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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.

What strange times, I never envisaged a situation such as we are going through would ever happen in my career. Much of this newsletter is necessarily Covid related, particularly on the first few pages. In addition we are having to tweak a number of our procedures and these are covered...the 'new normal'.

This newsletter will, in the main, be sent out electronically for the first time. If there are issues accessing it we will sort out paper copies, just let the school know. Please take the time to read it and digest the information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for coping so well with all that has happened. All school staff are very proud of our parental community.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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School Closure & Re-opening

The school was closed from the 23rd March to the 1st June. There were joint Workington hubs for the children of key workers and vulnerable pupils within Workington during all that time and schools took turns to staff them, some of our staff being part of that.

This school then opened over various phased intakes from the 1st June building up to over 100 pupils. This however still resulted in $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pupils not being in school since March 23rd.

To have such a long time out of school is unprecedented and is the first time such a long closure has happened since the introduction of universal education following the Education Act of 1870!! As a result this cohort of children are very special and indeed unique. It must have been very daunting for them to return to school, as for a large proportion of their young lives they were learning at home.

We have, as a school, been absolutely blown away with how well they have coped on their return. Their resilience, enthusiasm and zest for life at school has been a wonder to behold. A great deal of thanks goes to all our families for preparing them for this return and out attendance on the first day was 99.2% and the missing 3 children all were genuinely ill – astonishing and among the best if not the best school attendance on return nationally!

Harrington Pharmacy



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



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.



School Funds

We need donations to this fund as funds are getting REALLY tight as the school has had no

extended services or donations income since March so please help if you can. 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.

Recent Changes

To ensure a smoother end to the day we have tweaked the collection arrangements to enable all parents to socially distance. This involves parents standing in particular areas against the sides of the school in EY and KS1 and Year 3 & 4 parents spreading around the fence line in the back yard. This has helped the efficiency of the end of the day routines but relies on all adults to wait in their specific areas and also to try their best to be socially distant. In addition there are new staggered start and end times are on the back page. These routines will continue to be tweaked so please do bear with us until we get a system that works as effectively as before the Covid guidelines. A reminder of timings are on the back page with the diary dates.

Since the initial opening letter you should have all received and that is still on our web site, we have also changed the instructions for PE Kit for Year 1 children and above to avoid families having to purchase additional tracksuit trousers or trainers. This initially caused some confusion. The definitive actions needed for PE are:

- Children to come to school on Fitness PPA days in tracksuits, trainers (we do not want to cause

additional expense for families at the moment so any will do) and a school PE top.

- On days where there is additional PE children can change into their shorts and pumps and wear their polo shirts.
- For after school sports they can do the same as above or bring PE Kit if it is outside.

Payment Changes

To minimise potential viral spread via cash please note the following:



- In addition to milk payments being half termly we are asking for fruit money for those who want playtime fruit to be half termly as well. The cost will be £6 for the half term and should be paid in a labelled envelope.
- Early Years snack will also be half termly and costs £6
- Nursery children eligible for 30 hours will need to pay £1.50 a day towards lunch costs and need to pay for the lunches required in a week on a Monday, again in a labelled envelope.

Covid, Symptoms & Testing

Clearly with all that has happened there is a heightened level of concern about contracting Covid-19 and the need to test to prevent spread. The Government has asked all schools to pass on the message that testing is only needed and indeed available for anyone with one or more of the three identified symptoms. To summarise the current position:

A Primary pupil **WOULD** need to be treated as a suspected COVID-19 case (sent home, isolate along with household contacts and be tested) **ONLY** if they had one or more of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature (fever) of 37.8 degrees C or above
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, their sense of taste or smell

Please note if you need a test for your child then the whole household has to self-isolate for 14 days or until a negative test result is returned.

Please also note the Government guidance goes on to state that:

A Primary pupil would **NOT** need to be treated as a suspected COVID-19 case if they had the following symptoms (as long as the three symptoms listed above were ABSENT)

- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- A cold and associated infrequent cough and sneeze
- Tummy ache, vomiting and diarrhoea (but they would be sent home immediately if D&V and they will be asked to stay at home until they were 48 hours clear of any gastro symptoms)
- Generally looking unwell

- Regular cough caused by a known trigger (e.g. damp weather causing a cough in a child with asthma)
- Headache

A quick reference sheet for use if you are ever unsure is on the next page, page 4.

HM Government

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CORONAVIRUS
STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS

**HIGH TEMPERATURE
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at nhs.uk/coronavirus

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

If there is a suspected Covid case in school




The information below explains how we will inform you about suspected or confirmed cases in your child's class/bubble.

1. If a child/adult has been in school while a) showing symptoms or b) in school in the 48 hours before you will receive this text from school:

'Please be aware that there has been someone showing symptoms in your child's class/bubble. Symptoms to be aware of include new continuous cough, high temperature and/or loss of taste/smell'

If you receive this text you **DO NOT** need to keep your child off school and we **DO NOT** need to close any bubbles/classes. Your child is safe at school with us and we can assure you that we are taking every step to keep our school clean and secure for your children. It is just

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence: A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative</p>
 ...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 ...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 ...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - <i>even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</i> 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

* Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms:

- a high temperature (37.8°C or above. If you don't have a thermometer, feeling hot to the touch on your chest or back is a good indicator of a high temperature)
- a new, continuous cough (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 ...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too 	<p>...when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 ...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</p>
 ...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	<p>...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again</p>
I am not sure who should get a test for COVID -19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only people with symptoms* need to get a test People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	<p>...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</p>

For further information:
gov.uk/backtoschool

supportive information so you can more closely monitor for any suspected symptoms.

