

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

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

We are sending this newsletter out earlier than normal, before your children start back, as it contains useful information about the procedures that need to be followed to make an effective start to the school year for you and your child.

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

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and would welcome applications from anyone who would like to shape the school's future. Further details are on the penultimate page of this newsletter.

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 over recent times. All school staff are very proud of our parental community and the support they give the school.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

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2021-22 Procedures & Organisation

Please can all parents note the following:

Start of the Day



- The school opens to all year groups at 8.50am daily. Please can all parents ensure their child(ren) is **punctual**. The start of the day procedures will be the same as the end of last term including hand washing however face masks are no longer required but are optional. EY & KS1 to line up the hill and KS2 to line up at the back.
- If your child is unable to attend school then school must be notified before the start of the day. Registers are checked and families contacted if there is an unexplained absence. If no response from families is forthcoming then the Police will be contacted.

School Uniform

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

The uniform consists of:

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



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

Food & Drink



- School meals cost £12 per week or £2.40 a day payable on ParentPay
- Milk is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for this half term is **£10.00** and needs to be paid by **Friday, 10th September** via **ParentPay NOT cash or cheque**. If you need help with this please see the School Office. Due to the administrative burden of checking attendance and the inability to change the order daily unfortunately milk money cannot be refunded for absence.

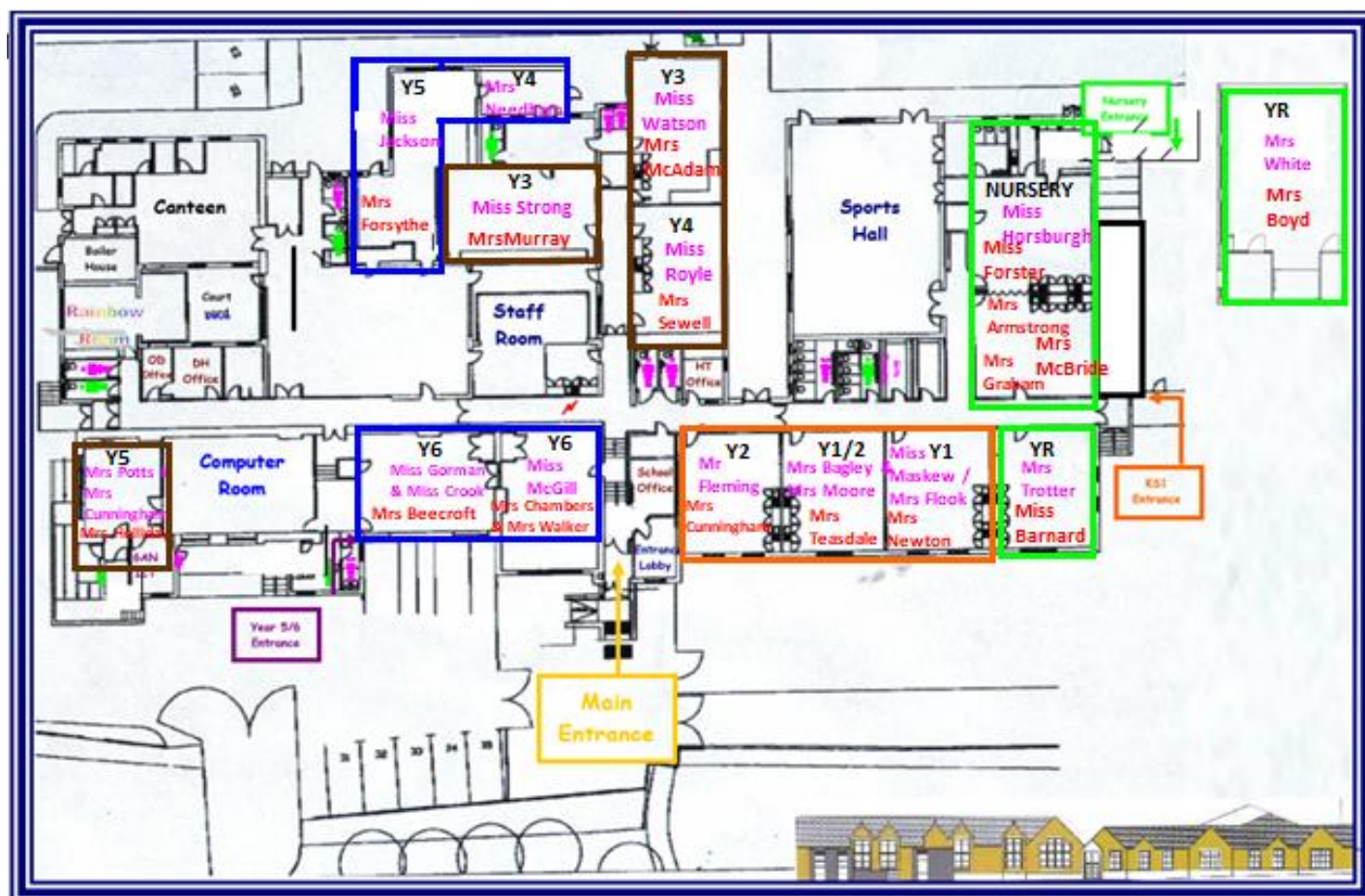


- Snack money for Nursery and Reception is also paid by ParentPay and is due by the same Friday, 10th September, the cost is £8
- Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up is also paid this way, £8 for the first half term by Friday 10th September



Classrooms

Your child's class is shown on the displayed diagram on the next page



PE Days

The system of coming to school in PE Kits as part of Covid safety measures worked well and save lots of lesson time so maximising exercise. We are going to trial this system into this year. Your child can come in PE Kit on 2 days a week...school or light blue T shirt (NOT football tops or branded sportswear), leggings or shorts under tracksuit trousers. They MUST wear a school uniform sweatshirt or cardigan on top unless it is a non-uniform day. Your child will need plimsolls that can be left in their locker.

