vegetables	Green Beans	Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Carrot Cabbage	Sweetcorn	Peas
		Lemon Drizzle Cake	Raspberry Jelly & Minced	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station or Custard	Pineapple Loaf with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread

Added Plant Power  
Vegan  
Wholemeal

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

### ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

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<b>LAMPLUGH VILLAGE HALL</b> MONDAYS 6pm-8pm	<b>THE GATHER ENNERDALE</b> WEDNESDAYS 6pm-8pm

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 LOSE WEIGHT  
 LEARN HOW TO USE IN SELF DEFENCE  
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**FOR MORE INFO OR TO ENROL CALL**  
**07543 876490**  
 (THIS NUMBER DOES NOT ACCEPT TEXT MESSAGES)

ALL INSTRUCTORS ARE FIRST AID TRAINED AND DBS CHECKED

### Free School Meals Application

Eligibility for Free Meals brings other benefits such as a uniform grant, free milk, free instrumental hire and also provides the school with additional funding. Eligibility criteria:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



We ask that **ALL ELIGIBLE PARENTS OF PUPILS FROM NEXT YEAR'S RECEPTION UP TO YEAR 6** fill in the school meals registration form that is available online through the Cumbria County Council 'Citizen Portal'. This can be found by searching for it on the



internet, using the link below or following the QR code. If you need help please ask the School Office.

[https://emsonline.cumbria.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://emsonline.cumbria.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

### School Payments & Politeness

As mentioned earlier there is a squeeze on everyone's finances, this includes school where the budget is under immense pressure from a rise in gas bills (391%) to having many other immense budgetary pressures.

At the end of last term there were some unpaid balances from the use of our extended services. No business would allow services to be taken without payment and this applies to schools too. Despite reminders there are still some outstanding balances and we will have to prevent access to services for those that have taken the service and not paid. What is concerning is that there has been some impolite phone calls with office staff which is not acceptable as they have been instructed to chase up debts and it is not their fault an individual has used a service and not paid, the responsibility is with that individual.. On top of this there has apparently been some abusive posts in some parents' online social media groups complaining that the school was chasing up debts as well as some unsubstantiated and false information which as well as being shocking is also not acceptable.



If there is an issue with the school then the headteacher &/or Governors should be contacted in the first instance to resolve any issues. We insist that the school should not be portrayed in a bad light on social media.

As times get harder please can all maintain politeness towards staff **at ALL times**, in person, on the phone or on social media.

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### Playground Safety



In order to ensure everyone's safety please can we remind all families that dogs are not allowed on site. In addition scooters or bikes should also not be used in the playground areas of the school.



For the safety of all our children please can Nursery parents who collect their children at various times from lunchtime onwards please ensure they close the playground gate as they go in and when the leave.



Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.



## Social Media & Parents

If you have an issue with the school then please do not air it on social media but discuss it with school. The school staff are a welcoming and supportive group of people who will do their utmost to resolve any concern you may have.

In addition please do not name any children in any posts or indeed share images of children who are not your own either from your own camera or from our learning platforms, Seesaw and Tapestry.



## Coats

We will soon be asking all children to wear their coats at lunchtimes and playtimes. We have an external thermometer and when the outside temperature drops below 13°C then coats are mandatory. Please ensure they come to school with a coat and **one that has their name in** – thanks!



School coats which are fully waterproof and have a hood and reflective strips are available online from Border Embroideries....<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primary-school.html>



There are also some coats available for free via our uniform exchange. To enquire simply email [uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk) or use the QR code

## Asthma

If your child needs an inhaler at school please ensure you have completed an '**Asthma Card**' at the School Office BEFORE the end of this week. It is a parents' responsibility to check the pumps are in date and not empty. It is also advisable to write your child's name on using a permanent pen.



## Plasters



If your child is allergic to plasters then please do let the School Office know. Plasters are effective in controlling bleeding and securing wounds from infection and they will be used for minor cuts and grazes unless you have let us know otherwise.

## Medicines

The school will administer medicine **only** when it is **4** times a day and has an **appropriate prescription sticker**. We will disinfectant wipe the bottles.



Please note that cough medicines/lozenges etc., are not allowed unless they have been prescribed. If you wish the school to administer medicine then you will need to complete a form available from the School Office.

## Nasal Flu Jabs

Flu vaccinations will take place at school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October for all years from Reception upwards. It is again particularly important all children get vaccinated this year so there is no confusion between flu and Covid symptoms and for health reasons as scientific research has shown that the body finds it hard to cope if trying to fight more than one viral infection at any one time.



