Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are already over half way through the first half term of the school year. I would firstly like to begin by stating how very impressed I have been with the pupils' attitude and learning behaviours at the start of this year. This bodes very well for the year ahead which, as I spoke to the children about in an assembly, should be one of hard work, lots of learning but also lots of fun and enjoyment too.

This month sees the first round of parents' evenings, there is further information inside this newsletter and I would urge every family to ensure they have booked their appointment.

We also have a Harvest donation request to bring in non-perishable foodstuffs (tins, packets etc) to support the local foodbank if you can, again further details inside.

We are now entering one of the busiest periods of the school year as is witnessed by the plethora of dates on the back page. Please make a note of all the dates, there are also many events that you are invited too.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a wonderful half term when it comes. Please make clear the rules for your children when it comes to trick and treating as their safety is paramount.

Best wishes.

Mr Warbrick

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<u> Harrington Pharmacy</u>



25 Church Road Tel 01946 833565

- Free prescription collection service from Workington and Distington surgeries, for all ages
- Regular promotions throughout the shop
- Selection of household, baby and toiletry products. Plus, perfumes and gifts
- Free repeat medication check- up service

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



School Admissions/Transitions

Parents of Nursery children need to apply for a place in Reception by the 15th January. Being in the school Nursery does not guarantee a place in the school's Reception classes and movement into Reception is not automatic but has to be applied for. All the information you need is in on our web site in Statutory Information>Admissions.





Parents of Y6 children need to apply for Secondary school by the 31st October. Again all the information needed is in the same zone.

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







Harvest

On Tuesday 10th October KS1 classes will be performing Harvest Songs for the school pupils and then will be in Church from 2pm celebrating Harvest with families, parents are welcome to attend and children can be taken home afterwards if wished. We are supporting the local foodbank for Harvest this year and would welcome any donations of nonperishable food on the morning of the 10th October. Thank you in advance for this.



Harvest Apple Celebration Event

The Church is hosting an 'Apple Celebration Event' tomorrow. Families are welcome to call up to the Church Hall immediately after school tomorrow to take part.



Road Safety

A very big 'Thank You' to Cumberland Council for a road safety donation to the school. The funding has gone towards road safety sets and additional scooters for the Early Years children and is resulting in dedicated road safety lessons with an aim to keep all our children safe on the roads.



New Road Crossing Officer



Church Road now has a new road crossing officer called Shelley. Please use her services and support her and thank her for doing a wonderful job in helping the children cross the road. It is a long time since there has been one on that road and we want to keep her!

Plea to Car Drivers

Please can all car drivers please ensure they park courteously and bear in mind the quality of daily life for local residents. This is particularly pertinent for



residents of North Shore Terrace where cars are parking in front of their road so the residents cannot leave or enter their street. As a community school we would like to be supportive of our neighbour's wellbeing. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Remembrance Day

Like last year we are hoping to decorate the school hill



with poppies and weather permitting have the whole school out on the hill for the silence at 11am on Friday 10th November. Parents are welcome to join with us on the

steps of the road hill or at the bottom of Eadie Street. Below is an image from last year:





Remembrance Parade



The school will also be joining in the Harrington Remembrance Parade in the morning of the 12th November. The Parade will leave the British Legion at 9.15am and arrive at Church at 10am for a service and then a commemoration at the Cenotaph afterwards. We will soon be looking for pupil volunteers to represent the school on this historic occasion. Mrs Beecroft, Ms McKeating, Mrs McAdam and Mrs Holliday have all kindly volunteered to lead the Parade

School Photos

We hope you approved of the new school photos since changing the photographic firm and that you found the ordering process easy. We would very much appreciate any feedback so we can tweak the service to you in the future if needed. Simply email admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

Photography Competition

The Mayor of Workington is holding a photographic competition. Details are below if you want to take part.



Photos of Workington

throughout

the year

Entry

deadline is:

29/10/2023

at 5:00pm

Raising funds

SEA CADETS

GIVE US YOUR BEST, SHOT!