2. If there is a positive case (positive test result) in your child's class/bubble.

We will inform **ALL** parents/carers that there has been a positive case (we will never give out any names or details as to who has tested positive). All close contacts (as described on page 6 in yellow tier 2) will have to self-isolate for 14 days or if symptoms develop they apply for a test. We will not contact or give any information out on Facebook. Only listen to advice received directly from school, either by phone call or text.



Contingency Plan & Remote Learning Offer

Under the school opening guidance from the Department for Education it was incumbent on all schools to let parents know what their contingency plan and remote learning offer is. The above graphic forms part of the contingency plan. You will see that there may be occasions when children are sent home and at that point remote learning will resume. As a result there may be a situation where only a number of children are learning remotely when others are in school so the class teachers will have to blend the remote learning with their face to face teaching in school.

Our commitment to you is that we will again ensure your child has access to online learning resources and the school will maintain contact with you and your child. This initial guarantee clearly is dependent on families having access to internet enabled devices. We know of families that struggled with this during lockdown and were able to deliver 'paper based resources' to homes and will do so again (it is essential therefore we have up to date contact information).

In the meantime, to be prepared, if you have the financial ability, it may be wise to ensure you have a device that will facilitate such learning. We are aware that some may struggle with this, if your child has been told to self-isolate and is sent home from school please let the school know (in total confidence naturally) if this is something you would need help with. The Government have promised that there will be a limited supply of laptops with Wi-Fi dongles for families eligible for Free School Meals when their children are sent home to learn. This is not something that can be relied on however if you are eligible for free school meals and have not claimed it because your child has universal free infant meals it would be very wise to make a claim now.

APPLY NOW

Details of how to claim free school meals can be found at [or](#) speak to the School Office who will help you with your claim. Indeed 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. We

urge that **ALL ELIGIBLE PARENTS OF PUPILS FROM RECEPTION UP TO YEAR 6** apply 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.

https://emsonline.cumbria.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F



Online Learning – Seesaw and Tapestry

In relation to all the above clearly all families will need access to Tapestry (which is for children in Nursery and Reception) and seesaw (for children in Y1 and above) and also for them to maintain their use of these online platforms so they become second nature.



Tapestry is a great platform for Early Years parents to track their child's development and experiences in school and maintaining a dialogue between home and school.

Seesaw is a very similar platform and will become the main platform for homework for children in Year 1 upwards. As a result it should become embedded as a home school link and then be easily used if there are occasions when isolation requires home learning.

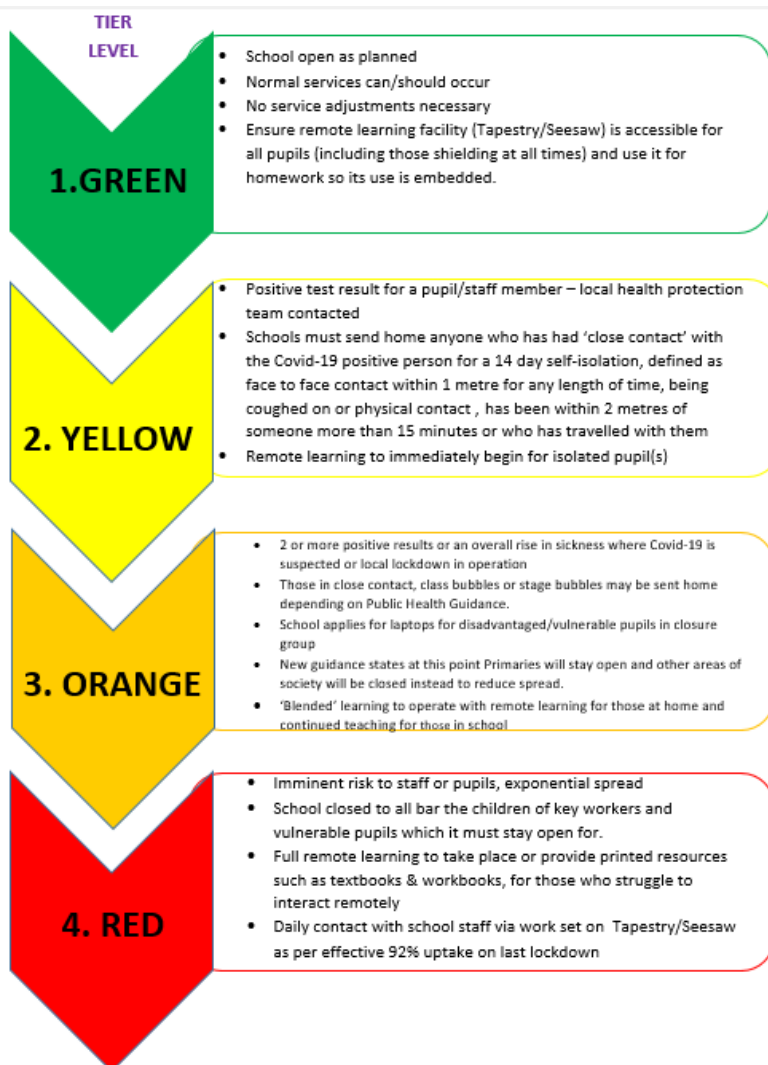
One of the most impressive things about how everyone coped with the lockdown was the speed at which these platforms were embraced by school staff and parents. Within a very short time frame there was a very steep learning curve at home and at school that resulted in these platforms being the bedrock of home learning. The fact learning continued during lockdown with a home/school link at a level just under 100% contrasted

markedly with estimates of between 15% and 25% nationally is something the whole school community should be justifiably be proud of and would be very rare nationwide.