Please make a note of your child's PE days

Nursery	N/A
Reception	PE Kit to be left in school & will be sent home every half term to be washed
1RM/AF	Tuesday & Thursday
1/2AB/KM	Monday & Thursday
2SF	Tuesday & Thursday
3JWa	Monday & Thursday
3LS	Wednesday & Thursday
4AR	Monday & Friday
4AN	Wednesday & Thursday
5DP/Ac	Tuesday & Friday
5LJ	Tuesday & Friday
6JM	Wednesday & Thursday
6HG/CC	Wednesday & Friday

Educare

Children can be collected at 2.15pm or at the end of the day at 3.15pm. Further details about the service offered and costs are later in this newsletter.

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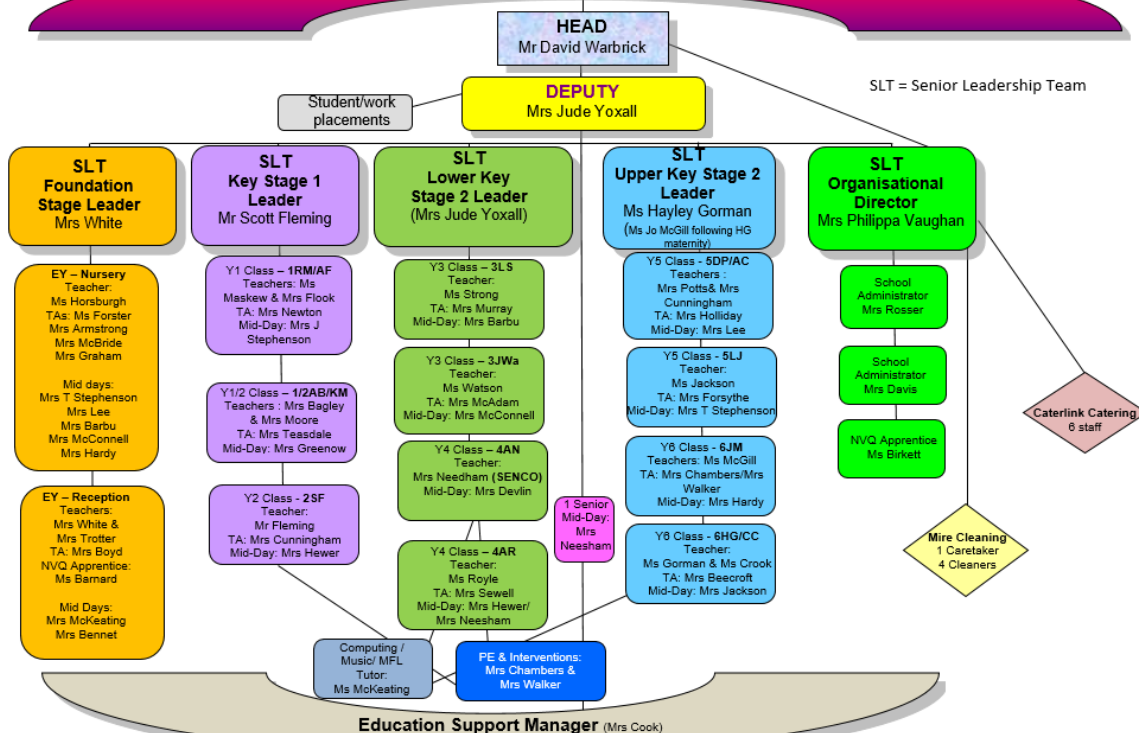
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Opening hours

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



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End of Day

All classes will finish at 3.15pm with EY & KS1 classes to be collected from the front yard and KS2 children will be dismissed at the front & back depending on their route home as per the end of last term.

Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm for anyone who books in advance via bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or simply use the QR code.



Staffing 21/22

A who's who is displayed above and is on our web site.

Playground Safety



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



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



Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

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Please can all packed lunch families note we follow the guidance set by the Children's Food Trust. We have noted there are items in some bait boxes that do not comply. Please can you ensure this does not happen as your child will not be able to consume such food for their lunch.

Food and drink in packed lunches: what the policy states

- The school will provide appropriate and attractive facilities for pupils eating packed lunches and ensure that free, fresh drinking water is available at all times.
- The school will work with parents to encourage packed lunches to meet the standards listed below.
- As fridge space is not available, pupils are advised to bring packed lunches in insulated bags with freezer blocks where possible.
- Wherever possible the school will enable pupils eating packed lunches and pupils eating school lunches to sit together.

Packed lunches should include:

- at least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- meat, fish, eggs, or a non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, houmous, peanut butter, falafel) every day.
- oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.
- a starchy food such as any type of bread (white or wholegrain rolls, pitta bread or wraps), pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or another cereal every day.
- a dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day.
- a drink of water, fruit juice or smoothie (maximum portion 150 mls), semi-skimmed, 1% fat or skimmed milk, yoghurt or another milk drink.

