

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final edition of the school newsletter for the current academic year.

What a strange year it has been with a lockdown in the middle and the Covid restrictions on school have even increased over the last few weeks. There is more information on the change in Covid guidance, in this newsletter, as well as a piece from me reflecting on the year that we have just had.

The last couple of weeks continue to be busy as is witnessed by the dates on the back. I would like to reassure you that we are doing our utmost to try and ensure that your children have a safe and happy time in school and as far as is possible, are unaware of Covid restrictions as well as replacing traditional events with alternative ones so they continue to get the most from school.

We are running a **summer holiday play scheme** at a competitive cost of £20 per half day or £25 per full day to help families with holiday care. It is very competitively priced and I hope you will find it very useful. Further details can be found on page 3 of the newsletter.

Again, here's hoping for a non-eventful Covid final couple of weeks but one packed with learning and lots of fun for your children.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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20-21 School Year -

A Personal Reflection from the Head



After feeling that the school year 19-20 was the strangest one ever we have now journeyed through one equally as strange. It is to be hoped normality returns in the next year, we all sincerely hope so.

In reflecting on this year my first thoughts go to your wonderful children. They have undergone a turbulent time with lockdowns and restrictions yet they have been so resilient, have maintained their enthusiasm for school and are a credit to you all. You will get their reports later this month and you will be able to read that despite all that has been thrown at them they are quietly and confidently making progress and attaining well. There have clearly been some gaps in learning however these are not major, we are continually addressing them and your children are doing well and are coping remarkably well on their journey back to age related expectations. As a result do not worry if they are not quite where they may have been with no pandemic, we are certain they will be in the near future. Whilst it has been so different for this cohort of children they are not the 'lost generation' referred to in the media. The children have had a unique experience compared to others that have gone before that are resulting in more honed skills of resilience, independence, determination, self-management of time and indeed personal drives to develop their learning. They all deserve a wonderful summer holiday and I am so very proud of them.

Completely
Totally
Proud of
You

Then my thoughts turn to you. As parents you have had to cope with events and pressures that your parents never had to. The challenge set to you to home school your children by the Government was no mean feat and you managed it very well with the work we set being completed by well over 90% of pupils on a weekly basis. I understand how hard it must have been to juggle work life, maintaining a home and teaching your children. You must have got really tired and fraught at times and I thank you for your hard work in supporting your children. I love teaching and always have but it has always been in an environment designed to support it, not at a crowded kitchen table. As the reports show your children are making good progress and a lot of this is down to you! In addition you have been asked to drop and collect your children at different times, wear masks, not come into school, not attend celebratory events for your children, have parents' evenings on the phone or by video, not watch your child in Sports Days etc etc. You have done this with great fortitude, have accepted the situation and have not complained. Your support of all the different changes has been a wonder to behold and made my job in managing it that much easier than it could have been. Again, I thank you for that and am honoured to have such a wonderful parental community.



Then there are my colleagues, the staff, all the teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, mid-days, canteen staff and cleaning staff. We have 66 adults who at some point in the day work at the school (one of the largest employers in Workington) and they have had a turbulent year. Guidance from the Government and the County has changed almost on a weekly basis. They have had to deal with full opening, partial opening, lockdowns, isolation, working in 'bubbles' and being kept apart from other colleagues and friends. Indeed, it has been a challenge on a daily basis. They have all coped and managed exceedingly well with good heart, positivity and enthusiasm. To a person they want the best for the children at the school and have adapted seamlessly to ensure your children have had the highest quality education we could have offered given all the circumstances. To lead such a group of people through this year has been a privilege and I owe them an immense amount of gratitude and appreciation.

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Latest Covid Update

Despite national easing of many Covid restrictions as is witnessed by crowds at events and press speculation over holidays and the promise of a full lifting of restrictions on the 19th July, the guidance from the County to schools has become far more stringent over the past couple of weeks. Recent changes include

all classroom staff having to wear masks in classrooms, no visitors allowed on site, the withdrawal of work placement students who have to return to their places of learning and further staff separation in terms of not socialising over lunches and internal meetings being capped at 15 minutes in length. It is a challenge.