The Covid Future

The Government has stated that in any future actions the closing of Primary schools would be the last action taken. Even if there was a complete national lockdown as before Primary schools would remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils (as per the model in the second half of the Summer term).

This does not mean that there may be times when classes, year groups or wider 'Stage Bubbles' (i.e. Upper Key Stage 2 {Years 5 & 6}, Lower Key Stage 2 {Years 3 & 4}, Key Stage 1 {Years 1 & 2} and Early Years {Reception & Nursery}) will be sent home to isolate. The following graphic shows the different tiers of action the school will have to take



Covid-19 Risk Assessments

In order to open to all pupils again in September the school had to formulate risk assessments to ensure Covid safety in the workplace for pupils and staff. We would like all our school community to be completely re-assured that all our risk assessments for September (as those for the June phased opening) were approved

by the County's Corporate Health and Safety Department as well as being overseen by our Health & Safety Governor. Indeed, a great big 'Thank You' is due to our Health & Safety Governor, Mr Nick Whitehead (a parent...and lucky for us a H&S adviser at Sellafield) who has ensured all our actions are robust and safe. Of note is that he gave freely of his time for advice whilst on a family staycation this summer such is his commitment as a Governor committed to the safety of the school community.

The H&S documentation is a long read. The staff guidance booklet for opening ran to 60 pages...however if any of you would like to read this document then please book a time with the Office and we will share it for reading.

2020/21 School Testing

School testing resumes as normal in this academic year with national checks for Y1 phonics in June, Y2 & Y6 SATs in May, the Y4 times table tests in June and the EYFS Profile at the end of the school year (the planned Reception test has been postponed until September 2021).

The only change is that despite lockdown the Government want to test the Y1 children who missed their Phonics test in June this year. These children are now in Year 2 and will be tested after October half term and before Christmas. Those that don't pass will be re-tested with the Y1 children in June. The impact of lockdown on current Y2 children will not be taken into account and the test is based on the assumption schooling was as normal. For the wellbeing of these pupils it is important we try and support them in this and the Y2 teachers will have a phonics focus in the next few weeks in many of their homework activities.



Packed Lunches

The weakest point in all our Covid secure operations are packed lunches.

There are schools in Workington that have banned them but we have not gone down that route as yet however they are a major concern. If the school is striving to minimise what comes backwards and forwards to prevent any Covid spread then the question has to be are lunch boxes essential? Indeed we also cannot store them at refrigerated temperatures so other health issues come in to play.

They are also a concern as some children cannot open the sachets, pots or packets which is placing a dilemma on lunchtime staff as they feel the need to help children whereas their guidance says touching articles in these boxes can lead to cross contamination and they shouldn't do it.

It is really difficult in the new 'normal' to manage staggered lunchtimes, different halls, social distancing etc. without having pupils with lunchboxes that need to

be retrieved from classrooms whilst ensuring no pupil is out of sight of an adult for general H&S regulations. In addition, whilst asking packed lunch pupils to take their rubbish home, it is the tables they sit at that create the most mess by far and result in lunchtime staff having more to clear up when times are so tight. Finally the nutritional standards of a sizeable number of lunchboxes currently are very low, a study by Leeds University prior to lockdown found that only 1 in 100 Primary packed lunches met national nutritional standards. This generation of children, of any that have gone before, need to have a top notch nutritional diet to ensure healthy physical development for whatever the future will hold for them, the nutritional standards school meals have to meet are designed for them to meet this objective.

It is sometimes assumed that packed lunches are cheaper than school dinners. The cost for a week's school dinners is **£11** however the following costs are for items from Aldi for a week's worth of packed lunches:

Bread/Tea-cake or wrap	£1.00
Butter	£0.46
Filling – Ham, cheese or tuna	£2.97
Savoury snack	£0.99
Yoghurts	£0.99
Fruit – apples, grapes or carrots	£2.84
Cereal bar	£1.76
Drink	£1.00
TOTAL	£12.03!!!

Whilst strongly urging the uptake of school dinners where there are still families sending in packed lunches they **MUST** be healthy. There is a healthy snack swap chart below to give guidance on how packed lunches can be made healthier.



If you have been sending your child in with a packed lunch please consider the nutritional benefit for your child and staff safety and give school dinners another thought.

As a school the message can't be clearer:

Choose school meals! Nutritionally sound; school Covid safe and good value!

Please help the school at this challenging time by putting them on school dinners.

Finally, if your child is a faddy eater and you are concerned about their reaction to school dinners then do let us know. There are 3 different choices daily plus a sandwich option however if your child is struggling with food then please ring school and ask for Debbie and we will do our utmost to help your child and ensure they have a healthy lunch.

School Meals

The menu for this term is available on our web site and is a handy reference to encourage your child to have school meals and also to help them with their choices.





The Wobbly Wand

Handmade, whimsical
arts & crafts

www.wobblywand.co.uk



Wobbly Wand's Page



Information about menus can be found in the School Meals Zone on our web site.

We are pleased to announce that the cost of the school meals for those in Key Stage 2 will remain at £2. This term thanks to our contract with Caterlink. The meals are of a high quality with a fabulous array of choices, served by an excellent and committed canteen staff.