Packed lunches should NOT include:

- salty snacks such as crisps - instead include nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit with no added salt, sugar or fat.
- confectionery such as chocolate bars, chocolate-coated biscuits, cereal bars, processed fruit bars and sweets.
- sugary soft drinks, such as squash and fizzy drinks (even if labelled as 'sugar-free', 'no-added sugar' or 'reduced sugar' as these drinks can contribute to tooth decay and provide little nutritional value).

School Lunches – BEST choice



Taking school dinners is the option the school would favour you to do. The meals are good quality, are stringently checked against nutritional guidelines and the children get **5 (!)** choices of main

course daily so there should always be something your child would like (a hot meal of the day, a vegetarian choice, a sandwich choice, a pasta choice or a baked potato choice). The Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free meals, the cost for a child in KS2 is £2.40 per day or £12 for the week and for Nursery children it is £1.70 a day or £8.50 a week.

The menus for this term are displayed on page 6 and further information and FAQs on page 7 & 8.

If you are entitled to free school meals then please claim them even if your child receives a free infant meal. The school receives additional funding for every free school meal child and families also receive money towards school free school meals and clothing vouchers are available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £16,190. Note: From 1st May 2009 where you are entitled to Working

Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to

- work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to Free School Meals, this may be extended
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

For further details please visit

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

or follow the QR code.



Packed Lunches

Please can all those who give their children a packed lunch make sure they follow the School Food trust guidance that is reproduced at the top of this page as health is a priority.

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

Asthma

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



Menu Winter



WEEK 1

Allergy Information: If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask a member of the catering team for information.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Spaghetti bolognese 	Main Chicken curry with rice 	Main Roast Gammon Potatoes & Gravy 	Main Pizza and Wedges 	Main Fishfingers & Chips 
Vegetarian Main Five bean chilli and rice 	Vegetarian Main Vegetable Hot pot with carrots 	Vegetarian Main Mixed Vegetable Loaf, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetarian Main Shepherdess Pie & Gravy 	Vegetarian Main Cheese & onion Quiche with Chips 
Vegetables Carrots 	Vegetables Sweetcorn 	Vegetables Broccoli 	Vegetables Roast Mixed Vegetables 	Vegetables Peas 
Dessert Marble sponge Cake with custard 	Dessert shortbread 	Dessert Oatty Cookie 	Dessert Chocolate brownie 	Dessert flapjack 

Jacket potatoes available everyday

WEEK COMMENCING

6th Sept, 27th Sept, 18th Oct, 8th Oct







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Menu Winter



WEEK 2

Allergy Information: If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask a member of the catering team for information.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meatballs with pasta 	Main Cottage Pie with Gravy 	Main Roast chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Main Sausage roll and wedges 	Main Fish fingers & Chips 
Vegetarian Main Vegetable Tagine with Couscous 	Vegetarian Main Spaghetti in a tomato sauce 	Vegetarian Main Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 	Vegetarian Main Sweet Potato Curry & Rice 	Vegetarian Main Red Pepper and Cheese Frittata 
Vegetables Sweetcorn 	Vegetables Peas 	Vegetables Carrots 	Vegetables Baked beans 	Vegetables Baked Beans 
Dessert Marble sponge with Custard 	Dessert Iced sponge 	Dessert Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce 	Dessert Shortbread biscuit 	Dessert Spanish cookie 

Jacket potatoes available daily

WEEK COMMENCING

13th Sept, 4th Oct, 25th Oct,

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Menu Winter



WEEK 3

Allergy Information: If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask a member of the catering team for information.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Sausages and mash 	Main Beef burger in a bun 	Main Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Main Lasagne with garlic bread 	Main fish fingers & Chips 
Vegetarian Main Vegetarian sausages and mash 	Vegetarian Main Quorn burger in a bun with wedges 	Vegetarian Main Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetarian Main Cheese quiche with mashed potato 	Vegetarian Main Vegetable Pasta Bake 
Vegetables Carrots 	Vegetables Sweetcorn 	Vegetables Fresh Mixed Seasonal Vegetables 	Vegetables mixed salad 	Vegetables Peas 
Dessert Mixed fruit crumble with cream 	Dessert Apple sponge with custard 	Dessert Ice cream 	Dessert Iced sponge 	Dessert Shortbread 

Jacket potatoes available everyday

WEEK COMMENCING

20th Sept, 11th Oct, 18th Oct, 1st Nov, 22nd Nov, 13th Dec

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WHY CHOOSE A CATERLINK SCHOOL MEAL?

95%
of our meals
are made
FRESH on site daily




All of our menus are compliant to the
SILVER STANDARD
as a minimum



 **QUALITY
INGREDIENTS**

such as MSC fish, red tractor
meat and RSPCA assured free
range eggs



 Our meals are
**NUTRITIOUS
& BALANCED** and include
a portion of protein, a portion of
carbohydrates and two portions of
vegetables

Our nutrition team ensure all
menus meet the

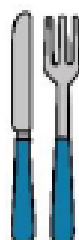
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BREAD** for children to help
themselves to



 **SCHOOL FOOD
STANDARDS**
for dishes and portion sizes

We have increased our range of
SUSTAINABLE OPTIONS
including our Added Plant Power dishes ,
our vegan dishes  and through
encouraging meat free days on menus

 Our
DESSERTS
not only contain
important nutrients such
as calcium and zinc but
are also in line with
guidance on sugars.
Fresh fruit and yoghurt
are also offered daily



All of our **PORTION SIZES**
are compliant, ensuring that we are not
offering children too much or too little food
for their **ENERGY** requirements.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the School Food Standards?