These measures have been introduced as there is a significant ongoing increase in cases locally with the rates doubling each week. We are doing all we can to keep to the guidance and so hope that we escape having to isolate groups as is happening at increasing rates (more than ever before) at schools across the County.

As a result we also need to strictly maintain the following measures:

- All parents to wear masks within the environs of the school and maintain social distancing
- The start and end of the school day to continue to be staggered (see times on the back page)
- All children to wash hands on a regular basis and not to be complacent and do this effectively
- Items coming in to school to be reduced to an absolute minimum (no toys etc.) and if possible move to school dinners **as packed lunch boxes are a concern** and involve the potential for virus spread as they are stored together and often children need help opening items
- Assemblies plus class assemblies, sports day and other events involving parents will continue not to take place as Covid guidance forbids these
- Our annual curriculum evening will again be in the form of a welcome and introductory video.
- No visitors allowed in school, workmen only once the children have gone.

In addition to keep all safe at school the school will be stringently applying behaviour rules. Please ensure your children are aware of these from the home school agreement and that touching each other or rough play is **NOT** allowed and will be dealt with seriously as it endangers safety.

The guidance for schools will hopefully change by September but it is likely we will not be informed of these until well into the Summer holidays.

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>



A summary of symptoms and what they could be is at the top of the next column. 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.

Symptoms	Coronavirus	Flu	Cold
 Fever	Common	Common	Rare
 Cough	Common	Common	Mild
 Loss of taste and smell	Sudden	Rare	Sometimes
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Headaches	Sometimes	Common	Rare
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny/stuffy nose	Rare	Sometimes	Common
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Sneezing	No	No	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Diarrhoea	Sometimes for children	Sometimes, especially for children	No

Source: WHO, CDC BBC

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.

Beckstone Summer Holiday Care



Summer Camp



You only have a few days left to book Holiday Care during the long summer holidays at a very competitive rate to help families with the cost of child care at this time. **Bookings will close on Friday 9th July.**

The holiday care is open to all ages from September Nursery Starters right up to Year 6. It will run in the first 2 weeks and the last 2 weeks of the holiday. The days will start at 8am and finish at 4pm and will consist of 2 sessions, 8 until 12.00pm or 12.00pm to 4pm (children can be booked into one session or both).

One session will cost £20, a whole day (i.e. 2 sessions) will cost £25. New bookings can be made by emailing bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk. Payments are to be made on ParentPay. The School Office will notify you via text how much you are required to pay. Payments are non-refundable as staffing ratios etc will be sorted prior to the start of the summer holidays.



The days are going to be a mixture of fun activities utilising the school's resources such as sport, art, dance and drama as well as ICT amongst many other things. They will be designed to be lots of fun and play and recreational based. The children will also receive breakfast in the morning session and snacks in the afternoon session included in the price but will need to bring their own lunch.

If you want to book a place for your child then please email bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or follow the QR code and just state which days you would like and whether they are morning, afternoon or all day. You can choose any weekday from the 19th to the 30th July or from the 16th to the 27th August.



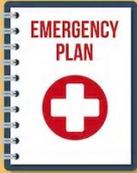
Y6 Graduation



The Y6 children have been rehearsing a performance to share with parents. Given the new stringent guidance this will be filmed for the school and parents to see. In addition the children will have their 'graduation Ceremony' in the morning of Thursday 15th July. This again will be filmed and a Graduation DVD will be available for parents to purchase.

On the following day we are asking for the Y6 children to remain in school until around 3.20pm when the staff will form a line of honour on the hill and your child can parade out. Parents can film or watch this from the bottom of the hill...please try to be socially distanced!

Emergency Planning



Given the current situation please note that children may be sent home with no notice e.g. a child had a test and was notified it was positive during the school day. We have a detailed action plan for every eventuality but all parents need one too as

there is a possibility you will be contacted to come to school immediately to collect your child for an isolation period of 10 days. It is perhaps prudent to let employers know this may occur if you don't have other child care arrangements. Please also be aware that you may be contacted up to 4 days into the Summer holidays if there is a positive case reported from the school...let us hope this does not happen.