The Mayor's Charity Calendar 2024

If you would like to see your photo printed in the Mayor of Workington's charity calendar 2024, send us your photos!

The calendar will showcase everything from Workington's outdoor spaces, wildlife, events, and beautiful countryside to capture the community spirit of the town and its urban scenes.

You can enter as many photos as you like
Please send them via Facebook messenger,
in person/post or email
office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk
Full terms and conditions:
visitworkington.co.uk/photocomp

Local Christmas Performances



The Carnegie theatre is staging 'Elf the Musical' and The Civic Hall is staging Cinderella (Santino from our Year 4 is starring in it)







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.

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 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.

UKS2 Intensive Swim Weeks

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

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

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



Governor



Gallery



























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Chair of Governors Blog

Well, haven't the first few weeks of the new school term flown by?!

The Board of Governors would like to welcome all new members of the school community and all of the children and their families, returning for a new school year.

Staff at the school have worked hard over the summer and have done a fantastic job refreshing displays and setting the classrooms up to create vibrant and engaging spaces for the children to learn.

It has been uplifting over the last couple of weeks, when visiting the school, to hear the children laughing and joking with one another, catching up with their friends or building new friendships, where the level of respect between the children and staff continues to be exemplary.

Mr Warbrick informed everyone of the staff changes in last month's newsletter and this month it's the turn of the Governors.

Following the Governors AGM last week, we sadly said farewell to the former Chair – Nick Whitehead and to Mrs Vicki Sparshott. On behalf of the board, I'd like to extend my thanks to them for all that they did while they were part of the governing body.

If you have an interest in joining Beckstone School's Board of Governors, please see the information about the upcoming vacancy we are looking to fill with a new parent governor displayed below.

As you will be aware, the cost-of-living issues we all currently face are having a significant impact on not only Beckstone but all schools. As such, we have worked closely with the school to try and minimise the impact on families, unfortunately, some price increases were unavoidable due to increased energy costs.

Every school year brings its challenges, and I'm sure this year will be no different. Regardless, I have every confidence that the staffing team at Beckstone will meet and overcome any challenges while continuing to provide the high standard of learning, enrichment and support for all of the children attending the school.

Kindest regards, Simon Turk Chair of Governors.

Parent Governor Vacancy





The Governing Body of the school has a vacancy for a parent. The Governors are looking for someone who will be committed to the role and are prepared to give time to make such a worthwhile community role an effective and rewarding one. Applications are welcomed from anyone who has strengths to offer the Body. If you would like to be involved in shaping the policy and procedures of the school into the future then please ask the School Office for an application form or email bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk and the subject: Parent Governor. The Chair of Governors is available to meet with any potential candidates if they would like more information, simply book an appointment through the School Office. The form needs to be completed by the end of this month, Tuesday 31st October. In the event of more than one application there will be a ballot in the following week in order for the new Governor to attend the next Governors' event on Tuesday 21st November. Please note details in the 'pen profile' on the application form will be published on the ballot paper if there is an election.

Any election will again be held online and parents will need to register their email addresses to vote – one vote per parent.

How much sleep do children need?

Below are the approximate hours of sleep <u>needed</u> by children of different ages, as recommended in a Government Health report. We thought it may be of interest to you particularly when discussing bedtimes!

3 years

daytime: 0 to 45 minutes

night-time: 11 hours 30 minutes to 12 hours

4 years

night-time: 11 hours 30 minutes

5 years

night-time: 11 hours

6 years

night-time: 10 hours 45 minutes

7 years

night-time: 10 hours 30 minutes

8 years

night-time: 10 hours 15 minutes

9 years

night-time: 10 hours

<u>10 years</u>

night-time: 9 hours 45 minutes

11 years

night-time: 9 hours 30 minutes



Half Term Activities

Holiday Activity Ideas



Please do make use of our 'Holiday Activity

Zone' in

Parent Information Zone on our web site. Whenever we get information about events and activities that take place in the school holidays, we post them to that zone.





