Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the June edition of our school newsletter. I hope and trust you had a wonderful Spring Bank holiday week and that you enjoyed the wonderful weather. With that in mind, coupled with a good summer weather forecast and Covid restrictions, we would ask that you put sun cream on your children before school so that it lasts all day as staff are unable to apply it under current guidance.

The final half term of the year is always one of the very busiest and despite Covid restrictions this is still the case. This half term will see non uniform days in support of England at the Euros as well as fund raising for the school grounds, a summer raffle, summer bingo, sports day challenges, end of year reports, circuits days, and much much more. Indeed, the scope of the events is reflected in the extensive list of dates for this half term on the back page.

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 to hoping for a non-eventful Covid term but one packed with learning and lots of fun for your children.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick

This newsletter has been sponsored by the following local businesses, please look out for their advert and support them when you can. Please mention that you have seen their advert in the school's newsletter!!

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- Harrington Pharmacy
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- Robinsons & Co
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- The Summer Pet Studio
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Latest Covid Update

Despite national easing of many Covid restrictions the guidance from Government to schools remains largely unchanged As a result we w



largely unchanged. As a result we will 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.
- As far as possible all meetings take place remotely.
- Visitors to school must have a recent negative flow test or are provided with one to take before entering the building.

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 **<u>NOT</u>** allowed and will be dealt with seriously as it endangers safety.

The guidance for schools may change later this half term however as we approach the end of the school year it would appear that maintaining current protocols and systems until the end of the school year would make sense.

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 <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/health-54182329</u>

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 <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-</u> 51048366



A summary of symptoms and what they could be is at the top of the next column. Lateral flow tests are available for asympotamitic 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 **<u>including children</u>** have Covid then you should go for a PCR test.

Symptoms	Coronavir	us Flu	Cold
Fever	Commor	n Common	Rare
Coug	h Commor	n Common	Mild
Loss and s	of taste Sudden mell	Rare	Sometimes
Fatig	ue Sometime	es Common	Sometime
Head	aches Sometime	s Common	Rare
Ache		es Common	Common
Runn nose	y/stuffy Rare	Sometime	s Common
Sore 5	throat Sometime	es Sometime	s Common
Snee	zing No	No	Common
Short breat	tness of Sometime h	es No	No
Diarr	hoea Sometime for childre		
Source: WHO, CDC			BBC

Arranging a Test

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

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

Do not leave home until you get your test results.

Emergency Planning

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.



Many thanks for your ongoing support in helping us do our utmost to keep everyone Covid safe.



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Summer Camp





We are delighted to inform you that you are now able 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.

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 nonrefundable 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 packed lunch.

If you want to book a place for your child then please email <u>bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk</u> 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.





School Meal Prices

Due to rising costs the cost of school meals has risen by £1 a week from the 1st June. We have managed to maintain school meal prices at the same level for a number of years now

but unfortunately are now forced to raise prices. It is to be hoped this is a price rise that will remain at this level for a similar length of time.

Despite the price rise the cost still provides great value for money. 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. 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/schoolsandl earning/freeschoolmeals.asp

or follow the QR code.



Y4 Times Table Tests

The statutory Year 4 national times tables tests that were due to take place this summer have been cancelled along with all other national testing in Primary schools. The DfE however are running the tests as a practise exercise for any schools that want to test it out. As a school we have opted in to this offer so all Year 4 children will have their test but the results won't be reported to the County or to Government but



we will report their score to you on their end of year report.

The test, which will take place over the next 3 weeks, is a short online test where the children have 6 seconds to answer a question. The

children will unfortunately not be informed on how well they have done until July.



Software to help and encourage all children to learn

their times tables is 'Times Table Rockstars'. Children from Year 1 upwards have their own 'Rock Avatar' and

can earn points for their avatar and to work towards a series of certificates and badges that are awarded in assembly. We are delighted to let you know that the school have now subscribed to an app (available from the 'App Store' – Apple or the Play Store -Android). This can be installed on phones/tablets etc. and the children then just need to log in with their normal school username and password. We hope good use is made of it. Please ring your child's teacher via the Office if...

- You have username or password issues
- Something isn't working or you're not sure how it works
- You have a complaint or a suggestion

As an additional support to help those pupils in Year 4 revise for this test, we have developed a Year 4 Times Table Test revision area of our new web site (see article later). To access this you will need to click on the 'Home Learning' icon on the front page, then Revision, then on the girl with the calculator and enter the user name and the password (these details are only in the newsletter sent out by Tapestry/Seesaw and are not on the web site version).



Please click on the image below to access the Revision Zone.

You will need your username and password.



The zone looks like this below and has useful links to other resources available on the internet e.g. Mathletics, Maths is Fun, Top Marks interactive times table and Times Table Speed Test.



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.

Walk to School Week



Thank you to all who took part in the 'Walk to School' week just before

half term. Thank you also to all who submitted photos, there is a montage of them below. At this time of year what better way of keeping healthy and protecting the environment could there be?