Personal Hand Sanitisers

For health & safety reasons please do not send your child to school with a personal hand sanitiser. We will ensure regular hand hygiene in school. Thank you.



Flu Vaccinations

All children in from Reception to Year 6 in England are eligible for seasonal flu vaccination during the autumn of 2020. It is 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 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 (Fluenz Tetra®) will be offered in school on **Thursday 1st October** for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 but sadly Key Stage 2 children will not receive theirs until **Wednesday 9th**

December which is very late in the term. We have made protestations about this late date but to no avail.

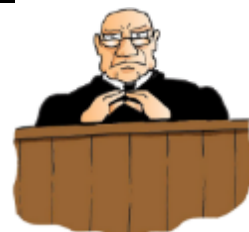
The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. You should have received consent forms. **PLEASE ENSURE THESE ARE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.** The only children who will be excluded are those where there is contra-indicated medical advice and there are very few this will apply to across 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.

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 safety reasons.



Term Time Holidays & Tests

There is active discouragement of taking holidays in term time as it disrupts a child's learning. **Taking time off at the statutory testing**

time needs to be avoided completely.

The key dates this year are:

Postponed Phonics Screening for Y2's – second half of this term

Week beginning 10th May 2021 – Y2 & Y6 SAT tests

Week beginning – 7th June 2021 – Y1 Phonics Screening

3 Weeks beginning 7th June 2021 - Year 4 Times Table Tests

Secondary Transition

WORKINGTON ACADEMY - YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2021

Applications are now open for Workington Academy places in Year 7 for September 2021.



Applications should be submitted to Cumbria County Council (The Local Authority) by 31st October 2020.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/applyforasecondaryschoolplaceforsept17/transfertosecondaryschoolinseptember2019.asp>

They are currently finalising opportunities for Year 6 students and parents/carers to be able to visit Workington Academy and to meet some of the staff, in line with current COVID-19 guidelines. Exact details about these opportunities will follow shortly.

Please check out the dedicated Transition Website including comprehensive Admissions Information, Virtual Tour and Familiarisation videos can be found here: <https://vle.workingtonacademy.org/welcome-to-team-year-7>

100 Club



With opportunities for FAB (the school's PTA – 'Friends at Beckstone')



severely limited by Covid restrictions we would very much welcome 100 club lottery players. A draw takes place monthly and the winning number receives £30, the second number £15 and the third number £5

You can now buy numbers for the draws in this school year. The cost for the year is £10. Please see the School Office, money needs to be in an envelope with the child's name and class. The September draw will be at the end of this month,

School Photographer

The school photographer is visiting the school on Thursday 24th September to take individual photographs of the children as well as brothers and sisters in the school. Please ensure your child is looking smart!

Please note that due to the new Covid guidance we are unable to offer family photographs of groups that include children or adults who are not part of the school community. We do understand this will be upsetting to some of you but unfortunately it cannot be helped.



Non-Uniform Day

The first non-uniform day of the year is THIS Friday 18th September. The day is to support charities that help children with genetic disorders through the 'Jeans for genes' initiative. Children can wear jeans etc. for school and donations to this worthwhile cause would be welcomed.

Platinum Sports Mark

The school was notified that it has maintained 'Platinum' status for its PE provision at the very end of last term. This the highest a school can achieve and Beckstone Primary is only one of a few recipients of this award nationally. In recognition of keeping up sport during lockdown it also received the national 'virtual' school games award. The PE provision at the school is excellent and the pupils get high quality PE lessons for a minimum of 2 hours a week and this reflects in the sporting successes we continually achieve. The full Sporting 'Roll of Honour' for the last academic year can be seen in the Sporting Zone of our web site and was in the July newsletter. You can also read our report on



the impact of sports funding for the last academic year too.



http://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/curriculum/school_sports/index.html

The PE team at the school do a wonderful job and it is very pleasing that they and the school have received such wonderful national recognition.

Sporting Success –Ethan

Whilst on the subject of sport, one of our Y3 pupil, Ethan, was able to carry on his Taekwondo by doing zoom lessons during lockdown. He was then able to win bronze medal in the European Taekwondo pattern championships! He then achieved his blue belt (only has 3 more gradings then he will going for his black belt). His final biggest achievement though was being able to compete in his first WORLD championships online pattern competition, over 24 countries joined in. Umpires from all over the world watched the competitors' videos and give them a score. They were put in groups of their ranks and age. Ethan managed to win a big bronze medal and a point for his country. His family and the school are very proud of him ranking 3rd in the world!



Pupil Mental Health and Wellbeing

Debbie Cook is also the school's 'Wellbeing Champion' who has the brief to ensure the mental health and wellbeing of pupils is being given a priority and that systems are in place to ensure children are supported when they have issues that are detrimental to their mental health. We now also have a mental health and wellbeing Governor, Kate Mahone who will monitor our provision. Supporting pupil mental health and wellbeing is a priority of the school and there will be updates on initiatives and actions taken in future newsletters.



Gurning

This year's Crab Fair has been cancelled due to Covid. For similar reasons we are cancelling our traditional school Gurning competition as official guidance does not allow us to have assemblies. Hopefully it will resume next year.



Halloween

We will have a Halloween themed day at the end of this half term, Friday 23rd October. Whilst children are welcome to come to school in costumes there are some changes needed to maintain Covid security. We are requesting that no Halloween masks come in to school (face paints are allowed) and no hand held accompaniments such as cauldrons, cleavers etc. There will be more information in the next newsletter due out now on Monday 5th October.