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Reception Ramblers



The Reception children pictured above took part in a sponsored walk a couple of weekends ago to raise money to support one of the Reception Mum's fund raising for treatment.

The forty 'Reception Ramblers' completed the walk from Workington Fire Station to Starbuck's at Lillyhall. The children to date have raised more than £3,700 for Reception pupil Adalyn's mum, Brogan Johnston, who was diagnosed with MS after a going to see the doctor with eyesight problems in April of this year. A group of mums from our school came together and organised the walk with Brogan to allow Adalyn and her friends to help out with the fundraising efforts. It was a tremendous and heart-warming thing to do and again reflects what a wonderful parental community we have as referred to earlier.

Starting School Book



We have developed a story book that details what happens when children start our school at a young age. The illustrations reflect the Early Years unit and we hope this will be a valuable resource for new families, particularly at a time when we are unable to offer transition visits. If you wish to hear the story then it can be found in the EY zone of our web site or you can click on the link or follow the QR code.



<http://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/early-years/starting-school.html>

Football Kits

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We hope that we can resume competitive sport against other schools next year. It has been particularly disappointing we have been unable to do them this year as our Y6 cohort had the potential to be the best footballing year we had ever produced. We are confident they would have had a clean sweep of all the local and County trophies!



We have been very lucky to secure sponsorship from Energus to renew our home and away kits. It is wonderful news and hopefully will spur our teams on to success next year.

Summer Reading Challenge

Cumbria Libraries will be encouraging children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge again this year, when the theme is Wild World Heroes and will be a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment.

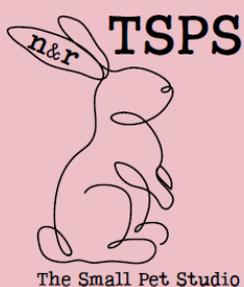
This annual national event, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading "dip." Cumbria Libraries will help support and motivate thousands of children to keep reading to build their skills

and confidence. Signing up is free, participants just need to be a library member (which is also free!) The Challenge is simple; children read whatever they like in their chosen format over the summer holidays to receive incentives and a certificate once they've completed it. They can read fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books or graphic novels. Audiobooks and eBooks can all be used to complete the Challenge and Cumbria Libraries Borrowbox service is a great way to get free access to eBooks and eAudiobooks for the Summer Reading Challenge. They'll have a specially selected collection of books just right for Wild World Heroes!

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

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Water Safety

There is national concern at the lack of swimming undertaken during the Covid pandemic as it has affected leisure pools as well as swimming lessons and school swimming.

Safety by the water is a concern for the soon to come summer holidays. The Royal Life Saving Society has published many resources for parents to help support their children and discuss dangers with them. To access these resources, visit RLSS UKs website:

www.rlss.org.uk



The Royal Life Saving Society UK have also issued the following advice:

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.

STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

In an emergency:

CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

Reports

Your child's report will be issued via our learning platforms, Tapestry and Seesaw on Wednesday 14th July.

Please read them thoroughly and support your child with any improvement targets set.

Please also acknowledge receipt of their report by sending your child's teacher a message on Tapestry/Seesaw after you have read it. If you wish to discuss your child's report further, please include this in your comment and your teacher will make arrangements with you.

Holidays in Term time

We have noted an increasing trend in families taking holidays during term time. This is extremely detrimental to your child's learning continuity and sends them the message that school isn't important. Please do try to avoid this. A letter from the Assistant Director of Education for Cumbria is on the next page and all schools have been asked to share it with parents.



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with attendance

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Dear Parent/Carer

June 2021

RE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

Absence from school due to family holidays taken in term time can be disruptive to children's education. It can also be disruptive to other pupils in the class. In addition, I am concerned that there could be some misunderstanding of the law in relation to absence from school because of holidays taken during term time

Any absence from school should be avoided unless for medical reasons, as it can have a serious effect on your child's educational progress, and can create difficulties for them on their return to school, particularly if they are joining a new school or class. It is important to note that only the Headteacher can authorise absence from school. Parents/Carers cannot authorise the absence themselves.