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
- In the school web site will be updated underneath the 'Weather Warnings' link

Y1 -Y6 Meet the Teacher -Wellbeing & Progress Update



Tuesday 10th October & Wednesday 11th 2023

Everyone should have received booking details via Seesaw on Friday. Please note the following when booking appointments:

- Please book the slot in the name of your child
- There are no multiple bookings allowed, only one meeting per child. If parents are separated we ask that for the benefit of your child and so that there are no mixed messages you attend together.
- If a mistake is made and there are 2 bookings for a child only the first to be booked will be valid.
- Please leave at least 20 minutes between appointment slots if you have more than one child to allow time to look at books etc. in advance of your appointment.

These appoinments will allow you to discuss how your child is settling into their new class and how they are progressing towards their projected end of year outcomes at this stage of the year.



Please Note: There is one time slot per child so where there is split parenting there needs to be agreement on attending together.

Educational Research shows that where schools and families work



closely together the child's perfortmance at school is invariably improved. As a result we would very strongly urge all families to make an appointment as soon as possible.

There will be a crèche on these days as we would like your child to accompany you to the appointment so they are part of the discussions and siblings are out of earshot. The crèche will be in Nursery.

Please let us know if you have any difficulties booking your appoinment & we will be happy to help.

Reception Parental Phonics Training and Follow Up



On Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th there is a Phonics training session for Reception parents from 3.30 to 4pm. This session is aimed at helping parents support their children in learning their phonetic sounds and representation which is the key to success in early reading. Children can go to the creche.

There are optional open sessions after each phonics training session to discuss any concerns they may have about their child with the teacher.

Nursery will be meeting parents next half term.

Term Time Holidays & Tests

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

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

3 weeks from week beg. 5th June – Y4 Times Table tests Week beginning 12th June –Y1 Phonics Screening Check

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

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

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

Class Assemblies

The dates for these are on the back page of the newsletter. Please note that class assemblies are for



classes from Y1 to Y5. EY and Y6 have other performances for parents over the year. Class assemblies start at 9.05am on a Friday in the Sports Hall. There are never any fire drills at this time so if the alarm ever goes off please cam all parents leave by the rear doors and gather on the back yard.

Cinema Nights

These take place before half term on Monday 16th (Reception & KS1) and Wednesday 18th October (KS2).





The film for both nights is the 'Super Mario Brothers Movie' The cost for each night is £6, which is payable on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments.



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

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.borderembroideries.co.uk/schools/beckstone-primaryschool.html



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

Names in Clothing

We are not long into the school year and we already have lots of lost property. Please, please, please put your child's name in their clothing. When this happens their clothing is easily returned. The amount of money some families lose by not doing this is staggering when you see how much is left unclaimed!



Coffee Morning



This took place last Friday, 29th September. It was organised and staffed by the pupils and staff of Year 6. The

pupils devised their own stalls which were an amazing success. Thank you to all who donated cakes to this successful event. There are photos in the photo gallery zone of our web site and some are reproduced below. The event raised an amazing £1,262 the generosity of our wonderful parental community never ceases to











Times Tables

The Mathematics National Curriculum for England expectations for children to learn their times tables is shown below. Please can all parents help support their child(ren) in learning their times tables. This can be by learning them by heart and using the grid below to quiz each other, watch musical YouTube videos to help learn or use Times Tables Rockstars or other times table testing quizzes that can be found easily on the internet. All children will be tested on their knowledge in year 4 and need constant recall thereafter.



Nasal Flu Jabs

Flu vaccinations will take place at school on Wednesday 18th October for all years from Reception upwards. It is 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.

Consent forms were sent out a number of weeks ago. **PLEASE ENSURE THESE ARE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.** If you have mislaid your form please contact the School Office. 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.