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Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Games, puzzles and jigsaws
- Construction Equipment e.g. K'Nex, Meccano or Lego
- Railway or road sets
- Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Good quality books
- Comics/games for wet playtimes



Thank you in advance for any donations.

Give Blood – Help Save a Life!



The next donor session you can book online is Thursday 15th October at Energus or the following day, Friday 16th at Workington Leisure Centre.

Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

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



Allergies/Dietary Requirements

If there are any changes to your child's dietary needs or they are diagnosed with allergies please ensure the school is informed so we can ensure your child's well-being is paramount.

Year 6 Graduation



We were very pleased that we were able to get all our Year 6 leavers together in the last week of term for them to see each other again (not all had returned after opening our Year 6 and other year groups in June). The Year 6 teachers enabled the Leavers' to put on an amazing performance at the end of last term using videos and poems the children had completed remotely. The resulting presentation was enjoyed by all. We were also able to stage a Graduation ceremony and they were then clapped down the hill as they left. Their group photograph will soon adorn the main staircase (it is with a picture framer at the moment) and join all the leavers' cohorts since the school opened in 2005. They are pictured with some other photos from the day.

Class of
2020



Revisewise

Free revision classes for **Year 6 children** will take place weekly on Wednesday and a Thursday from 8.20 to 8.50am. Beginning next week on Wednesday 23rd September. Please encourage your children to attend as it has proved to impact on their outcomes in Year 6.



REVISE WISE CLUBS

All Year 6 children should be attending!

Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 September 2017** and **31 December 2017** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **January 2021**.

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.

Children born between **1 January 2018** and **31 March 2018** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **April 2021**.

Children born between **1 April 2018** and **31 August 2018** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2021**.



Forms for applying for any of these intakes are available from the School Office or just ring and we can post them out.

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) 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.

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



30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)

11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

A charge of **£1.50 per day** will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and midday care.

Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.

Please contact the office to book Educare or for further details.

NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:

11:50 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. = **£10.00**

11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = **£13.50**

Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.

Please contact the office to book Educare or for further details.

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

Carer & Toddler Club

Unfortunately for the time being this popular club is cancelled due to complying with Covid guidance on visitors into schools. We do hope it will re-start once it is allowed.



Foodbank

The Foodbank is designed to help individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies. **In the current climate it is needed more than ever.** Local professional care-workers within Allerdale and Copeland refer families, with a food voucher, to the Foodbank centre where they are given food supplies, a cup of coffee and help in finding other professionals who can help them out of their crisis. For further details of the work of the Foodbank and how you can be involved contact; the North Lakes Foodbank; email:

info@thefoodbank.org.uk www.thefoodbank.org.uk or tel: 0750 2311 452

So donations can continue we have moved the foodbank collection point to the waiting shed on the left at the top of the hill. A list of foods welcomed is below:



Reg Charity No 1067541

Shopping List

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

Thank you!

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



No Low Calorie Foods

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 Web Site 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 web site 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 well-being 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



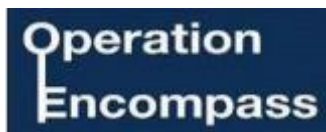
0800 800 5000

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.



Contacting Police when a Child is Missing



To ensure the safety of your child the school has a policy whereby after not receiving advanced notification of an absence and then not being able to contact the family, the child

will be reported as missing to the Police. This procedure is aimed at ensuring that a situation where the family think the child is at school and the school thinks the child is with the family does not arise as this would then result in a child being missing until mid-afternoon! Failure to notify the school has only happened rarely but causes unnecessary upset when it does. To avoid police involvement please could all families ensure the school knows the whereabouts of your child in term times by ringing school on the day of

absence or completing a leave of absence form in advance. There are leave of absence forms available from the School Office.

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 new additional FREE scheme set up by the Government. Parents need a registration code for 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 previous 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 5th birthday.

Foundation Stage – This is the first phase in a child's educational career and comprises of the Nursery and Reception years. The phase ends with an assessment on your child's attainment over a number of early learning strands which are reported in the end of Reception report.

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.

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)

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**.

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 the report and parents' meetings.



Homework

The school's Homework Policy can be read in full on our web site in the Policies section or is available in our carousel of policies in the school entrance.

The following are 2 sections that explain some key facets of homework set at the school:

Our routines

All classes give out weekly homework on a Friday. It is expected to be completed by the following Wednesday or Thursday depending on the Year group.

The work should always have been explained and discussed in class before coming home; it maybe a continuation of classwork, or a maths game already familiar to your child.

It is our intention, and good practice, not to send work home that the child cannot already do i.e. parents are not expected to teach new skills.

There should be a clear explanation/reminder from the teacher of what is expected.

Each child has a homework book or folder and the majority of tasks are kept in there. Work that needs marking (and is not feeding into other classwork) will be returned to the folder. This should happen each week.

The tasks set will not always need to be handed in; there are other ways in which teachers will respond or give feedback, for example, sharing results in class discussion, putting work on to a display or transferring work into class books.

Our current expectations

Nursery

Parents are encouraged to read a variety of books to their children and to change their reading books daily. They are also encouraged to use everyday situations for counting and communication with their children.

Parents are regularly given information about the work being covered and offered ideas about how to develop them at home. Parents are also given skills based targets on reports and provided with information on how to help prepare their child for full time school.

Reception

Reading books and tricky words are taken home daily and letters and sounds are regularly sent home for children to practise. Parents are given skills based targets and are encouraged to learn rhymes and play counting games with their children.