Changes to legislation have removed the discretionary 10 day period of absence which covered family holidays. Schools can only grant requests for holiday absence in term time in exceptional circumstances. If you believe that your circumstances are exceptional you can make a request to the school. In considering a request, the school will take into account the child's age, the time of year of the absence, and the nature of the visit. The Headteacher will also consider the child's stage of education and progress and the child's overall attendance record. It is highly unlikely that leave will be authorised if examinations or other important tests will be missed. Headteachers will not authorise absence unless they believe your circumstances are exceptional. In all cases it is best to have a discussion with the Headteacher in order to look at the issues as they affect your child.

All unauthorised absences, including holidays that have not been sanctioned by the Headteacher, are accumulated and parents who fail to ensure regular attendance of their children at school can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. The amount is £80 if paid within 21days and £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. It is therefore essential that parents take this into consideration if they are thinking of a family holiday in term-time.

The Department for Education define persistent absenteeism as below 90% attendance and schools may wish to use this figure to determine whether or not to pursue legal action such as the issuing of a fixed penalty notice.

Many people are working very hard to help your child to succeed. I trust you will support us in this matter, in partnership with your child's school.

Yours sincerely



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Non-Uniform Days

There is a non-uniform day on Friday 9th July again with a focus

on raising funds to upgrade the external environment for all the pupils so please support it if you can.
There is a further England non uniform day on Friday this week (2nd)...let's hope there are even more!!!
 In addition there is a final free non uniform day on our 'fun' day on Thursday 15th July.



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 4 choices of main course daily (a hot meal of the day, a vegetarian choice, a sandwich 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. Unfortunately due to increased food costs the price had to go up recently however they are still great value for money and are competitively priced compared to other schools.

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 uniforms.

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

We are currently having a blitz on healthy eating and with all that has been going on had taken our eye off the contents of packed lunch boxes, A recent audit of lunchboxes showed a decline in the healthiness of many lunches. This is of particular concern given the increase in child obesity as described nationally but also following a sedentary year with respect to time taken playing outside.

Many packed lunches contained crisps, cakes, chocolate and other unhealthy items. The school has a clear policy which follows national guidance and is reproduced at the top of the next page. Please can all those who give their children a packed lunch make sure they follow the guidance as health is a priority.

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.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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).

Walk to School

The final badges will be issued towards the end of term for all the children who have walked to school at least once a week. Do encourage your child to walk as it is advantageous to their health and also helps the environment by reducing the emissions from vehicles.



Summer Raffle

Tickets are currently on sale this week for a mega summer hamper packed full of goodies for parents and children. Tickets are £1 each and will be available via ParentPay. Each ticket will be allocated a number and there will be a random number generator draw on the last day of term. Good luck everyone! The first prize is pictured below, a hamper packed full of goodies for children and adults alike.



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.

Summer Bingo



We are having a Summer Bingo afternoon similar to the one at Easter in the afternoon of the last day of term. It will involve all classes from Y1 up and be live on Zoom with great prizes for lines and full houses as well as refreshments.

We are asking parents for a donation of £4 towards this event (sweet cone, crisps, drink & Bingo book). This will be paid through ParentPay from today.

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

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2AC Parents' Evenings

Mrs Cunningham will be contacting parents on Tuesday 13th July by phone as they missed the last round of calls as she was absent. Parents in 2AC will have the opportunity to hear about their children and how they are doing at school.



Children's Birthdays



The final birthday afternoon of this school year, is on Thursday 15th July. This will make a complete year of school based birthday parties so that all children will have had one. The final one is for those with birthdays from Monday 7th June through to Wednesday 1st September. If your child's birthday falls in that time frame then they can come to school in party clothes and they will receive a birthday hat and there will be a class birthday party.



Give Blood – Help Save a Life!

The next donor session you can book online is Thursday 5th August at Energus, Lillyhall from 3 to 7pm. You can book an appointment online.