The School Food Standards were developed by government and are a set of food-based standards to ensure menus are nutritious, balanced and healthy. Examples include offering wholemeal starchy foods, having oily fish on the menu, and limiting pastry. Find out more: www.schoolfoodplan.com

How much sugar are in your desserts?

In line with recommendations to reduce free sugars (free sugars are added sugars – those not naturally found in fruit or milk) and the Children's Food Trust guidance, Caterlink have reduced the sugar content of all desserts to under 6.5g of free sugars per portion. Across our menus the average sugar content per day is 4.5g of free sugars, so you can be sure your child is getting healthy desserts.

Is my child getting enough food?

All recipes are created in line with the School Food Standards recommended portion sizes and are checked by a nutritionist. As well as the main meal, vegetables and dessert, we also offer bread and salad daily for the children to take.

What is MSC fish?

By choosing fish with a Marine Stewardship Council blue label, we can ensure that we are supporting sustainable fisheries and protecting the ocean. All fish on our menu is MSC certified.

What is red tractor meat?

Red tractor ensures that we can trust that all of the meat that we buy and know that it has to meet strict standards such as animal welfare, traceability, food safety and environmental protection. We have a British First Policy and all of our meat products are traceable from farm to fork.

How much salt is in your food?

We work with suppliers to ensure products are in line with the Government Salt Targets. We also don't add salt to our recipes as per the School Food Standards.

What is the Food for Life Served Here award?

Food for Life Served Here is a set of criteria ensuring that food served is healthy, local, seasonal and fresh. We operate all of our schools on their silver standards as a minimum. We were the first education caterer to be awarded the Food For Life award. Find out more: www.foodforlife.org.uk

What are Added Plant Power dishes?

Added plant power dishes are recipes where the protein comes from a mixture of meat and plant-based proteins such as beans, chickpeas, or lentils, such as a chilli con carne with kidney beans in. This makes the dishes more environmentally friendly (a 50% reduction in greenhouse gases), whilst reducing saturated fat content and increasing fibre.



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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School Glossary

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



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

Educare – This is a service which is offered by the school for parents of children in the Nursery. Educare provides further Nursery provision up to the full school day. This can be purchased or accessed through the FREE 30 hours scheme set up by the Government. Parents need a registration code. Further details are available from the School Office. Alternatively Educare is also available at a very competitive cost, please see the costings listing on the 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 or Early Years – This is the first phase in a child's educational career and comprises of the Nursery and Reception years. Children in Reception will undergo a **Baseline Assessment** early in September which is a national assessment.

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

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

This will take place in the **week beginning the 6th June 2022**.

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

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

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

SATs These take place at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. Results will be reported in the form of **raw scores** which is the sum of the marks awarded in the test and **scaled scores** where national data is analysed and the average raw score is awarded '100' which becomes the national average. Other raw scores are then scaled to give a

number above or below this to compare outcomes with national averages. In addition the end of year report in these years will show whether or not your child has achieved the **nationally expected standard** i.e. the outcome as pre-determined by the Government for a 7 year or an 11 year old child. There is a lot of information about assessments and samples of end of year tests in the Revision zone of the web site. You will need to use the username: **bps** and the password **home**.

The SAT test week for this school year is the week beginning the 9th May 2022.

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.

Year 4 Times Table Check This will take place in a 3 week window from the **6th June 2022**. All children in year 4 will undergo a national times table speed challenge check. Please do help your children learn their times tables up to 12x12 off by heart.



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Y6 Graduation

To reduce the risk of isolation our Y6 classes were split into 4 towards the end of the term. The vast majority made it to the last day (there were a couple who sadly had to self-isolate from cases



outside school). The Y6 children performed an amazing and professional performance of Macbeth, had their graduation ceremony and were clapped down the hill on the last afternoon. We wish them all every success as they move on to their Secondary phase of their education.



Social Media

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

The Governors have set up a working party to try to look at actions that can be taken to highlight the importance of children not accessing these sites.

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



APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+		16+	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter		
TikTok	Kik		
YouNow	Yubo		
House Party	Monkey		
		17+	18+
		Sarahah	MeetMe
		YOLO	LiveMe

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

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



Please protect their childhood and innocence. Please blame the school and if they say “Everyone is on them” then that is certainly not true!

Social Media & Parents

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

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



Free Gardening Equipment from Morrisons

Morrisons are offering free gardening equipment for schools between 6th September & 24th October. To help the school just download the 'MyMorrisons app, head to the 'It's Good to grow' section, select Beckstone to donate tokens to. You will get one token for every £10 spent. Thanks in advance!



Homework

The school's Homework Policy can be read in full on our web site.



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

All homework is now set on our learning platforms, Tapestry for Nursery and Reception and Seesaw for Y1 upwards.

Our current expectations

Nursery

Parents are encouraged to read a variety of books to their children and to change their reading books regularly. 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.

Reception

Reading books and tricky words are taken home daily regularly sent home for children to practise. Homework is set on a Wednesday on tapestry for completion by the following Tuesday. Parents are encouraged to learn rhymes and play counting games with their children and refer to their 'next steps' on Tapestry.

KS1

Reading books and Reading Records should be taken home daily. Weekly Friday homework will be set on Seesaw and will consist of one piece of basic skills maths practice and Reading Comprehension/English activity comprehension. Learning Challenge homework may be given over longer holidays. Y2 children may work on specific spellings in order to prepare for SATs and Y1 will start spellings in the Spring term.