Multiplication Tables

1 times table
1x1= 1
2x1=2
3x1 - 3 4x1 = 4
5x1=5
1x1= 1 2x1= 2 3x1= 3 4x1= 4 5x1= 5 6x1= 6 7x1= 7 8x1= 8 9x1= 9 10x1=10 11x1=11 12x1=12
7X1- 7 8x1= 8
9x1= 9
10x1=10
12 x 1=11 12 x 1=12
12 A1 12
7.1
7 times table

5x7-235 5x7-235 6x7-242 7x7-249 8x7-56 9x7-63 10x7-70 11x7-77 12x7-84

2 times table
1x2= 2 2x2= 4
3x2= 6 4x2= 8 5x2=10
6x2=12 7x2=14
8x2=16 9x2=18 10x2=20
11x2=22 12x2=24

8 times tables
1x8= 8
2x8=16
3x8=24
4x8=32 5x8=40
6x8=48
7x8=56
8x8=64
9x8=72 10x8=80
11x8=88
12x8=96

3 times table
1x3= 3 2x3= 6
3x3= 9 4x3= <u>12</u>
5x3=15 6x3=18
8x3=24 0x3=27
10x3=30 11x3=33
12x3=36

9 times tables 1x9= 9 2x9= 18 3x9= 27 4x9= 36 5x9= 45 6x9= 54 7x9= 63
7x9=63 8x9=72 9x9=81 10x9=90 11x9=99 12x9=108

4 times table
1x4= 4 2x4= 8
3x4=12
4x4=16 5x4=20
6x4=24 7x4=28
8x4=32
9x4=36 10x4=40
11x4=44 12x4=48
12.84-40

10 times tables
1x10= 10 2x10= 20
2x10= 20 3x10= 30 4x10= 40
5x10= 50 6x10= 60
7x10= 70
8x10= 80 9x10= 90
10x10=100 11x10=110
12 x 10 = 120

5 times table 1x5= 5 2x5=10 3x5=15 4x5=20 5x5=25 6x5=30 7x5=35 8x5=40 9x5=45 10x5=50 11x5=55 12x5=60

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6 times table
1x6= 6 2x6=12
3x6=18
4x6=24
5x6=30
6x6=36
7x6=42
8x6=48
9x6=54
10x6=60
11 x 6 = 66
12×6=72
IZXO-7Z

12 times tables

1 x 12 = 12

2 x 12 = 24

3 x 12 = 36

4 x 12 = 48

5 x 12 = 60

6 x 12 = 72

7 x 12 = 84

8 x 12 = 96

9 x 12 = 108

10 x 12 = 120

11 x 12 = 132

12 x 12 = 144

Gurning



Classes took part in a (face pulling) contest in the week

beginning the 12th September culminating

in 'Gurn Off' finals on Friday 15th September The Gurning competition is an ancient local competition with the world championships held at Egremont at the 'Crab Fair' on Saturday 16th September.

The competition and finals were enjoyed by all. The eventual winner of the EY & KS1 'gurn off' was Rudy,

pictured on the left and the KS2 winner was Marnie, pictured on the right. The full outcome of the finals and images of all who represented their classes are in the film and photo gallery on our web site.



https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil zone/ film photo gallery/2023-2024/gurning/index.html





Safeguarding/Child Protection

Full details on the county's policies, procedures processes with regard to safeguarding plus analysis 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.



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



Operation Encompass

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.

Food & Drink



- **School Meals** cost £14.50 per week (£2.90 a day) payable on ParentPay. This is still great value when you look at prices of goods in supermarkets for packed lunches.
- Milk is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as

are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for



the second half of the autumn term is £9.50 and needs to be paid by Friday, 3rd November 2023 via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.



 Snack money for Nursery and Reception is £16 for this half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by Friday 3rd October.



• Fruit is £9.50 for the second half of autumn term, again payable on ParentPay Friday 3rd October. This is

for playtime snacks. Children in EY & KS1 also get fruit free during the day.

Beckstone's Extended Services

Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£4.50 from 7.30am, £4.00 from 8am) Last entry is at 8.30am but the last time for breakfast food is 8.25am; Educare

(our popular afternoon child care provision for morning Nursery children – see table below – please note these places **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**) with pick up times at 2.15pm and 3.15pm Please note that unfortunately we are unable to offer facilities for packed lunches for Nursery children.