It is a nasal spray vaccination (Fluenz Tetra®) and will not only help protect the children from getting flu but it also stops them spreading the disease to their family, carers and the wider population. As flu viruses change each year last year's immunisation for those that had it will not be effective.

The vaccination is a nasal spray and is not painful. The school pupils have been brilliant at receiving it in recent years.

You will receive consent forms. **PLEASE ENSURE THESE ARE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.** The only



children who will be excluded are those where there is contra-indicated medical advice and there are very few this will apply to across the country.

Parents of younger children may like to know that children aged 2 upwards and also in Nursery can receive their free vaccination through their GP or Pharmacies. **Harrington Pharmacy offers this service and is very handy for school.**



Flu vaccinations for adults are also available on request at Pharmacies or large supermarkets for an average £10 fee.

Further information will be in the next newsletter.

### Covid Update

Children and young people aged 0-18 testing positive: should stay at home for 3 days after testing positive for COVID-19 (with the day of the test being counted as day '0'). They can return to the setting on day 4 after testing positive for COVID-19 as long as they do not have a high temperature and feel well enough to do so.



The current guidance to reduce transmission is shown below.



### Term Time Holidays and the Law

The Government's policy of not allowing families to take holidays in term time and those that do being liable to prosecution and a fine is still in operation. We would like to ensure all families are aware of this law.

**The Headteacher is not allowed to authorise absence and indeed any holiday absences in term time will be counted as 'unauthorised' (which equates to a truancy mark) and may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/fine.**

Parents need to fill in a leave of absence form if their child is going to be missing from school (this is of vital

importance as the school immediately chases up any unknown absences on the day itself and if the child's whereabouts is not known then the Police are notified – this is school policy). Parents can apply for 'exceptional circumstances' on this form if they so wish. It is imperative that school knows where your child is for safeguarding reasons.



### Term Time Holidays & Tests

There is active discouragement of taking holidays in term time as it disrupts a child's learning – see article above. **Taking time off at the statutory testing time needs to be avoided completely.**

The key dates this school year are:

**May – KS1 SATs Month**

**Week beg. 8<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs**

**3 weeks from week beg. 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Times Table tests**

**Week beg. 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check**



### Parental Courses & Support

There is information on FREE courses and training to support children from birth to 11 in the 'Parent Information' zone of our web site. Please do have a look.



[http://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents\\_info/courses-and-support.html](http://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/courses-and-support.html)



### Gurning

Classes will be taking part in a 'Gurning' (face pulling) contest in the week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> September culminating in a 'Gurn Off' final on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Gurning competition is an ancient local competition with the world championships held in Egremont at the 'Crab Fair' on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Preventing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings**

- Everyone should wash their hands regularly, ideally with warm water and soap. **E-bug** resources can help younger children learning about bugs and hand washing.
- Encourage use of tissues for coughs, sneezes and runny noses. Bin used tissues straight away.
- Keep indoor areas well **ventilated**.
- Support people to get any **vaccines** they are eligible for.
- Advise those testing positive to stay at home for the **recommended** period of time. If they have a high temperature (regardless of whether or not they have tested), they should stay at home until their temperature is back to normal.
- If someone tests positive for COVID-19, they should limit their contact with people who may be at greater risk (especially if they have a compromised immune system) for 10 days. Anyone with a high temperature should also avoid contact with people at greater risk.



### 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.



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

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.



### Social Media

The school often has to sort out all sorts of issues that spilled over from the use of social media by children out of school. Some of the issues are completely age inappropriate and there is a real concern that early use of social media is robbing children of their childhood and indeed innocence.

Social media sites have a legal MINIMUM age for a reason, children's brains are not mature enough to understand texts out of context or share things that are inappropriate. Whatever they post could haunt them for their rest of their lives. See the minimum ages here;

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

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS			
<b>13+</b>		<b>16+</b>	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter		
TikTok	Kik	<b>17+</b>	<b>18+</b>
YouNow	Yubo	Sorashoh	MeethMe
House Party	Monkey	YOLO	LiveMe

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There is a parental guidance video presented by our own Ms Gorman on our web site which is well worth a watch. It is in the 'Parent Info' zone or follow the QR code



## School Glossary

For new parents the following are terms you may see in this or other newsletters with their explanations!

**Nursery age** – Children are entitled to a 'free' 15 hours a week Nursery place starting from the term after their 3rd birthday. Depending on when a child is born they could spend up to 5 terms in the Nursery. Children are able to access our Educare service immediately on or after their 3rd birthday.