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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, starting. 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.

PE Kits – A Reminder

All information about PE Kits and indeed uniform can be found in the Parents' Info section of our web site.

P.E. Kits



PE Kit is also compulsory for sporting lessons and this **must** be a change of clothes. Your child's class teacher will let you know on which days of the week it is required although it may be left on the child's peg/locker, in an appropriate bag, for a week/half term. It consists of:

Indoor – Strictly black shorts, light blue T shirt with names in and plimsolls!!

Outdoor – Shorts or joggers, T shirt and tracksuit top plus trainers. In Years 5 & 6 a pair of football boots would be useful for those wishing to play.



The Wobbly Wand

Handmade, whimsical
arts & crafts



www.wobblywand.co.uk



Wobbly Wand's Page



School Organisation 21/22

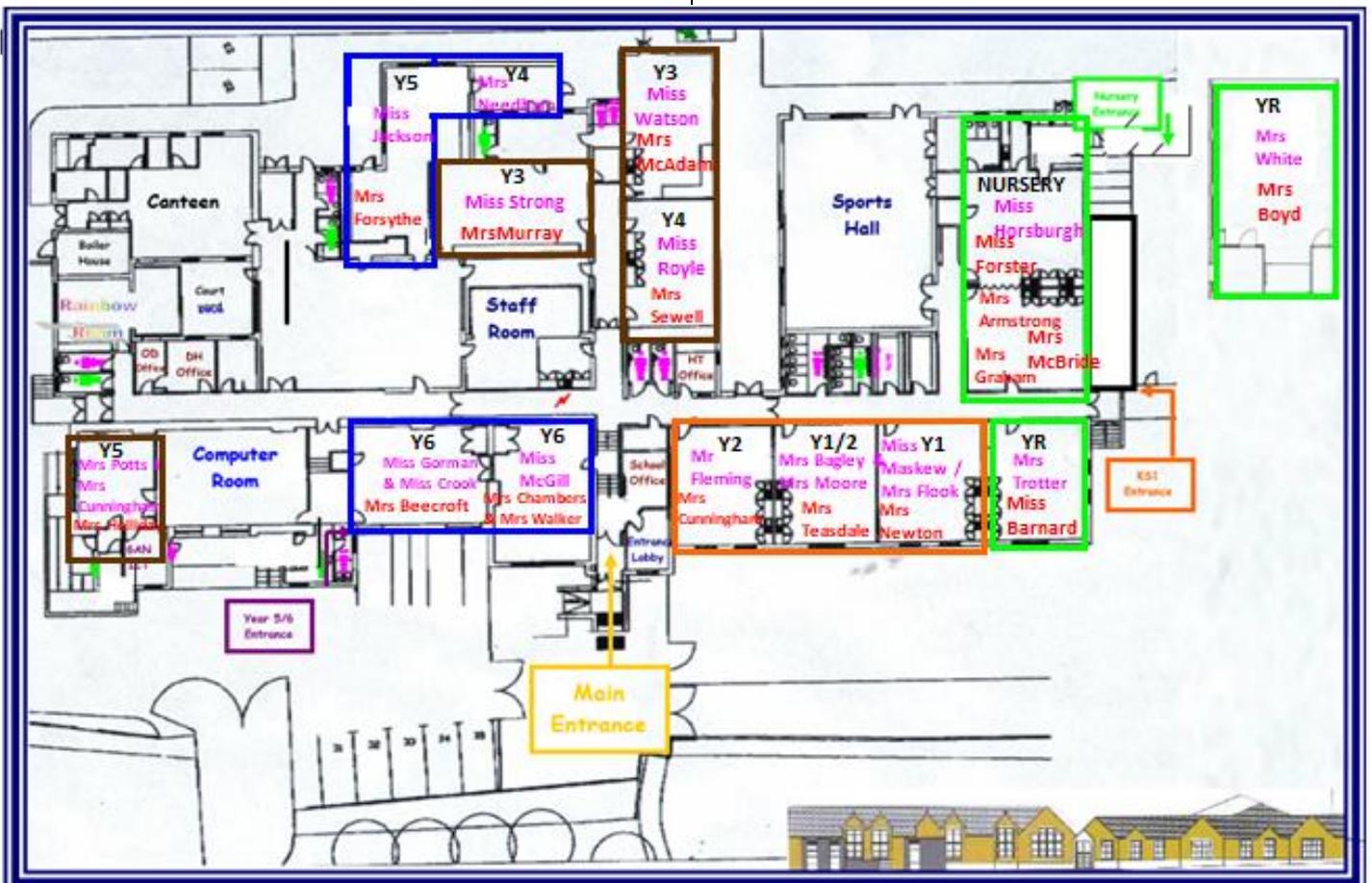
Children up to Y5 will meet their new classes on the mornings of Thursday 8th July and Friday 9th July. A lot of detailed thought has gone into the makeup of the classes and children were consulted on what friends they would like to be with. Please do not question the placement of your child as there is no option for moving classes.