KS1

Reading books and Reading Records should be taken home daily. Our 'Strive for Five Raffle' is currently suspended but will re-start as soon as guidance allows.. Weekly Friday homework will consist of one piece of basic skills maths practice and a reading comprehension. Learning Challenge homework may be given over longer holidays. Y2 children may work on specific spellings in order to prepare for SATs.

KS2

Reading books and Reading Records should be taken home daily. Accelerated Reader is used by the children in Years 3 & 4 to ensure their comprehension is secure. Weekly Friday homework will consist of one piece of maths – focusing on calculation or times tables and a reading comprehension. Learning Challenge homework may be given over longer holidays. As children prepare for SATs in KS2, homework will focus on preparing children for the demands of these tests and the format of questions.

We expect children to maintain the same standards for presentation of homework as we set in school i.e. to use their best handwriting and a sharp pencil or blue pen.

One constant homework is to read (or be read to) for at least 20 minutes a day. We would urge every parent to ensure this happens. As 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.



Jewellery

The only jewellery items allowed in school are watches and stud ear-rings which have to be removed for PE/Sport. If your child cannot remove their ear-rings as they have been recently pierced then please provide plasters to cover them up. There have been many instances of injury nationally from wearing jewellery whilst undertaking sporting activity.

Loom bands can be brought in to weave at play and lunchtimes but can only be worn on non-uniform days.

After School Clubs

Information about learning clubs will be released soon. They will be restricted in membership to specific 'Stage Bubbles'. Please be aware there will be a charge of £10 per term (around £1 a week to cover costs) for many of these clubs. Details will be in the letters.

Uniform

The uniform for Beckstone Primary is as follows:

- Dark navy sweatshirt
- Sky blue polo shirt
- Dark grey or black trousers/skirt
- Blue gingham dress
- Black shoes/trainers (with no logos)



Please do remember that the uniform consists of 'black' footwear...white or other colour trainers clearly are not covered by this ruling! In addition the shoes should be plain with no logos to prevent any additional expense for families.



Coats

We are now asking all children to wear their coats at lunchtimes and playtimes over the winter months. 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 from the School Office at a competitive price of just £22.40 (sizes 3-4 up to 11-12); extra small adult upward sizes are £28.15.

WARNING

Misuse of Social Media



If you can't say anything nice about School ...
 don't say anything at all!

Beckstone Primary and all schools in the Workington Consortium take abusive comments very seriously and if we find that individuals are posting defamatory or derogatory comments about the school, staff or volunteers the following action may be taken:

- Insistence on removal of any such 'posts'
- Sanctions as outlined in School Policy
- Contacting the Police
- The user will be reported to the relevant social media site and the closure of their account requested.
- Legal action

Before You



THINK!

T - Is it true?
 H - Is it helpful?
 I - Is it inspiring?
 N - Is it necessary?
 K - Is it kind?

Facebook



The school has a live Facebook page – it is called "Beckstone Primary School (Official Facebook Group)", you should be able to search for the group or you can use this address or QR code.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1922762928000636>

The top of the Facebook page should look like the image above...there appears to be other sites with the school name on but these are not official:





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We have created this page to let you know when our school website is updated and to send messages. It is for information only and doesn't accept comments.

If you are a Facebook user and would like to receive news feeds and updates about the school, then don't forget to 'join' the group and select the "see first" button. The Facebook page has open access and will also contain links to updates on our web site and messages from school – there is no facility to message school, please use other methods. As a result, any photos etc. will only appear from our web site following clicking on a link. It is hoped this will dissuade children who are under 13 using Facebook but will allow adults to receive updates about the school.

Indeed, please note no children should have Facebook accounts under the age of 13 and applications to join the group will be refused/accounts will be deleted.



QR Codes

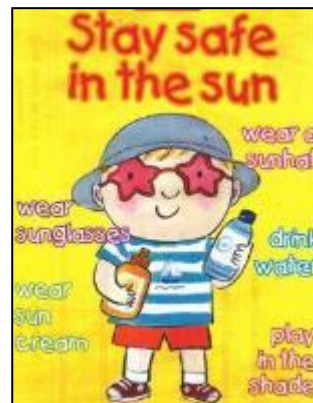
QR stands for 'quick response'. QR Codes, if you don't know, are those funny black and white boxes you see in newspapers and magazines such as the image alongside. These are placed within this newsletter at relevant points to give you quick access to websites mentioned. All you have to do is install 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.

Why not try downloading it and scan this code and see if it works. It should take you directly to our school web site.



Be Sun Wise

Even September days can be hot and the sun can give out strong UV rays. It is important that thoughts go to protecting children from the sun. The children at the school spend a lot of time outdoors during the school day and lunch times in particular are times when the sun is at its hottest. Please help your child by applying sun screen **before** they get dressed in the morning (it should last for the school day and please note that under Covid guidance we are no longer allowed to apply it), and also ensure they have the minimum of skin showing and provide them with a hat to wear outside to protect their heads...remember



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www.wrapsplathat.co.uk



Shopping Gateway

We are in partnership with a charity called 'School Angel' to raise money for the school. This is really simple to use and you can visit via our web site by clicking on the 'Shopping Gateway'

Once on the page all you need to do is click on the logo for whatever shop/service you would like to visit. The school will receive commission from these firms at no extra cost to you; it is just a gateway to access websites.