**Educare** – This is a service which is offered by the school for parents of children in the Nursery. Educare provides further Nursery provision up to the full school day. This can be purchased or accessed through the FREE 30 hours scheme set up by the Government. Parents need a registration code. Further details are available from the School Office. Alternatively Educare is also available at a very competitive cost, please see the costings listing on the next page. Child care vouchers from employers are also welcomed.

**Reception** – This is the school year after Nursery and before Year 1, the year in which a child has their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Foundation Stage or Early Years** – This is the first phase in a child's educational career and comprises of the Nursery and Reception years. Children in Reception will undergo a **Baseline Assessment** early in September which is a national assessment.

**Key Stage 1 (KS1)** – This is school Years 1 & 2. There is a nationally standardised test in phonics at the end of Year 1 (repeated in Year 2 if a child doesn't pass first time) and nationally standardised and locally moderated learning outcomes at the end of Year 2.

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check** – This is a specific check on the progress of children in Year 1 in learning how to read. It is called the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check. The check is a list of 40 words that children read one-to-one with the teacher. Some of the words are real words that are likely to be known to the children. Some of the words are non-words which are aimed at helping test whether children are using only their knowledge of letter sounds to build up what the word says (and not other clues). Support for phonics and further information is available in the parent information zone of our web site.

This will take place in the **week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022**.

**Key Stage 2 (KS2)** – This is school Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. There are ongoing summative assessments throughout these years and at the end of every year. At the end of year 6 the children are nationally tested (known as the SATs);

- In English there will be a national test in reading plus spelling, grammar and with writing being teacher assessed.
- In Maths (3 papers, one on arithmetic and 2 on mathematical reasoning) and on occasion
- Science (which is a national sample test)

On occasions KS2 may be subdivided into **LKS2** – Lower Key Stage 2 or Years 3 & 4 and **UKS2** – Upper key Stage 2 or Years 5 & 6.

**SATs** These take place at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. Results will be reported in the form of **raw scores** which is the sum of the marks awarded in the test and **scaled scores** where national data is analysed and the average raw score is awarded '100' which becomes the national average. Other raw scores are then scaled to give a number above or below this to compare outcomes with national averages. In addition the end of year report in these years will show whether or not your child has achieved the **nationally expected standard** i.e. the outcome as pre-determined by the Government for a 7 year or an 11 year old child. There is a lot of information about assessments and samples of end of year tests in the Revision zone of the web site. You will need to use the username: **bps** and the password **home**.

**The SAT test week for this school year is the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

Across the school your child will be assessed formatively i.e. as they go along to pinpoint future progress needs. Their assessment levels and progress will be communicated to you each term through a report and parents' meetings.

**Year 4 Times Table Check** This will take place in a 3 week window from the **5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. All children in year 4 will undergo a national times table speed challenge check. Please do help your children learn their times tables up to 12x12 off by heart.

There are further explanations of educational acronyms on our web site...a 'jargon buster'

[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/about\\_us/glossary/education\\_jargon\\_buster.pdf](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/about_us/glossary/education_jargon_buster.pdf)



## Herbs

There are herb pots again at the front of the school. 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 as they will be going on their winter break soon.

## Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 September 2019** and **31**



**December 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2023**.

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**.

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



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

### Beckstone's Extended Services

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



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



### Carer & Toddler Club

This runs every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 3pm and is a very popular club. It is a great way to meet new friends. There is no cost to join but a £3.00 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments etc. Places can be booked at [bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk)

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.

	<b>30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT</b>  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 <b>£2.00 per day</b> 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.
<b>NON-ENTITLEMENT</b>  Sessions will run from: 11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. = <b>£8.50</b> 11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = <b>£12.00</b>  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 <b>£2.00 per day</b>  Please contact the office for further details.	
	Please note 30 hour Scheme can be used in Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra.

### School Photographer

The school photographer is visiting the school on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** to take individual photographs of the children as well as brothers and sisters in the school. Please ensure your child is looking smart!

If you want family photos that include children/family members NOT in school then this option is available from just after 8am. Please enter through the Sports Hall doors to the rear of the school.



### Farewell & 'Thank You' to the

#### Vicar

The Reverend Julia Powley, Parish Vicar, ex-Governor and good friend of the school is retiring this month. She has been wonderfully supportive of the school and we wish her all the very best for the next chapter in her life. She will be saying goodbye in assembly THIS Friday.







**Free Heritage Open Day events this September**

Scan for more information or how to book your free place

**Stargate Castle estate**  
Stargate, Kent, LE18 0JZ

**Guided walk of the gunpowder works**  
9.30, 12.30, 2.30, 4.30 September, 11am-12.30pm  
Explore the remains of Selwyn's 19th-century gunpowder works at Stargate's ruins and learn some of their secrets. BA on 015395 69818.