The classes will be based in the areas as shown on the school plan so as soon as you know what class your child is in you can consult the plan so you can hopefully envisage where they will be.

To help with this there will also be an **induction video** posted on tapestry/seesaw on Wednesday 14th July which will show you your child's new room, new teacher(s) and teaching assistant as well as describe expectations, PE days and what kit to bring/wear etc so you can be ready for next year.

Please note that **from September** we are planning on aligning start and end times of the school day with **all children starting at 8.50am and finishing at 3.15am.**

The procedures at the start and end of the day will remain as they are now as per the 'staggered Timings' box on the back page.





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. **These will continue next term.** 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' for some children took place this week and indeed one today (1st July for Early Years). The remaining days are for Year 3 & 4 on Monday 5th and Key Stage 1 on Wednesday 7th July. Children can come to school dressed in sports clothes on their days.



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 16th July.



Be Sun Wise

As the days get hotter (hopefully!!) 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 so children don't need to be applying it at school). **Please note that Covid restrictions will not allow us to apply cream in 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

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

All Year 6 children have purchased a 'Leavers' Hoodie' and can wear them instead of uniform from today, Thursday 1st July onwards, if they so wish.



Strive for Five



The last draw takes place on Friday 9th July. Please support your child and give them a chance of winning by reading with your child at least 5 times a week.



Strive for Five Draw Dates

July 2021							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26				1	2	3	4
27	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
28	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
29	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
30	26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

The Cinema nights left for this half term are for Year 3 & 4 on Monday 5th July and Year 5 & 6 on Wednesday 7th July. The price including care, refreshments and ice cream will be £6 this year. All bookings are through ParentPay.



The film is Raya, the Last Dragon.

Herbs

Don't forget you are welcome **to help yourself** to a pinch of herbs to brighten up your home cooking. The sign above the herbs gives ideas as to how you can use them to add flavour to your cooking. You only need little sprigs to add bags of flavour!



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.

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.

We would very much welcome boxes of cereal, pasta sauces and tins of soup, spaghetti, beans or other canned ready meal plus tins of fruit. Thank you in advance.

School Milk, Snack & Fruit

Milk is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children).



The cost of milk for the first half term in September 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 for Year 1 up is also paid this way, £8 for the first half term by Friday 10th September.



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



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**.

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/childrenservices/schools/ndlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp>



(or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form we need to see the Birth Certificate and a proof of address



Beckstone's Extended Services

Our extended services include the Breakfast Club (£4.00 from 7.30am, £3.50 from 8am) Last entry is at 8.30am; Educare (our popular afternoon child care provision for morning Nursery children – see table – please note these places **MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE**) with pick up times at 2pm and 3pm (these will change to 2.15 and 3.15pm from September). 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 p.m. (2 hours)

11:50 a.m. — 3 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 p.m. = **£10.20** (including lunch)

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

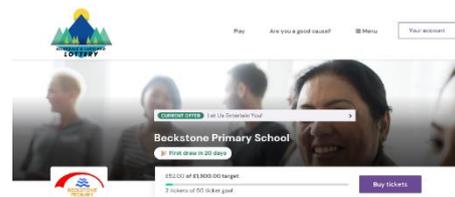
Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.