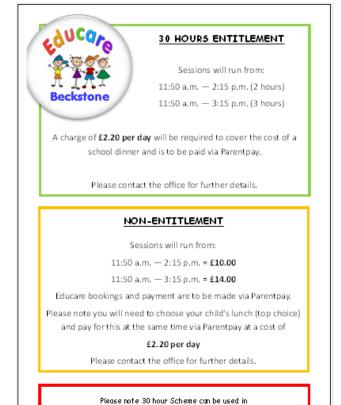
Beckstone Xtra runs from the end of the school day until 5.15pm (the cost is £4 per hour) with an earlier pick up time of 4.15pm if

required. Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm for anyone who books in advance at the Office or via

bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or simply use the QR code.



Please note after school learning/sport clubs will now cost £12.50 per half term.





Breakfast Club and Beakstone Xtra.

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Carer & Toddler Club

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

Messy Mary's at St Mary's



Harrington

Messy Church is held on the third Saturday of every month in St Mary's Church Hall from 4pm to 6pm. Messy Church is for all the family and includes a number of craft activities, songs, a story and some prayers all based on the theme of for the day. It then finishes with a shared meal together. All are welcome. (Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult)

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

Revisewise



All Year 6 children should be attending one of the sessions

Nursery Intakes

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

Children born between **1 January 2021** and **31 March 2021** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week

Nursery education from **April 2024.**

2024.

Children born between 1 April 2021 and 31 August 2021 can receive their free 15 or 30

hours a week from **September**

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/school sandlearning/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.



<u>Give Blood – Help Save a Life!</u>

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

The next donor session is on Wednesday 18th October from 3 to 7pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online, just register and book.



Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

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

Bus

The bus has had a huge upgrade and makeover. Again, HUGE thanks to Simon Turk, our new Chair of Governors, for the major effort he has put in to the project.

Thanks also go to:

Jeff Taylors – for their very generous donation of carpeting for the bus.

Chambers Carpets – for fitting the carpets

Alistair Grey & David Wallace from the Workington Transport Heritage Trust - for giving their time to check the bus over and provide advice and guidance.

As the photos below shows this is going to be a very valuable learning space again.









Finally, thank you to one of our parents who saw 2 men on the bus on a Saturday morning and called the Police. It turned out to be our caretaker and one of our Governors but the swift action and support for the school is very much appreciated.



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







The sign of the si

The first Tuesday of next half term (31st October) will be a Halloween, spooky themed day and your child is invited to come to school in costume and everyone who comes in a costume will be able to parade for the school.

(Costumes can be sourced at competitive prices from supermarkets nearer the time).

There will also be a Halloween themed lunch and parties with refreshments for all year groups. In addition, there is a Halloween Children's Raffle which will be on ParentPay and drawn on Halloween itself.



There will also be an Educare Halloween

dance for parents at 2.45pm. FAB are funding many of the festivities but a £1 donation towards costs would be most welcome and this can be paid through ParentPay as well.



Finally, the school will be holding an after-school Halloween Disco for Key Stage 2 from 3.15 to 5.15pm. The cost is £6 and includes hot dogs, crisps, drinks, entry into a raffle and the disco. Booking is now live on ParentPay and there is an absolute deadline of Friday 20th October to book a place.

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.

A list of suggested items is alongside



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

Easy Fund Raising



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

your annual holiday – you could be raising **FREE** donations for Beckstone Primary School with easy fundraising?

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



All you need to do is:

- Go to
 https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ beckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raisemore 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.

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.

Cinema Trips

Each Stage has a special trip to the Cinema next half term (thanks to Mrs Potts for helping secure free tickets).



On the 9th of November Year 5 & 6 are going to see 'Matilda the Musical ' at the Alhambra cinema in Keswick. The cost for this trip is £10 including transport and refreshments.

Also on that day Key Stage 1 are going to the Parkway

Cinema to see 'Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile'. The cost for this trip is £8 including transport and refreshments.





Finally, on the 12th November Year 3 & 4 are going to the Parkway cinema to see 'The Little Mermaid' – a live action remake of the classic animation. The cost for

this trip is £8 including transport and refreshments.

Payment for the trips will be on ParentPay and you will receive a text when this goes live.