**Embsay**  
Embsay Bridge, Cleator Moor, CA23 1AB

**Family boat walk**  
Saturday 10 September, 7.30pm-9pm  
Brought to you by the National Trust and West Cumbria Library Trust, come and join us on an evening boat walk along the river Ehen. BE.

**Wardale**  
Lakeland National Trust car park, CA20 1ES

**Guided wildlife walk to Styhead Tarn**  
Sunday 18 September, 10am-3.30pm  
Join a guided walk and get off the beaten path to discover the wildlife that hides in plain sight in the Lakeland fells. BE.

**Whitehaven Coast, Cumbria**  
Whitehaven Lodge, Roman Road, CA28 9AD

**Industrial heritage guided walk**  
Tuesday 13 September, 10am-12pm  
Take in the views and learn about the particular history of the area on a guided walk along the Whitehaven Coast trail. BE.

**Dalton Castle**  
Market Place, Dalton-in-Furness, LA11 6AA

**Medieval re-enactment**  
Saturday 10 September, 12-5pm  
Join us as the castle is visited by the Joan Shepherd re-enactment group for a costume medieval event, plus there will be other family activities to enjoy.

**Carlisle Priory Gatehouse**  
The Square, Carlisle, CA1 1QZ

10 & 11 September, 12-4pm  
This 14th-century gatehouse is as all that remains today of Carlisle's Augustinian Priory. Drop in to hear its stories and watch the conservation team carry out some essential work on the timber floor.

BE Booking essential  
BA Booking advised

**Borrowdale and Derwent Water**  
Borrowdale

**Open day at the processing mill at Force Crag Mine**  
Sunday 11 September, 10am-2.30pm  
Come and join us for a rare opportunity to visit the processing mill at Force Crag Mine which holds the most complete assemblage of metal ore mining machinery presented in situ anywhere in England. Transport available with booking. BE.

**Guided walk to the Conble Gill hydro project**  
Monday 12 September, 10am-12pm  
This guided walk takes you to the hydro power project at Conble Gill where you will discover how our plan for clean, green energy in the valley is working. BE.

**Ancient ash pollards of Borrowdale guided walk**  
Wednesday 14 September, 10am-1pm  
There are many ancient ash trees in Borrowdale, many of which are pollards with their very characteristic look. Come and learn more about them while taking in the views of Borrowdale. BE.

**Guided walk to Castle Crag**  
Thursday 15 September, 10am-12pm  
Discover the hidden histories of Borrowdale with views right down the valley on a guided walk. BE.

**Stonethwaite beck river restoration work guided tour**  
Friday 16 September, 10am-1pm  
Join Ranger Joe from the Derwent Riverlands project team on a guided tour. BE.

**Wordsworth House & Garden**  
Cockermouth, CA13 9BC

Saturday 10 September, 10am-4pm  
Visit the house and garden for free and listen to a special talk to celebrate Heritage Open Day.

**Townend**  
Townend, Westmore, LA21 9LR

**Wonderful woodcarvings**  
16 September, 10am-4pm  
Follow in the footsteps of Victorian farmer George Browne, who lived at Townend and was also a keen woodworker. See his work and watch a live demonstration from a local woodcarver.

**Acorn Bank Watermill, Acorn Bank, Trough**  
Sowerby, Pendle, CA10 1NP

**Behind the scenes at the watermill**  
Saturday 17 September, 10am-4pm  
Watch how the millers turn flour into grain, learn how the mill fell into the estate's economy and how about plans to continue its restoration. Includes free entry to Acorn Bank's gardens.

**Wray Castle, St Margaret's of Antioch Church, Live Wray, Andover, LA22 0JA**

**See inside St Margaret's Church on the Wray Castle estate**  
11-14 September, drop in 10.30am-3pm  
A place of worship for a Victorian middle-class couple, and the place where a friendship began that proved so important to the Lake District we see today. St Margaret's Church is normally closed to visitors, here's your chance to see it.

**Stream Yacht Gondola**  
Lake Road, Catterick, LA22 0AN

**Stream Yacht Gondola: social and industrial innovation**  
Tues 13 & Thurs 15 September, 5.15 & 6.15pm  
Enjoy a tour of this Victorian steam-powered passenger yacht, which has sailed on Conistone Water since 1865. Learn more about its design, its long history as a visitor attraction and enjoy a short demonstration of its manoeuvrability on the water. BA.