KS2

Reading books and Reading Records should be taken home regularly. Reading Plus is used by the children to ensure their comprehension is secure. Weekly Friday homework will be set on Seesaw and will consist of one piece of maths – focusing on calculation or times tables, spellings 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.

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





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learning and it is the main thing that parents can really do to support their child (ren) with their school work.

- ☞ Reading together – sharing books and stories should be an **enjoyable** experience for you both. Choose a time that is suitable for both parent and child and choose books that appeal to the child.
- ☞ **Praise** and **encouragement** are the most important words to remember. Make praise specific where possible.
- ☞ **Talking** about books, authors, pictures, stories and characters is every bit as important as 'de-coding'. Take time to introduce the book before reading and ask questions about it afterwards e.g. 'How do you think Lucy felt when.....?'
- ☞ The **initial (first) letter sound** of a word is often a good clue to an unfamiliar word. Take care when asking children to sound out the letters in a word as they may not be successful.
- ☞ Encourage children to use the **meaning** of what they have read to guess an unknown word.
- ☞ When your child gets stuck get them to read from the beginning of the sentence again to have another try or skip the word, go to the end of the sentence and come back for another try.
- ☞ Have regular checks for **understanding**.
- ☞ Try to avoid too many interruptions. If the child says a different word to the printed word but it still makes sense then let them carry on and come back to it at the end of the page or paragraph.
- ☞ If the child is making too many errors they may need a different book. As a rough guide, if the child is making about 1 error in every 10 words then the book is probably too hard.
- ☞ Read to the child even when they can read for themselves, they benefit from hearing stories well-read and talking about them.
- ☞ Try reading alternate pages to add interest and to pick up the pace.
- ☞ Make it easy for children to practise reading – take them to the library, buy them books of their own, swap comics and magazines with friends and look at the printed word all around e.g. posters on car journeys.
- ☞ Let them see **you** reading sometimes...& **enjoying** it!

☞ There is also a lot of information to help your child with reading in the 'Help Your Child to Read' zone on our web site.

Finally, as a reward for those reading at least 5 times a week at home they become eligible to be part of the fortnightly 'Strive for Five' draw. 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 ☺



Parental Courses & Support



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



http://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/courses-and-support.html

Latest Covid Update



From the 19th July the responsibility for following up positive Covid cases lies with NHS track and trace and not with schools. As a result there will be no class or bubble isolations as per last term directed by the school under Public Health guidance. School will continue as normal and any identified children will have to isolate. This will hopefully lead to less disruption with learning.

We would like to thank all those families who were affected with isolation directions last term for their understanding and adherence to the policy. We realise it was very hard and found it difficult ourselves.

Please have contingency child care plans at the ready as schools have been advised to send pupils home if they are displaying Covid symptoms (see below). A Covid Summary is available in the 'News & events' section of our web site http://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/news_and_event/s/covid-alerts.html



Parents no longer need to wear face masks in the school environment, they are of course an option if you so wish.



What are the Symptoms of Covid?

There is a simple video that explains what to look for with regard to Covid symptoms as compared to other illnesses. It can be seen by clicking on the link in the noticeboard on the school web site, using the QR code or clicking here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329>



The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful. There is a link with further details in the 'News & Events>Covid Alerts section on our web site or by following the QR code or by clicking here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-51048366>



Lateral flow tests are available for asymptomatic testing for yourselves or other adult family members, these are not advised for Primary aged children. These are available by post from Gov.uk, some pharmacies or from Allerdale house.

If you suspect you or any member of your family **including children** have Covid then you should go for a PCR test.

Arranging a Test

Testing can be arranged via the national portal: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you have symptoms, you and everyone you live with must immediately self-isolate.

Do not leave home until you get your test results.

Flu Vaccine

To help in the identification of any possible symptoms of Covid we have arranged for our flu vaccination programme to be relatively early in the school year. Flu vaccinations will take place at school on Wednesday 20th October for all years from Reception upwards. 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 ((Fluenz Tetra®)) and will not only help protect the children from getting flu but it also stops them spreading the disease to their family, carers and the wider population. As flu viruses change each year last year's immunisation for those that had it will not be effective.

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

You will receive consent forms. **PLEASE ENSURE THESE ARE RETURNED TO SCHOOL.** The only children who will be excluded are those where there is contra-indicated medical advice and there are very few this will apply to across the country.

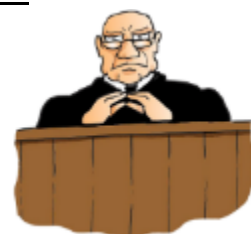
Parents of younger children may like to know that children aged 2 upwards and also in Nursery can receive their free vaccination through their GP or Pharmacies. **Harrington Pharmacy offers this service and is very handy for school.**

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

Further information will be in the next newsletter.

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 – see article above and the letter from County in the July newsletter. **Taking time off at the statutory testing time needs to be avoided completely.**

The key dates this school year are:

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

Week beginning 9th May 2022 – Y2 & Y6 SAT tests

Week beginning – 6th June 2022 – Y1 Phonics Screening

3 Weeks beginning 6th June 2022 - Year 4 Times Table Tests




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Summer Camp

This ran in the first full 2 weeks of the summer holiday and the last 2 full weeks. The camp ran from 8am until 4pm and was very much enjoyed by all the children and indeed the staff. They were lucky with the weather and spent a lot of time outdoors on sports, table tennis, water pistol shooting and much much more. They also had activity bases in the Dining Hall and some of the children attending are pictured below. It is hoped to repeat this successful extension to our care services again next year to help out our families.