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

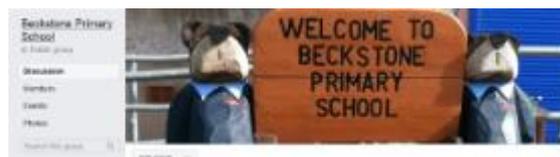
Allerdale's lottery is now live with a monthly draw. The top prize is £25,000 and it costs £1 a ticket. If you are going to play and you buy your ticket through our own Beckstone Primary Page then the school will receive **50p** for every ticket sold through our part of the site going forward. You can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

**PLEASE CLOSE
THE GATE**

Playground Gate & Nursery Parents

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.

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.



Off by Heart

Our 'Off by Heart' poetry recital competition was won by 1RM and the two Year 6 classes. They won muffin making sessions with the cook.

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.



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 will also re-start once restrictions are lifted. . A great opportunity to get to know new people and make new friends.

Ladies Club

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



All ages are welcome to
attend.

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

Creativity Cup



Ethan from Year 5 is the winner of the Creativity Cup.

He has a creative approach to most things, he can write stories in Roald Dahl fashion and is extremely gifted as an artist. An example is the landscape water colour behind his left shoulder.

Marie Wright Kindness Cup



Lorelai from Year 3 was awarded the Marie Wright Kindness Trophy for this term for her consistent showing of kindness and friendship to all around her. She is a very worthy winner.

School Closing & Opening Times



Due to summer roof work over Early Years , Nursery and Reception will close at 12.30pm on Friday 16th July and will re-open on Monday 6th September for Reception and Nursery will have a phased entry over that week, 1 hour on the Tuesday (7th), 2 on the Wednesday(8th), 3 on the Thursday(9th) and then normal from the Friday forwards as the Covid restrictions have not allowed us to have any transition activities.

All other years will finish as normal on Friday 16th July (apart from Year 6 who will finish around 3.20pm). School will open for these year groups on Wednesday 2nd September.



Staff Changes

Very sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Pike who is taking a break from daily teaching. Mrs Pike has worked at the school since 2009 and has taught many of the children in school. She will be sorely missed and we will miss her but are sure she will come back to visit. We wish her all the very best.



We also say goodbye to Mrs Fleming, one of our mid-days, who is retiring. Mrs Fleming has worked at the school since it opened in 2005 and prior to that she worked at Harrington Infant school. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Another mid-day who has worked alongside Mrs Fleming at Harrington Infants and here at Beckstone since 2005 as well as working for many years in our Breakfast Club is Mrs Frew. She has a new job and will be leaving us in the middle of next week. Again we wish her all the very best.



We also have 2 staff who are expecting and will be going on maternity leave in October. They are Miss Maskew and Miss Gorman.

They say things come in threes and they do with babies at school, Mr Fleming's wife is also pregnant

and he is expecting his second child towards the end of the year.

To maintain continuity for the classes with the teachers going on maternity we are employing teachers for the whole year so that they can work alongside Miss Maskew and Miss Gorman until their maternity leave starts.



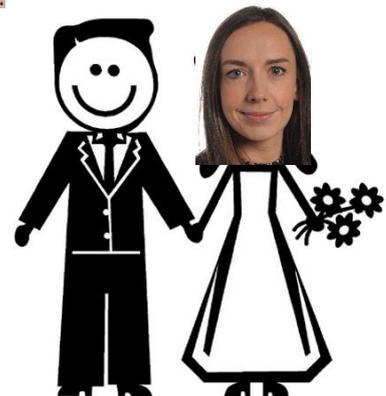
As a result we would like to introduce you to Mrs Flook (who will be known to many of the children as she has been based in Mr Fleming's class and Mrs Needhams's class recently. She will be based in Year 1 and will work alongside Miss Maskew for the first half term.

Working alongside Miss Gorman in a similar manner will be Miss Crook.