Walk to School Week

There are goodies for children who walk to school in the week beginning 16th October so please encourage your children to walk that week.





Herbs

The herbs have now 'gone on holiday' for the winter and will return in the spring.

Donations Needed



The school would very much welcome any donations of Lego for a Lego club.
Thank you in advance.

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.

Non-Uniform Days

The first non-uniform day of this year will take place this half term on Friday 20th October, the day we break up for half term. Donations towards the school fund on ParentPay would be most welcome on this day. There will also be a Halloween dress up day on the Tuesday (31st) after the half term.

Childline

If you are concerned about the emotional health and wellbeing of your child then the charity Childline has a

distinct web site for children of Primary age called Childline kids. The details are below: https://www.childline.org.uk/kids

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The site is very child friendly and contains advice on the following areas.



In addition, there are games to play, a mood calendar so you can spot patterns as well as an art box for children to draw their feelings if they are reluctant to talk. The phone line now has responders who deal solely with Primary aged children.

Ms Gorman starts her maternity leave on Friday. We wish her and her family all the very best for their newest addition. We will share news when we have it.





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Diary Dates

October

Mon 2nd – FAB AGM 3.15pm

Tues 10th – KS1 Harvest Festival at Church 2pm

Tues 10th & Wed 11th – Parents Evenings & Reception Parents' phonics Workshops

Thu 12th – KS1 visiting Harrington Over 55's for Harvest

- UKS2 visiting Church

Fri 14th - 5RM Class Assembly

Week beg 16th – Walk to School Week

Mon 16th – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tues 17th – UKS2 Benchball 12.15 – 2.45 - St Joseph's

Wed 18th - Nasal Flu immunisation

KS2 Cinema Night

Thu 19th & Fri 20th – Circuits days

Thu 19th – High 5 Netball 12.30-3pm Lakes College

Harrington Over 55's in school for lunch

Fri 20th – Non-Uniform Day

PCSO Visiting in assembly to talk Halloween & Bonfire Night

Sun 22nd – Clocks go back

Week beg. 23rd – Half Term

Tue 31st – Halloween Themed Day

After school KS2 Halloween Disco





November

Fri 3rd - 1/2AN Class Assembly

Week beg. 6th – Parliament Week

Mon 6th – LKS2 Quicksticks hockey – 12.30 – 3pm – Lakes College

Wed 8th – UKS2 visit to Alhambra Cinema to see Matilda

Thu 9th – KS1 visit to Parkway Cinema to see 'Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile'

Fri 10th – Rev. Dom in assembly for Remembrance

Remembrance Silence 11am on School Hill

Sun 12th – Remembrance Parade

Week beg. 13th Nov – Anti-bullying week

Mon 13th – LKS2 visit to Parkway Cinema to see Little Mermaid.

Tue 14^{th} – LKS2 Benchball – 12.15 – 12.45pm – St Joseph's

Wed 15th – Y6 visiting the Beacon in Whitehaven

Thu 16th – Y6 Takeover Morning

Fri 17th – 3/4SF Class Assembly

Children in Need Day

Y5 trip to the Beacon





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Week beg. 20th – Y6 classes intensive swim week 9.30-10.30am & 10.30-11.30am

20th – 23rd Nursery 'Come & play' sessions 2-3pm

Tue 21st – Governor Challenge Day, Staffing & Finance Committee and Main Meeting

22nd & 23rd – Reception 'Come & Play' sessions 2-3pm

Fri 24th – NISCU Puppets in assembly – 'Follow the Star'

-Y6 visiting Helena Thompson Museum for a Victorian Christmas

Week beg. 27th – Y5 classes intensive swim week 9.30-10.30am & 10.30-11.30am

December

Fri 1st Dec – Reception trip to Whinlatter

Tues 5th – Nursery Nativity am

KS2 Boccia tournament – 12.15-2.45pm – St Joseph'