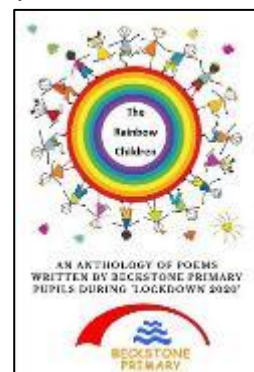
Lockdown Poems

The anthology of 'Lockdown Poems' can be read on the front page of our web site. They really do make a good read and will be a historical document in the years to come.

Two of our Y1 pupils, Ophelia

and Remi, won prizes in the Cumbria poetry competition which was the inspiration for the anthology.

They are pictured composing their poems during lockdown when they were just in Reception.



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Breakfast Club Sandwiches

On the last Friday of each month the Breakfast Club serve bacon or sausage sandwiches at a cost of 50p per child or £1.50 per adult. Parents can purchase a buttie as they drop their children off and can eat in or take away. The take-away option is also available to any Breakfast Club parents. The next Breakfast Club sandwich day is on Friday 25th September



Walk to School – Feet First

We aim to improve the health and fitness of our youngsters and reduce congestion and the hazard of traffic outside school. We hope that our children will enjoy taking part in Feet First as well as picking up road safety skills and that they will be encouraged to think about the environmental and health benefits of walking, cycling or scooting to school. If your child has to travel a long distance by car – why not park remotely from the school and walk, cycle or scoot the rest of the way (Park & Stride/Ride/Glide).

The school has signed up to be a 'Feet First' school in the next academic year too so there will be further articles and incentives in 2020/21.

Please remember that children who walk to school on a regular basis will receive a badge at the end of each term.

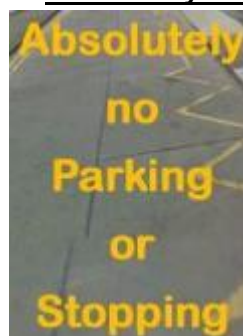
Cars on Eadie Street

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**. There were 2 occasions in the last month where a vehicle collecting children has done just that and has narrowly missed a child. 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 clear areas for children to cross. Again we ask all who collect in cars NOT to park on the zig zags.

Finally please do take time to thank the road crossing officer, Mary, who does a great job helping the children to cross safely, sometimes in difficult circumstances.



School Prospectus

An updated version for 2020/21 will soon be available on our web site or on request from the School Office. It contains useful information on all school policies/procedures & will be updated in the next few weeks.



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.

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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 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. If you do hire this venue, please let Marjorie know you read about it in this newsletter.

Also, please pass on the following details to anyone you think may be interested:

Ladies Club, every Tuesday from 1.30 to 3.45pm. All ages are welcome to attend. 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.**

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know new people and make new
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Asthma

If your child needs an inhaler at school please ensure you have completed an 'Asthma Card' at the School Office.



Coffee Morning/Non Uniform day

Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we are unable to host our annual Coffee Morning to support Macmillan Nurses. Instead we are asking if you could support a non-uniform day to support Macmillan Nurses and cancer research in memory of Mrs Wright, our colleague who sadly died of cancer earlier this year. She very much liked spots so a non-uniform theme day of spots (or other) will take place on Friday 9th October.

Cinema Nights

The first Cinema nights of the Year take place in October (dates on back page). The price including care, refreshments and ice cream will be £6 this year. We are working on details on how to ensure these are Covid secure and we will be sending further details in next month's newsletter. Further details and booking forms will be sent out nearer the time.



Assemblies, Class Assemblies & Performances



As you are all aware from a previous letter the latest guidance for schools does not allow large gatherings and assemblies cannot be staged. Mr Warbrick is hoping to resume assemblies via streaming to screens in the classrooms in the near future. The sad thing is that class assemblies and other performances such as for Harvest and Christmas look as if they will all be cancelled this year. It is really hoped a vaccine is found soon so all can get back to normal.

Diary Dates

These are on the back page but there are not as many as normal due to Covid restrictions, if restrictions are lifted then many more school events will start to make a return. Please note they are subject to review and change.





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Workington MP Visiting

Mark Jenkinson, the MP for Workington will be visiting the school on Friday 2nd October to tour the school and review Covid opening arrangements.

Kidsafe



Classes will be starting Kidsafe sessions after half 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.

Governors



The Governors of the school have been supporting the school behind the scenes since lockdown in March. Their first face to face meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th October and it will be a socially distanced one held in the school's Sports Hall.



Assessment, Reports & Parents' Evenings

We are finalising details of parents' meetings/contacts for this term. The focus will be on pupil wellbeing and settling back in to routines. We are looking into these sessions being either face to face, or by phone or by Zoom. Further details will be in next month's newsletter.

Classroom staff are continually assessing the children formatively over this term and planning various strategies to plug gaps in learning, accelerate progress and set up interventions to support children's learning.

Our pupils are in a much better position than many nationally as there was ongoing online school work taking place in the majority of households which has aided their academic development.

The children will then be formally academically assessed early in the Spring term and there will be a meeting to analyse progress. The school will be continuing with the report format similar to last year with changes to reflect reviews in its effectiveness and developments in our internal assessment system. You will receive detailed information on your child's targets and progress towards them as well as Red, Amber or Green ratings for many other areas of their school life. You can support their targets by, for example, ensuring they are punctual or always have their P.E. Kit. There will be a further formal assessment in the Summer term which will inform the end of year report you will receive. If you wish to discuss any issues with your child's class teacher in the meantime then please contact school and the teacher will be happy to ring you back at a mutually convenient time.