Swimming

Swimming this year will focus on UKS2 with Year 6 swimming this term and Year 5 in the Spring. 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).

The weeks this term are:

6HG/CC: Week beginning 4th October

6JM: Week beginning 15th November

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 can all note that **swimming is statutory and all should take part unless medical advice states otherwise.** There is no better sport for overall health than swimming. It's great for your heart and circulation, provides natural, low-impact resistance for building muscle and as it challenges your body it will help release endorphins - your body's natural pain and stress fighters which can fight off infection and also make you feel happy.



Workington Amateur Swimming Club

In relation to the above and to help with next year's team (!) we would encourage you to explore the possibility of enrolling your child in Workington Swimming Club if your child enjoys swimming.

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

For further information:

Club E-Mail:

workingtonasc@outlook.com

Phone Number: **07846 363 973**

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



School Photographer

The school photographer is visiting the school on **Thursday 23rd 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.



Gurning

Classes will be taking part in a 'Gurning' (face pulling) contest in the week beginning the 13th September culminating in a 'Gurn Off' final on Friday 17th September. The Gurning competition is an ancient local competition with the world championships usually being held in Egremont at the 'Crab Fair' which sadly has been cancelled this year due to Covid.



Non-Uniform Days

The first non-uniform day of the year is Friday



17th 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.

The non-uniform day in October is on the 15th October to support anti-racist charities

Walk to School



We are continuing with this County initiative this year. There will be further details of the reward system in subsequent newsletters. In the meantime please try and let your child walk to school, (or walk with them) at least once a week to help the environment and also to ease traffic issues.

Donations Needed

In addition to the above, 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 especially Thomas the Tank Engine
- 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!



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

The next donor sessions you can book online are Wednesday 8th September 10am – 2pm or Thursday 23rd September from 3pm to 7pm both at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online.



Do something worthwhile and save someone's life

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

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 easyfundraising?

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

All you need to do is:

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

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

Thank you for your support.

Beaver Scouts



Children in Years 1, 2 and 3 are eligible to join the Harrington Beaver Scouts group. Harrington Beaver Scout group meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 - 6:30pm in the Scout Hut. If you require any further information then please contact Fiona Woodward (group leader) on 07815104762.

Who are Beavers?

Beavers are young people aged 6 to 8 who:

- Master new skills and try new things
- Have fun and go on adventures
- Make friends
- Are curious about the world around them
- Help others and make a difference, on their own doorsteps and beyond

Every week, they gather in their 'Beaver Colony' to hop, skip and jump their way through lots of different games and activities – achieving anything they set their minds to, and having lots of fun along the way.

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.



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



Domestic Violence

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

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

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

Revisewise



Free revision classes for **Year 5 children** take place weekly on Wednesday and a Thursday from 8.20 to 8.50am. Please encourage your children to attend as it has proved to impact on their outcomes in Year 6. Children need to queue at the back gate for entry from 8.15am.

All Year 5 children should be attending

Circuits

'Circuits Days' will take place each half term this school year. They will be on a Thursday or a Friday



depending on the day your child has their PE session. As they are now coming to school in PE Kits on those days anyway there is no need for different clothing on these days. The dates are on the back of the newsletter.

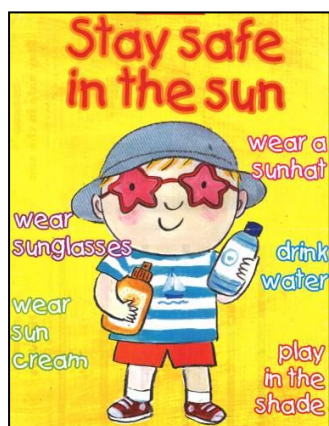


Breakfast Club Sandwiches

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 as a take away. The next Breakfast Club sandwich day is on Friday 24th September.

Be Sun Wise

There are often very sunny days in September and let's hope we get them this year too. The children at the school spend a lot of time outdoors during the school day and lunch times in particular are times when the sun is at its hottest.



Please help your child by applying sun screen **before** they get dressed in the morning (it should last for the school day so children don't need to be applying it at school). To help protect your child please ensure they have the minimum of skin showing and provide them with a hat to wear outside to protect their heads...remember

'Wrap, Splat and Hat!'

www.wrapsplathat.co.uk

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 Nights

These take place each half term. The dates are on the back page and the ones planned for this half term take place next month so further details will go out nearer the time.



Herbs

The herbs are now on their winter break and will return in the Spring.



Foodbank Donations

Recent events have shown that the school can be a focal point for supporting some of our more vulnerable school families. We are again reverting to links with the local Foodbank to provide food for those most vulnerable in our community. Donations are very much welcome and there is a collection bin in the green hut at the top of the school hill.



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

To support this initiative please think of our more vulnerable community members and buy some non-perishable food items you think would help feed children and donate regularly.

School Funds

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

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

Please help if you can by donating to this fund.

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



Nursery Intakes

Children born between **1 September 2018** and **31 December 2018** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2022**.

Children born between **1 January 2019** and **31 March 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2022**.

Children born between **1 April 2019** and **31 August 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2022**.