Thu 7th – 'A Christmas Carol' performance for the pupils

Friday 8th – Y6 Christmas Crafts – Sports Hall

Mon 11th – Reception Nativity for parents pm

KS1 Party Night

Tue 12th - LKS2 Carol Service 2pm

YR Party Night

Wed 13th – Reception Nativity for parents am

- UKS2 Carol Service 2pm
 - LKS2 Party Night

Thu 14th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day

UKS2 Party Night

Fri 15th – Y2 visiting Allerdale Disability Associat

Mon 18th Dec- Christmas Party Day

Tue 19th Dec – Carols in the Square 10.30am

- Y6 singing Carols at Energus 1pm
 - Break up for Christmas

Dates for 2024 already

Wed 3rd Jan - Children start back

Fri 12th Jan - 5LJ Class Assembly

Wed 10th Jan - LKS2 Indoor Athletics 9.20-12.30 - Lakes

Tue 16th Jan - KS1 Dodgeball, St Josephs, 12.15-2.45 Tue 30th Jan – Governor Challenge day & Main Governors

Fri 2nd Feb - 3LS Class Assembly

Cross Country Event

Tue 6th Feb - KS2 Dodgeball

Young Voices Trip

Fri 9th Feb - 1/2AF Class Assembly Week beg. 12th Feb – Half term

Tue 20th Feb - UKS2 Table tennis St Joseph's 12.15-2.45

Fri 1st Mar - 4KB Class Assembly

Wed 6th Mar - KS1 Multi-Skills festival 9.20-12.30 Lakes

Thu 7th Mar – World Book Day

Sun 10th Mar - Mother's Day

Thu 14th Mar – Y6 Athletics Event

Fri 15th Mar – 1/2DT Class Assembly

Week beg. 18th Mar – Nursery 'Come & Play' week, 2-3pm

Tue 19th Mar - Governors meeting

Wed 20th Mar - LKS2 Handball - 9.15-12.30 - Lakes

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

Tue 26th – LKS2 Football – 12.15 – 2.45 – St Josephs

Tue 26th & Wed 27th – Parents' Evenings

Thu 28^{th} Mar – Egg Dumping Final

School breaks up for Easter

Tue 16th April – Children start back

Tue 23rd April - Wheelchair Basketball

Thu 2nd May – Class photos

May - KS1 Optional SATs Month

Week beg. 13th May - KS2 SATs

Tue 14th May – KS1 Kicky Rounders – 12.15-2.45 – St Joseph's Tue 21st –Thu 23rd May – UKS2 Residential trip to Edinburgh

Tue 21st May - KS1 Football - 12.15-2.45 - St Josephs - Governors & Staffing & fFnance meeting

 $Wed\ 22^{nd}-KS1\ Football-9.30-11.45\ -Lakes$

Staffing & Finance Committee & Governors Meeting Fri 24th May – KS2 Athletics Event

Early Years Colour Run

Week beg. 27th May – Half term

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

Week beg 10th June – Nursery 'Come & play' week 2-3pm

Tue 11th June – Sports Day

Wed 12th -& Thu 13th June - YR 'Come & Play' 2-3pm

Wed 12th June – Class Photos

Sun 16th June - Father's Day

Mon 17th June - KS1 Kinder Cricket - 9.15 - 12 - Workington C.C.

Tue 18th June - UKS2 football 12.15-2.45 - St Joseph's

Tue 25th June – UKS2 Cricket 9.30 -2.45 – Workington C.C.

Wed 26th June – UKS2 Trip to Beamish

Fri 28th June – KS1 Trip to Walby Farm Park Week beg. 1st July - Olympics focused week

Tue 2nd July – Tennis – 12.15-2.45 – St Josephs

Thu 4th July – Workington Academy induction Day

Fri 5th July – KS1 Kinder Cricket 9.15 – 12.20 – Workington C.C.

Tues 9th July – Governor Challenge day & Main Meeting

Thu 11th & Fri 12th July - Meet new classes mornings

Mon 15th Jul – Swimming Gala Practice Session

Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 16th July – Swimming Gala Wed 17th July - Graduation

Thu 18th – FUN day

Fri 19th Jul – Beckstone's Got Talent

School Year Ends