**Hawthorn Castle**  
Hawthorn, LA22 0AB

**A snapshot into Lakeland's medieval past**  
Monday 12 September, drop in 11am-3pm  
A chance to see inside Hawthorn Castle, all that remains of the medieval material buildings once held by Furness Abbey.

**Hill Top**  
New Sowerby, Hawthorn, LA22 0LF

**Walking in Beatrix Potter's Footsteps**  
9 & 10 September, 10am-12pm  
Join National Trust staff on a guided walk (approx. 2.5 miles) in the countryside around New Sowerby, the village Beatrix Potter described as 'a perfect little place', which became her home for nearly 40 years. BE.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/heritage-open-days-in-the-lake-district](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/heritage-open-days-in-the-lake-district)

clear areas for children to cross. Again we ask all who collect in cars NOT to park on the zig zags. Finally please do park responsibly and do not block other's drives or use private parking facilities such as Wesleyan Court. Your help in this matter is much appreciated as it is the school that receives irate phone calls from local residents when such uncourteous parking takes place.

## Homework



All classes give out weekly homework. This will be a blend of online work on Tapestry/Seesaw and on paper.

The work should always have been explained and discussed in class before coming home; it will consist of some English work, some Maths work (the calculation policy on our web site can help with this) and also a mix of times tables, spellings or phonics depending on where your child is in the school. Your child's teacher/Stage Leader will keep you informed about expectations and the nature of the homework. Please support your child if you can to complete these tasks by the due date, their response will be RAG rated on their report.

The most important homework of all though is **READING** – this is the key to everything and all knowledge. **It is so important for your child to read (or be read to) for at least 20 minutes a day.** We would urge every parent to ensure this happens. As



## Cars on Eadie Street



Please can anyone collecting children from school avoid using Eadie Street (which is residents' parking only) and certainly **DO NOT ATTEMPT A 3-POINT TURN**. Some of our children are very small and cannot be seen easily in a rear view mirror. We are sure that if anyone injured a child in such a way they would find it very difficult to live with themselves.



**Remove any danger by not picking up in a vehicle on Eadie Street**

## Road Safety in General

In addition to the above please be careful with cars around all school exit routes. The zig zags on Church Road should be free from cars at all start and end times of school to enable

explained above we need parents to check the understanding of the text they have read by asking pertinent questions about it. Below are some ideas to ensure this time is a useful learning experience – **READING** is the key to all learning and it is the main thing that parents can really do to support their child (ren) with their school work.

- Reading together – sharing books and stories should be an **enjoyable** experience for you both. Choose a time that is suitable for both parent and child and choose books that appeal to the child.
- Praise** and **encouragement** are the most important words to remember. Make praise specific where possible.
- Talking** about books, authors, pictures, stories and characters is every bit as important as 'de-coding'. Take time to introduce the book before reading and ask questions about it afterwards e.g. 'How do you think Lucy felt when.....?'
- The **initial (first) letter sound** of a word is often a good clue to an unfamiliar word. Take care when asking children

to sound out the letters in a word as they may not be successful.

- ☞ Encourage children to use the **meaning** of what they have read to guess an unknown word.
- ☞ When your child gets stuck get them to read from the beginning of the sentence again to have another try or skip the word, go to the end of the sentence and come back for another try.
- ☞ Have regular checks for **understanding**.
- ☞ Try to avoid too many interruptions. If the child says a different word to the printed word but it still makes sense then let them carry on and come back to it at the end of the page or paragraph.
- ☞ If the child is making too many errors they may need a different book. As a rough guide, if the child is making about 1 error in every 10 words then the book is probably too hard.
- ☞ Read to the child even when they can read for themselves, they benefit from hearing stories well-read and talking about them.
- ☞ Try reading alternate pages to add interest and to pick up the pace.
- ☞ Make it easy for children to practise reading – take them to the library, buy them books of their own, swap comics and magazines with friends and look at the printed word all around e.g. posters on car journeys. Let them see **you** reading sometimes...& **enjoying** it!
- ☞ There is also a lot of information to help your child with reading in the 'Help Your Child to Read' zone on our web site.



Finally, 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 (dates on back page). 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 ☺

### Paint Donation

A very BIG 'Thank You' goes to L&K Curwen for donating exterior wood paint. The Governors are going to organise a working party to paint the sheds, fences and huts with it in the near future. It was a very generous donation and has saved us money in these stringent times which is most welcome.



### Sports Day

The Sports Day before the Summer holidays was perhaps the best attended ever. The crowd was

entertained by some amazing displays of sporting prowess (children & adults!!).



The winning house was Blue House and the team captains are pictured below.