We are still taking part in the 'feet first'/walk to school initiative and those walking to school at least twice a week over this half term will receive a reward badge at the end of term.

Summer Raffle

Tickets will go 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 towards the end of term. Good luck everyone!

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.









The Small Pet Studio

Hey! We are a small business selling delicious food for small pets! If you have a rabbit, guinea pig, hamster or gerbil we will have the perfect treat or food mix for your pet.

Check us out at thesmallpetstudio.co.uk

Email us at:

thesmallpetstudio@gmail.com

@thesmallpetstudio



Summer Bingo

We are planning on having a Summer Bingo afternoon similar to the one at Easter. It would involve all classes and be live on Zoom with great prizes for lines and full

houses as well as refreshments.

Further information will go out about this event on the Wednesday afternoon in the last week of term in the July newsletter.

Free Health & Advice Online Courses

The County has had fantastic feedback for the Solihull online courses that have been available for the past year for both young people, families and professionals.

Over 1700 parents/carers have accessed the courses including 76 families with a child with additional needs.....and also 38 teenagers!

We have also had 1640 practitioners who have completed their courses.

The County have been able to secure these courses for another 2 years and will still be FREE

You can access all courses at www.inourplace.co.uk. These courses are for ALL parents-to-be, parents, grandparents or carers of any child from the antenatal period to age 18 years. Families don't need to be struggling to do these courses. They are also available in other languages and are also relevant to parents/carers of all children, including those with special needs, autism, ADHD etc.

COURSES FOR PARENTS/CARERS AND GRANDPARENTS:

use the access code: **WORDSWORTH**

- Understanding your pregnancy birth labour and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- New course Understanding your child with additional needs. This online course is for parents with a child with additional needs. It is for parents, relatives and friends of children who may have a physical or learning disability or who may have autistic traits. This course is in 2 sections. Level 1 lays the foundation for understanding your child. Level 2 looks at some particular aspects of parenting: sleeping and anger management, together with more about how we interact with each other. Understanding this can make it easier to work with your child's behaviour as well as supporting their development.

Parents Booking

Parents' Evenings



Thank you to all who successfully managed the parents' booking system. We had 93% of our parents meet with their teacher either by video or phone when the technology failed. We had targeted 100% but unfortunately on

some occassions the technology (or indeed memories O) failed. For those that did have their appointments we hope you found them useful.

For the first time using such a system the uptake and success was re-assuring as it may be something we have to continue next time round, we will have to wait and see what guidance is for the autumn term.

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.



Do something worthwhile and save someone's life



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Further details and booking details can be found at <u>www.blood.co.uk</u>

Easy Fund Raising

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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:

- Go to <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/b</u> <u>eckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more</u> 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 is



starting back up on Wednesday's at 5:30 - 6:30pm in the Scout Hut, starting **THIS Wednesday** (9th June). 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 doorstops 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.

Forest Area



The development of this area at the top left hand corner

of the field continues apace. Your child may be telling you about their visits to the forest. In these sessions the children get to explore natural habitats and work together to overcome challenges set for them. It is a great additional resource for the school.



Class Photographs



Class photos can be ordered up to Friday 18th June with free delivery to the school. They can be viewed by

following this link http://htmp.st/BeckstonePrimary

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 wellbeing of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish.



Callers can outline their concerns and the Safeguarding Hub will give advice (consultation) and if necessary undertake an assessment of need.



There is now also an adult NSPCC helpline where any concerned adult can seek advice if they are

concerned about a child and 0808 800 5000 whether to make a referral. The r

Operation Encompass

Domestic Violence

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

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

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

Revisewise

Free revision classes for Year 5 children now start 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' continue this half term and take place at the end of June/early July – the exact dates for



your child's year group are on the 'dates' page at the end of the newsletter. 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 25th June.



<u>Be Sun Wise</u>

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.



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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 Thursday 1st July onwards if they so wish.



Non-Uniform Days

Thank you for your support of the non-uniform days in April and May which led to charitable donations of over \pounds 300 to the Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team and to CFM's Cash for Kids.

As a school we are wanting to upgrade the outdoor facilities for the children as time and weather is impacting on some parts of the outside that are highly valued and used all the time by the pupils. As a result we are hoping the non-uniform days for June and July will raise money to support us in upgrading some of these facilities. The June non-uniform day is on the last **Friday** of the month, **25th June.**

The July non-uniform day will be on Friday 9th July.



In addition to the above we have some FREE non uniform days if children want to come dressed in England colours to support the national team

in the Euros. These days are to coincide with the following fixtures (their first game is THIS Sunday against Croatia at 2pm so is not a school day):

Friday 18th June for the 8pm match on that day versus Scotland

Tuesday 22nd June for the 8pm match versus the Czech Republic.

There may be further ones if England progress through the tournament and have matches on school days.

Cinema Nights

The Cinema nights for this half term take place in late June/early July (dates on back page). In order to maintain the



separate stage bubbles there will be 4 different evenings with Reception on Monday 28th June, Key Stage 1 on Wednesday 30th June, and 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. The films being shown will be relayed to you nearer the time and all bookings will be through ParentPay.