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
web site



<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> (or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form we need to see the Birth Certificate and a proof of address



Cars on Eadie Street

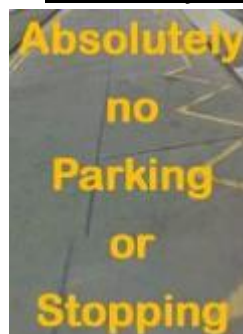
Please can anyone collecting children from school avoid

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



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

Road Safety in General



In addition to the above please be careful with cars around all school exit routes. The zig zags on Church Road should be free from cars at all start and end times of school to enable clear areas for children to cross. Again we ask all who collect in cars NOT to park on the zig zags.

Finally please do park responsibly and do not block other's drives or use private parking facilities such as Wesleyan Court. Your help in this matter is much appreciated as it is the school that receives irate phone calls from local residents when such uncourteous parking takes place.

Amazon Smile

If you order from Amazon via the Amazon Smile app then Amazon will donate money to the school if you select Beckstone Primary School PTA & Friends from their Charity list. Please support this if you can.



Beckstone's Extended Services



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

Beckstone Xtra (again £3.50 an hour) runs from the end of the school day until 5.15pm with an earlier pick up time of 4.15pm if required.



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



Beckstone Primary Page then the school will receive **50p** for every ticket sold through our part of the site going forward. You can play once or pay by direct debit which costs £4.34 a month for one ticket in every weekly draw.

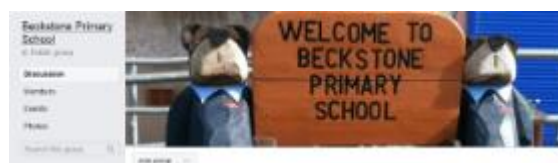


There are a number of ways of winning. We have over 60 players assigned to our school and many have already won prizes!! For more information and to play through our page please go to:

<https://www.allerdalelottery.com/support/beckstone-primary-school> or use the QR code:

Please share this link with friends and family.

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:


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



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 **£1.70 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. = **£10.20** (including lunch)

11:50 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = **£13.70** (including lunch)

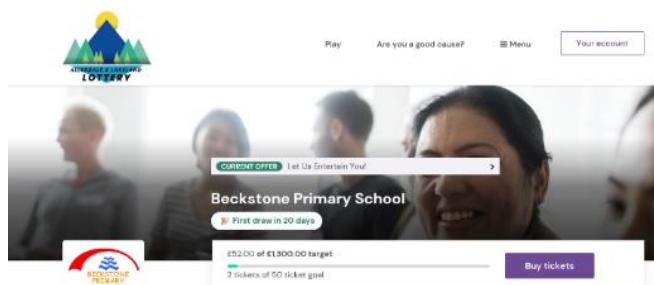
Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.

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.

Allerdale Lottery

Allerdale's lottery is now live with a monthly draw. The top prize is £25,000 and it costs £1 a ticket. If you are going to play and you buy your ticket through our own



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.



High Harrington Community Centre

The Community Centre is in Crooklands, High Harrington and is colloquially known as the 'Green Hut'. It is a very competitively priced and useful resource for all in the community to use. To hire this facility for any event once Covid restrictions are lifted for gatherings indoors then please contact Marjorie Rae on 01946 831004. The venue can be used for children or adult parties, meetings etc. and hire rates are very reasonable indeed once these are allowed. If you do hire this venue, please let Marjorie know you read about it in this newsletter.

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

Ladies Club

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



All ages are welcome to
attend.

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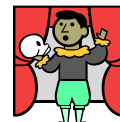
Postponed Bingo

Due to the number isolating we decided to postpone Bingo at the end of term. This will now take place on Thursday 21st October

We are asking parents for a donation of £4 towards this event (sweet cone, crisps, drink & Bingo book). This can be paid through ParentPay. For all those that paid last half term then of course this credit will be carried forward.



It was great fun last time and all children and staff really enjoyed it.



Assemblies

These can resume under new guidance for this week. We will evaluate how these go as it is 18 months since the school gathered together. After that we will look to gradually re-introduce class assemblies and other events that can have parental audiences.

**Children's
Eye
Health**

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

**Book a
sight test
today!**

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

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Kidsafe



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

FAB/PTA



The Annual General meeting of the 'Friends at Beckstone' will take place at 3.30pm on

Wednesday 22nd September. It is over 18 months since this group met and it will be good to get back to normal. The organisation is looking for new members and would very much welcome any parent wanting to support the fund raising activities at the school. The school is offering FREE child care at Beckstone Xtra for all attending plus coffee and cakes at the meeting. The meeting will take place in the staff room.



Parent Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body of the school now has a parental vacancy. Following its self-review the Governors would be very interested in a new parental governor who either has skills in the areas of finance, fund raising and business enterprise to complement the skills already on the Governing Body however applications would be welcomed from anyone who has strengths to offer the Body. 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. 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. 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 **Friday 24th September**. 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 Governors' AGM at 6pm on Tuesday 19th October.



Additional Bank Holiday

The additional day for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falls in the Summer 2022 half term. Cumbria have advised schools to take this extra Bank Holiday on Friday 17th December rather than add it on to the summer half term. As a result this term will now finish on Thursday 16th December.

*Jubilee
Platinum*



Lantern Making & Parade

The school is going to be working with Workington Nature Partnership and an artist from 'Stomping Ground' to create some lanterns to support the 'Get Cumbria Buzzing' pollination campaign. The planning is in the early stages and the focus of artistic support will be for the Year 6 children but we hope to include other year groups too. The lanterns will be shown in a parade on the 4th November in the early evening. There will be more information in the next newsletter when we know more.