There is a whole gallery of Sports Day photos on our web site to look at too.

[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil\\_zone/film\\_photo\\_gallery/2021-2022/sports-day/index.html](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2021-2022/sports-day/index.html)



### Workington Swimming Gala

Also in July there was the Workington Swimming Gala. This was organised by the school and then won by the school. The team was magnificent and is pictured below.



Again there is a set of photos of this event available to browse on our web site.

[https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/statutory\\_info/pe\\_and\\_sport\\_premium/inter-school-level-2/2021-2022/workington-large-schools-swimming-gala/13.JPG](https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/statutory_info/pe_and_sport_premium/inter-school-level-2/2021-2022/workington-large-schools-swimming-gala/13.JPG)



Intensive Swim Weeks this year for years 5&6 will take place in the second Summer half term.

### Workington Amateur Swimming Club



In relation to the above and to help with next year's team (!) we would encourage you to explore the possibility of enrolling your child in



Workington Swimming Club if your child enjoys swimming. Swimming is a very enjoyable sport and is a very effective way of getting and keeping fit at any age. As well as developing strokes the club provides opportunities to swim in teams and races and be a potential future member of the school swimming team. The Club meets on a Monday and Friday at 7pm and **new members are always welcome**. Children from Reception upwards who can swim can join if they wish.

**For further information:**

**Club E-Mail:**

[workingtonasc@outlook.com](mailto:workingtonasc@outlook.com)

Phone Number: **07846 363 973**

or alternatively you can complete a contact form online at <https://workingtonasc.com/contact-the-club/> or follow the QR code.



### **National Sporting Recognition**

The amazing success the school has had in sport over the past year, as detailed in the July newsletter, has resulted in the school being again awarded the national Platinum (above gold!) award for its sporting provision. The PE team of Ms Jackson, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Neesham & Mrs Thomson do a amazing job and have been integral to the school receiving this award.



### **Key Stage Outcomes**

As well as performing well in Sport the school also is achieving well in academic measures with a strong set of post-Pandemic results at every Key Stage. The ongoing provision of work at home during lockdown and your ongoing support has underpinned this strong set of outcomes. Details of the school outcomes are in the



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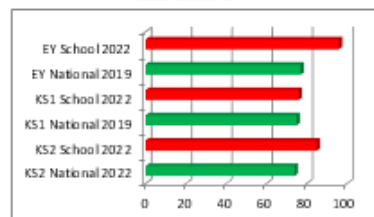
## **CORE SUBJECT OUTCOMES WITH COMPARATORS**

### **Outcomes for pupils**

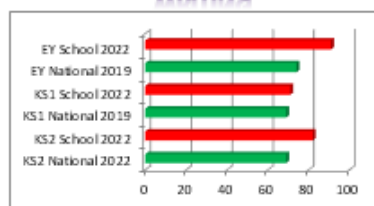
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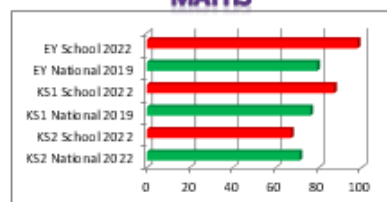
### **READING**



### **WRITING**



### **MATHS**



The strong performance of the school across all core subjects is testament to the support provided for learning during the lockdowns and the quality first teaching and effective interventions deployed since.

next column, school outcomes are the red blocks and national comparators are green.

## **FOUNDATION STAGE**

2019 National 'Good' level of development (Good in all Prime + Literacy & Maths) = 71.8%

2022 = School GLD 80% so well above pre-Pandemic 2019 National figure

School trend is up, GLD in 2021 was 53.5%

### **Year 1 Phonics**

**94%**



National 2019 = 82%  
School 2019 = 86%

**95.5% of Y2 cohort have now achieved pass level for Phonics Screening Check Y2 (91% nationally in 2019)**



## Y6 Graduation

The Year 6 cohort were a credit to the school and they will be sorely missed. They performed a wonderful rendition of 'A Midsummer's Night Dream' to parents at the end of term as well as having their Graduation Ceremony. On the last day they left school via a balloon arch, down the hill, past a staff guard of honour to meet their family members at the bottom. They are pictured below and the Graduation Photograph is in the main corridor along with every cohort since the school opened in 2005.