Another change is that Mrs Potts and Mrs Cunningham are both going part time and will be sharing a class. As a result a further class teacher is needed and Miss Royle will be joining the Year 3 & 4 team for the year next year.

Finally, Miss Watson will be getting married early in the holidays. We are thrilled for her and wish her a long and happy marriage.



Term Dates until Summer 2023

Staggered Timings

	Start	End	Gate
Nursery	9.00am	3:05pm	Front
Reception	8.55am	3:05pm	Front
KS1 (Y1 & 2)	8:50am	3:00pm	Front
LKS2 (Y3&4)	8.50am	3:10pm	Back
UKS2 (Y5&6)	8:50am	3:05pm	Back



	Summer 2021	Autumn 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Autumn 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023
Start of Term	Monday 19 th April May Day – Mon 3 rd	Thursday 2 nd September	Wednesday 5 th January	Wednesday 20 th April May Day – Mon 2 nd May	Wednesday 7 th September	Wednesday 4 th January	Monday 17 th April May Day – Mon 1 st
Half Term	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June	Monday 25 th October - Friday 29 th October	Monday 14 th February – Friday 18 th February	Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June	Monday 24 th October - Friday 28 th October	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February	Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June
End of Term	Friday 16 th July	Friday 17 th December	Friday 1 st April	Wednesday 20 th July	Tuesday 20 th December	Friday 31 st March	Wednesday 19 th July

July

- Thu 1st – Early Years Circuits
 - Y6 children can wear Leavers' Hoodies
 - Y6 visiting the beach
 - Mon 5th – Healthy Eating Cooking session for 5LJ
 - Y3&4 Circuits
 - Y3&4 Cinema Night
 - Tue 6th - Healthy Eating Cooking session for 5DP
 - Wed 7th – Y1&2 Circuits
 - Healthy Eating Cooking session for 4AN
 - Educare Dance being filmed
 - Y5&6 Cinema Night
 - Thu 8th – Meet new classes morning part 1
 - Healthy Eating Cooking session for 3/4JWa
 - Fri 9th – Meet new classes morning part 2
 - Non-uniform day to improve the outdoor play provision
 - Healthy Eating Cooking session for 3LS
 - Last Strive for Five draw
 - Mon 12th – Zoom Governors' meeting 6pm
 - Tues 13th – 2AC phone calls for parents' evening
 - Wed 14th – Curriculum Evening Video released & end of year reports go out.
 - Thu 15th – FUN day! & birthday party afternoon!
 - Y6 Graduation ceremony
 - Educare Circus Party afternoon
 - Fri 16th – Breakfast Club Sandwich Day
 - Reception & Educare finish at 12.30pm
 - Summer Bingo
 - Y6 Graduation Parade
 - School breaks up for Summer & no Beckstone Xtra
- Mon 19th – Friday 30th July – First Summer Camp fortnight**

August

Mon 16th – Friday 27th August Second Summer Camp fortnight



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Diary Dates



Dates for Next School Year

*Events will be added to once Covid restrictions are lifted

- Thu 2nd Sep – School opens for Y1 up
- Mon 6th Sep – School opens for Early Years
- Tue 7th Sep – Y6 Beamish trip
- Thu 16th Sep – Y6 Beacon trip
- Fri 17th Sep – Jeans for genes Non Uniform Day
 - Gurning Final
- Thu 23rd Sep – School Photographer
- Week beg. 11th Oct – Parents' Evening 'Drop In' re: settling in & wellbeing
- Thu 14th Oct – Lantern Making Workshop
- Thu 21st Oct – Lantern Making Workshop
- Fri 22nd Oct – Break up for half term
- Thu 4th Nov – Lantern Parade 6pm
- Fri 12th Nov – Children in Need Non Uniform day
- Thu 9th Dec – Christmas Dinner Day
- Fri 17th Dec – Community Carol Singing in the Square
- Wed 5th Jan – Children start back
- Fri 21st Jan – Jack & the Beanstalk – M&M Prodsn
- 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
- 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 19th Jul – Y6 Graduation
- Wed 20th Jul – Break up for Summer