Lockdown Tiled Wall Commemoration

We are also working with 'The Crafty Workshop' to develop a rainbow tiled mural at the top of the school hill which would include self-portraits of all the children who were at the school during the 2021 Pandemic lockdown. Last year's Year 6 have already created their tiles. Again there is more planning needed to develop this initiative and again we hope to be able to update you on this in next month's newsletter too.



There was much work undertaken over the summer on the school site. The following improvements

have been made:

- ✓ The Nursery has been re-roofed which will hopefully prevent any further leaks
- ✓ The upgrading of the adventure playground (the money raised from non-uniform days last half term have contributed to this) was due to have been completed but will now begin next week.
- ✓ A number of the classrooms have been re-painted
- ✓ There is new flooring ordered for around the fort and this should be fitted next week
- ✓ There are new stage curtains & boiler house doors
- ✓ A Thomas the Tank Engine will be delivered to site...huge thanks to the Thomson family for making and donating this new asset.





Diary Dates

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Term Dates until Summer 2023

	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Start of Term	Thursday 2nd September	Wednesday 5th January	Wednesday 20th April May Day - Mon 2nd May	Wednesday 7th September	Wednesday 4th January	Monday 17th April May Day - Mon 1st
Half Term	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 29th May - Friday 2nd June
End of Term	Thursday 16th December	Friday 1st April	Wednesday 20th July	Tuesday 20th December	Friday 31st March	Wednesday 19th July

September

Thu 2nd – School opens for Y1 up
 Mon 6th – School opens for existing Early Years' pupils
 From Tuesday 7th – Staggered starts across the week for September Nursery starters
 Fri 17th – Jeans for Genes Non Uniform Day
 - Gurning Final
 - Strive for Five –first draw
 Wed 22nd – FAB AGM 3.30pm
 Thu 23rd Sep – School Photographer
 Fri 24th - Breakfast Club sandwich day



October

Fri 1st – Strive for Five draw
 Week beg. 4th Oct – 6HG/CC - Int. swimming week
 Mon 11th Oct – KS1 Harvest Service at Church 2pm
 Parents' Evening 'Drop In' re: settling in & wellbeing
 Tues 12th – Y6 Lantern Making Workshop
 - Parents' Evening 'Drop In' re: settling in & wellbeing
 Thu 14th & Friday 15th – Class Circuits sessions in Gymnastics slots
 Fri 15th – Non Uniform day to support anti-racist charities
 - Strive for Five Draw
 - Ms Gorman's last day before maternity leave
 Mon 18th – YR & KS1 Cinema Night
 Tue 19th – Y6 Lantern Making Workshop
 Staffing & Finance committee 5pm
 - Governors AGM 6pm
 Wed 20th – Nasal Flu day
 - KS2 Cinema Night
 Thu 21st – Bingo afternoon
 Fri 22nd – Halloween themed day
 - Breakfast Club sandwich day
 - Ms Maskew's last day before maternity leave
 - Break up for half term
Mon 25th – Fri 29th – HALF TERM
 Sun 31st – Clocks go back



Dates Later in School Year

Wed 3rd Nov – Multi Skills after school club starts for 6 weeks
 Thu 4th Nov – Lantern Parade 6pm
 Fri 5th Nov – Strive for Five
 Thu 11th Nov – Remembrance silence
 Week beg. 15th Nov – Intensive swim week 6JM
 Fri 12th Nov – Children in Need Non Uniform day
 Fri 19th Nov – Strive for Five
 Week beg. 22nd Nov – Early Years 'Come & Play' week
 Thu 2nd & Fri 3rd Dec – Class circuits sessions
 Fri 3rd Dec – Strive for Five
 Wed 8th Dec – YR & KS1 Cinema Night
 Thu 9th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day
 - KS2 Cinema Night
 Thu 16th Dec – Community Carol Singing in the Square 10.30am
 - Strive for Five Draw
 Wed 5th Jan – Children start back
 Fri 21st Jan – Jack & the Beanstalk – M&M Prods
 Tue 1st Feb – Curriculum & Pupil Committee & Governors
 Tue 8th Feb – Young Voices Trip to Manchester
 Fri 11th Feb – Break up for half term
 Week beg. Mon 21st Feb – Parents' Evenings
 Thu 3rd March – World Book Day
 Week beg. 7th Mar – Intensive swim week for a Y5 class
 Week beg. 14th Mar – Intensive swim week for a Y5 class
 Mon 21st Mar – KS1 & R cinema Night
 Tue 22nd Mar – Governors
 Wed 23rd Mar – KS2 Cinema Night
 Thu 31st Mar & Fri 1st Apr – Class circuits sessions
 Friday 1st Apr – Break up for Easter
 Wed 20th Apr – Children Start back
 Mon 2nd May – Bank Holiday
Mon 9th – Thu 12th May – KS1 & KS2 SATs Week
 Fri 27th May – Break up for half term
Week beg. Mon 6th Jun – KS1 Phonics Screening Check
 - 3 week window for Y4 Times Table Check
 Tue 14th Jul – Y6 Graduation
 Fri 15th Jul – Meet new classes
 Mon 18th Jul – Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
 Tue 19th Jul – FUN day
 Wed 20th Jul – Break up for Summer