## Asda Meals Offer

Asda are running a great offer for the rest of 2022 where children can eat for just £1...hopefully this will help some household budgets. Details are below:



Kids eat for £1 in Asda Cafes for the rest of the year 🍴

All day, every day, with no minimum adult spend required



## Summer Camp

This ran in the first full 2 weeks & 2 days of the summer holiday and the last 2 full weeks (minus the Bank Holiday and was very competitively priced.). The camp ran from 8am until 4pm and was very much enjoyed by all the children and indeed the staff. They were lucky with the weather and spent a lot of time outdoors on sports, water pistol shooting and much much more. They also had activity bases in the Dining Hall. It is hoped to repeat this successful extension to our care services again at future holiday times. **You will soon receive a survey on interest in holiday care for the October half term so please do respond if you are interested.**



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm to 7pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online.

**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)



## Revisewise



Free revision classes **for Year 6 children** take place weekly on Wednesday and a Thursday from 8.20 to 8.50am. **Please encourage your children to attend as it has proved to impact on their outcomes in Year 6.** We have noted numbers are quite low and this is a concern, please can you support us with this, it is in your child's best interests. Children need to queue at the back gate for entry from 8.15am.

**All Year 6 children should be attending**

## Brockhole Offer

### Treetop Nets at Brockhole

We are offering FREE sessions on Treetop Nets at Brockhole on Windermere to local families every Saturday morning during the month of September

To qualify, families must be residents in Cumbria and need only bring along proof of address such as a utility bill. All Cumbrian postcodes are included. The offer is open to families with at least one child of school age and can be redeemed on Saturday mornings in September 2022.

To redeem this offer, simply call the Treetop bookings team 015394 47186 and receive up to 4 tickets per booking.

Age restrictions and our standard terms and conditions apply and the offer is subject to availability.



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## 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.



### Be Sun Wise

There are often very sunny days in September and let's hope we get them this year too. 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 (most sun tan lotions should last for the school day so children don't need to apply it at school). Also please ensure they have the minimum of skin showing and provide them with a hat to wear outside. The school will provide these for Early Years Children to protect their heads.

If you feel your child needs additional protection during the day if they have fair skin or susceptible to sun burn then you can send their own lotion into school in a named bottle and a bag (e.g. sandwich/freezer bag) and give to their class teacher. A staff member will **re-apply** sun cream as they go out for lunch in these cases. Please note that the responsibility for sun protection is with parents not the school.

**'Wrap, Splat and Hat!**

[www.wrapsplathat.co.uk](http://www.wrapsplathat.co.uk)

## 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 any event once Covid restrictions are lifted 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"*

## 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.

### QR Codes

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



### Easy Fund Raising



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

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

All you need to do is:

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

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

Thank you for your support.

### Amazon Smile

Please follow this link and choose us

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



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PTA & Friends from their Charity list. Please support this if you can.

### Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Age appropriate PS4 games
- 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 cumulate 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.



### 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 dates are on the back of the newsletter.







## Non-Uniform Days

To reduce financial pressures on families the number of non-uniform days will be very much reduced. To date in the diary the next day is a FREE Halloween day on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October after half term.

## Facebook & Instagram



Facebook

The school is now on Facebook and Instagram with an updated presence!

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

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



Instagram

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

**Please Note:** Our previous Facebook Group 'Beckstone Primary School (Official Facebook Group)' has now been archived and will no longer be updated.



## Foodbank Donations

Recent events have shown that there is a great need to support the vulnerable in our local community and school can be a focal point for this. We are continuing to link with the local Foodbank to provide food for those most vulnerable in our community. Donations are very much welcome and there is a collection bin in the green hut 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.

## Kidsafe



Classes will be starting Kidsafe sessions this term where children are taught how to keep their bodies safe. When it is your child's turn you will receive a letter informing you about what has been covered so you can also advise your child at home.

## FAB/PTA



The Annual General meeting of the 'Friends at Beckstone' will take place at 3.30pm on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. The organisation is looking for new members and would very much welcome any parent wanting to support the fund raising activities at the school. The school is offering FREE child care at Beckstone Xtra for all attending (please book in advance) plus coffee and cakes at the meeting. The meeting will take place in the staff room.

## Class Assemblies

A list of dates for your child's class assembly will feature in the next newsletter. There are none in September.



## Lockdown Tiled Wall Commemoration

The lockdown memorial mural is taking longer than planned to come to fruition. All tiles featuring the self-portraits of children who were at school during the Covid lockdowns are complete. The Governors are forming a working party to assemble the 'rainbow' mosaic at the top of the hill.

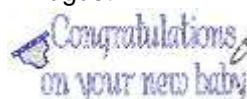


There have been a number of developments since the last newsletter:

Mrs Watson gave birth to Harry James in July



Ms Cunningham gave birth to Eli Albert Daniel in August



At school:

- The boys' toilets in KS2 have been upgraded
- Many classrooms have been re-painted.