Finally, whilst on the subject of reports, we had concerns that changing classes on Seesaw meant you no longer had access to your child's report if you had not printed it. This is not the case. If you click on 'Journals' and then your child's name you will see this year's and also last year's class listed. Click on last year and scroll down to the report. This does not apply to parents of Early Years' children last year who had their child's report on the memory pen along with their Tapestry journals.

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Kids' Page

Now the newsletter has moved online the Kids' Page has been removed as it won't really work electronically. We hope that children have enjoyed completing the puzzles over the years!



Children's Eye Health

NHS sight tests are **FREE** for all children and available at your local optician

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Eye problems can seriously affect your child's future

A short video about the benefits of early sight testing for children is available at www.optometrytoday.tv/teachers

Confederation



Staff Changes

At the end of last term we said goodbye to....

Mr Milner, the school's music teacher since it opened. He was a wonderful musician, teacher, colleague and friend and we will miss him. He is pictured here on his last day leading singing on the field.



Mr Wilson, the school's computer teacher, again since the school



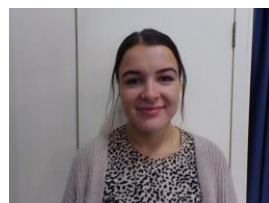
opened. Mr Wilson will be sorely missed and we got a chance to say goodbye to him at the end of term as he had been shielding since March. He is pictured here being presented with his leaving present in the school hall.

We wish them both long and happy retirements.

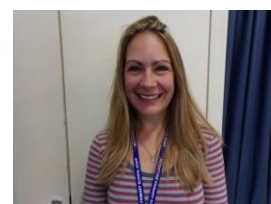


This term we have seen the welcome return of Miss McKeating who will be leading lessons in Computing, Music and French across the school. It is lovely to have her back in school, she used to work with us but then moved to the library service and now she is back.

We also welcome the following new members of staff:



Miss Horsburgh, who is teaching in the Early Years Unit.



Mrs Graham who is working in 1RM



Mrs Forsythe, who is working in 5LJ



And Miss McBride who is working in 6JM.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.



NHS

Staggered Timings

	Start	End	Gate
Nursery	9.05am	3:15pm	Front
Reception	9:00am	3:10pm	Front
KS1 (Y1 & 2)	8:50am	3:00pm	Front
LKS2 (Y3&4)	8.50am	3:15pm	Back
UKS2 (Y5&6)	8:50am	3:05pm	Back



Term Dates until Summer 2023

	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Start of Term	Wednesday 2nd September	Tuesday 5th January	Monday 19th April May Day Mon 3rd	Thursday 2nd September	Wednesday 5th January	Wednesday 20th April May Day Mon 2nd	Wednesday 7th September	Wednesday 4th January	Monday 17th April May Day Mon 1st
Half Term	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October	Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October	Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February	Monday 28th May - Friday 2nd June
End of Term	Friday 18th December	Thursday 1st April	Friday 10th July	Friday 17th December	Friday 1st April	Wednesday 20th July	Tuesday 26th December	Friday 31st March	Wednesday 19th July

Diary Dates



Dates for 2021



Fri 22nd Jan – Jack & the Beanstalk – subject to change???

Tues 9th Feb – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Wed 10th Feb - KS2 Cinema Night

Mon 15th – Fri 19th Feb – Half Term

Thu 4th March – World Book day

Sun 14th March – Mother's day

Mon 15th March – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tues 16th 7 Wed 17th March – parents' evenings

Thu 16th March – KS2 cinema Night

Week beg. 29th March – Egg & bonnet week

Fri 2nd – Friday 16th April – Easter Holidays

Week beg. 10th May – SATs week

Wed 19th – Fri 21st May – Kingswood – subject to change??

Mon 24th May – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tues 25th May – KS2 Cinema Night

Mon 31st May – Fri 4th June – Half Term

Mon 7th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check

- 3 week window for Y4 Multiplication Tables Test

Sun 20th June – Father's day

Tues 29th June – Sports day (reserve Thu 1st July)

Tues 13th July – Graduation

Wed 14th July – Curriculum Eve

Fri 16th July - Break up for Summer

September

Mon 14th – **ALL** New Nursery Starters

Fri 18th – 'Jeans for Genes' non-uniform day

Thu 24th – School Photo Day

Fri 25th - Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale

October

Thu 1st – YR 1 & 2 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Fri 2nd – Workington MP, Mark Jenkinson, visiting school

Fri 9th – Non Uniform Day – Spots for Cancer

Tues 13th – Governors' meeting 6pm

Mon 19th – YR & KS1 Cinema Night

Tue 20th – KS2 Cinema Night

Thurs 22nd – Circuits Morning

Fri 23rd – Halloween Themed Day

- Breakfast Club sandwicher

Sun 25th – Clocks go back

Mon 26th to Fri 30th – HALF TERM

November

Wed 11th – Remembrance Silence

Fri 13th – Children in Need Day

Week beg. 16th – Anti Bullying Week with Oddsocks day on Mon 16th

Fri 20th – National Takeover Day

Week beg. 23rd – Road Safety Week

Fri 27th - Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale

December

Thu 3rd – Circuits Morning

3rd – 9th – Book Fair

Wed 9th – Key Stage 2 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

- YR & KS1 Cinema Night

Thu 10th – Christmas Dinner Day

- KS2 Cinema Night

Thu 17th - Christmas Raffle Draw

Fri 18th – Breakfast Club sandwiches on sale

- Break up for Christmas