Strive for Five

This is re-starting with prizes of books and chocolate to be won. To encourage reading children up to Year 4 have the opportunity to be in the 'draw' if they read at least 5 times a week. Y5&6 take part in a Spellbinding reading project which is



a separate activity. To increase winning chances prizes will now be drawn for someone from each year group

rather than Key Stage. Please do support your children with this by reading with them daily.

The dates of the draws are below and are on the dates page on the last page of this newsletter.



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.



<u>Herbs</u>

The herbs will return soon. 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 nonperishable 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 THIS half term is **£7.50 and** needs to be paid by **THIS Friday**, **11**th **June 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, 11th June, the cost is £6.



Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up is also paid this way, £6 for this half term by Friday 11th June.

School Funds

We need donations to this fund as funds are getting REALLY tight as the school



has had no extended services or donations income since March so please help if you can. The school fund is purely donation based and is used to buy many consumable items and fun activities outside the remit of the school budget for the pupils as well as many other things for school that enable us to provide services free of charge.

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

Please help if you can by donating to this fund.



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

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 <u>as soon as possible.</u> Forms for applying for any of these intakes can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council web site <u>https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsa</u> 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





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 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

ParentPay

these difficult economic times. The price per hour is only $\pounds 3.50$. This is very good value and an extremely competitive rate for child care



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/beckstoneprimary-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.



<u>High</u> <u>Harrington</u> <u>Community</u> <u>Centre</u>

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.

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

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.

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Off by Heart

Our 'Off by Heart 'poetry recital competition will take place on Friday 18th June. Poems will be individually recited in KS2 and be choral based in KS1.

Each KS2 class will then vote for a class member to

represent them in the school final. After the final all classes will vote for a KS1 winner and a KS2 winner. There will be prizes for the winners.

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.





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.





Nursery Roof & Impact on School

The Nursery roof, as ringed on the picture below, has leaked since the school opened in 2005. After many theories and investigations it has been found the pitch of the roof is the wrong angle for the roof tiles. As a result the whole roof will be removed over the summer holidays, the pitch altered and the tiles reinstated. This action, we understand, will make the school finally watertight! As a result of this work the Early Years area will be out of action for the whole time the school is closed. The impact for the school and the community is that these areas need to be emptied and then reinstated and cleaned afterwards. The County have agreed that to facilitate this the current Nursery and Reception will close at 12.30pm on the last day of term. In addition next vear's Nurserv and Reception will not re-open until Monday 6th September, 2 school days after the rest of the school. We apologise for the inconvenience but it is a matter beyond our control.



Staggered Timings

UKS2 (Y5&6)

THIS HALF TERM

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	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	
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Thu 15th – FUN day! & birthday party afternoon! Educare party afternoon

Reception & Educare finish at 12.30pm

School breaks up for Summer & no Beckstone Xtra

Fri 16th – Breakfast Club Sandwich Day

3:05pm

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Start of Term	Monday 19 th April May Day – Mon 3 rd	Thursday 2nd September	Wednesday 5 th January	September 4th		Wednesday 4 th January	Monday 17 th April May Day – Mon 1 st
Half Term	Monday 31" May - Friday 4" 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

Diary June Dates Mon 7th – 3 week window for Y4 Multiplication Tables Practise Fri 11th – Strive for Five draw Mon 14th - The Promise Workshop 9-11 am - 3LS A KS1 class will be visiting the reservoir Tue 15th – Reception Beach Trip A KS1 class will be visiting the reservoir Thu 17th - A KS1 class will be visiting the reservoir Fri 18th – Off by Heart Choral competition KS1 & Individual KS2Individual A KS1 class will be visiting the reservoir England Euros FREE non uniform day Sun 20th – Father's Day Mon 21st - The Promise Workshop 9-11 am - 3LS Tue 22nd - England Euros FREE non uniform day Fri 25th – Breakfast Club Sandwich dav Strive for Five draw Non Uniform Day Mon 28th – The Promise Workshop 9-11 am - 3LS **Reception Cinema Night** Wed 30th – Y5&6 Circuits Key Stage 1 Cinema Night Julv Thu 1st – Early Years Circuits Y6 children can wear Leavers' Hoodies Mon 5th – Y3&4 Circuits Workington Academy Tutor Day Y3&4 Cinema Night Tue 6th - The Promise Workshop 9-11 am - 3LS Wed 7th – Y1&2 Circuits Y5&6 Cinema Night Thu 8th – Meet new classes morning part 1 Fri 9th – Meet new classes morning part 2 Non-uniform day Last Strive for Five draw Mon 12th – The Promise Workshop 9-11 am - 3LS Governors' meeting 6pm Tues 13th – Graduation Wed 14th – Heights, Weights & Vision Reception, Heights & Weights Y6 Curriculum Evening Video released & end of year reports go out. Summer Bingo

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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 13th 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 Prodns 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