✓ The outdoor classroom has been transformed into a music room.

✓ We have 2 new staff members, Ms Neen based in 4DP (left) and Ms Tunstall based in Early Years (right).



CHILDREN ARE  
MADE READERS  
ON THE LAPS  
OF THEIR PARENTS.

## Diary Dates



### September

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> – Children start back  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> - Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sep – Nursery New Starters Home Visits  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Gurning Final

- Strive for Five Draw

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> – Individual & Family Photos

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> – REACT Science Show – Years 5 & 6 1.30pm

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Macmillan Coffee Morning

- Strive for Five Draw

### October

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> - FAB/PTA Meeting 3.30pm

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher Evening

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Strive for Five Draw

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Reception & KS1 Cinema Night

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> – Nursery trip to Rookery Wood, Keswick

- UKS2 Benchball Competition – St Joseph's 12-2.45pm

- Staffing & Finance Governors' Committee & Main Governors AGM

- KS2 Cinema Night

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> - Nasal Flu Vaccination Day

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> – Over 55's lunch at school

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> & Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Circuits Days & LKS2 Tullie House Trips

**Half Term inc End of summer time Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween Themed Day

- Educare party & dance for parents

### November

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> – High 5 Netball Tournament, Lakes College

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – Strive for Five Draw

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> - LKS2 Quicksticks Hockey, Lakes College

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Silence 11am...pupils on hill

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Parade

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Governor Challenge Day & Gov's meeting 3.30pm

- LKS2 Benchball, St Joseph's 12-12.45

Thu 17<sup>th</sup> – Early Years Come & Play 2-3.15pm

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Strive for Five Draw

- Early Years Come & Play 2-3.15pm

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> & Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Circuits sessions

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Takeover Morning

### December

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – Reception Whinlatter Trip

- Nursery Nativity for parents

- Strive for Five Draw

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Reception & KS1 Party Night

Tue 6<sup>th</sup> - Inclusive Boccia Completion, St Joseph's, 12-

– UKS2 Party Night

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> – Reception Christmas nativity pm

Thu 8<sup>th</sup> – Reception Christmas Nativity am

- LKS2 Carol Service 'Babushka' 2pm

- UKS2 Party Night

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 Carol Service 2pm

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – UKS2 Christmas Crafts with parents

Thu 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner Day

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity for parents am

- KS1 Christmas Crafts with parents

- Strive for Five Draw

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party Day & party clothes

- KS1 Nativity for parents 2.15pm

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> – Carols in the Square 10.30am

## Term Dates until Summer 2024

	Autumn 2023	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Autumn 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
Start of Term	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April May Day – Mon 5 <sup>th</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>
Half Term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	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
End of Term	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July

### Dates for 2023



Wed 11<sup>th</sup> – UKS2 Dodgeball Competition, Lakes College

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – KS1 Dodgeball Competition

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Aladdin, M&M Productions 9.30am

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – KS2 Dodgeball Competition

- Governors Meeting

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3&4 Multi Sport Festival

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – R&KS1 Cinema Night

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – UKS2 Table tennis Competition

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – KS2 Cinema Night

#### Half Term

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – Y1&2 Multi Skills Festival

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – World Book Day

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mother's Day

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Y5&6 Dodgeball, Lakes College

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> & Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Early Years Come & Play sessions

Week beg. 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Egg & Bonnet Design Week

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Mar – LKS2 Football Competition

- Spring Governor Challenge Day & Governors

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Cheesecake with parents

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – Egg Dumping Final

#### Easter Holidays

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Apr – Class Photos

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May – **Bank Holiday**

**May – KS1 SATs Month**

**Week beg. 8<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs**

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> May – LKS2 Rounders Competition

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May – Y1&2 Football Competition

Tue 16<sup>th</sup> May – Summer Governor Challenge Day,

Staffing & Finance & Main Governors

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Y5&6 Kwik Cricket

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> May – KS1 Football Competition

#### Half Term

**3 weeks from week beg. 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Times Table tests**

**Week beg. 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week**

Week beg 12<sup>th</sup> Jun - Intensive Swim Week – Y6 class

Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Jun – Reception Multi Skills Competition

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Jun – Y1&2 Kinder Cricket Festival

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jun – Father's Day

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

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Jun – UKS2 Football Competition

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

Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Jun – Sports Day

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

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

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

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

ue 11<sup>th</sup> Jul – UKS2 Tennis

- Curriculum Committee & Main Governors

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

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

- Y6 Graduation

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

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – FUN day

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Jul - School Year Ends

