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# Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Summer term. We hope you all enjoyed the holidays. We hope also that all the pupils are rested and ready for a hardworking and crucial term which features end of year assessments and pupil reports amongst many exciting and engaging activities.

We are already well over half way through April, but it is still a busy month in school with many trophies being awarded in assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, our new April Nursery starters starting school for the first time this week following home visits and the school photographer visiting for class photos on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.

It is to be hoped this term will not be disrupted as much as last term. Some of you may not have been aware of the high levels of Covid absence for staff and children. There were many days with a large number of staff missing. Everyone pulled together to ensure your child(ren) were provided with consistent and good quality education, the resilience, commitment and dedication of the staff in covering gaps was absolutely amazing. I am very proud to be leader of such a fantastic team.

We do hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful and we extend a warm welcome to the parents of the new Nursery children who start next week.

Thank you to all those who continue to support the non-uniform days and the Foodbank collection point. There is further information in this newsletter for those who may wish to contribute in some way.

Finally, if you use any of the services of our advertisers please do let them know where you saw them as their advertising revenue really helps our school fund.

Best wishes,

Mr Warbrick



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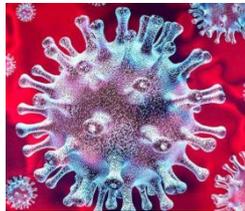
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## Latest Covid Update

The country is moving into a 'Living with Covid' phase and this has repercussions for schools.



Current guidance is quite simple and straightforward. If you or your child have Covid symptoms then isolate and take an LF test. If positive then adults, must self-isolate but can return to work 5 days from the day after taking the test (no need to have a negative test to return) if well enough. For children the same applies but the time period is only 3 days. No-one needs to isolate due to other positive cases in the household.

Hopefully these changes will be less disruptive to school life. Please however continue to let school know if your child has Covid.



## Our Sporting Success Continues

The sporting success of our school teams continues unabated. Since the last newsletter our LKS2 (Y3&4) Multi Skills team took part in a Multi-Skills Festival. This wasn't a competition as such but the school team received a plethora of certificates for their



sportsmanship and skills and they succeeded in every sport played. The team is pictured below



Following on from that event was the Workington LKS2 football competition. Our team won the tournament and scored 17 goals and conceded none...a bit like Man Utd in the old days, sadly not now!



The winning team is pictured below with their certificates and trophy.



Finally our gymnastics team represented Allerdale in the County Finals in Penrith just before the holidays. The team scored very highly and were very close to the score of the team that won it. It was a real honour and privilege to represent the whole of Allerdale at this event. The team is pictured below.



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### Energus Sponsorship

We now have a new sports kit that we are wearing to our sporting events. It is sponsored by Energus and really looks the business, see picture below. The kit featured in an article in the Times and Star that is reproduced below.



*Pupils at a Harrington primary school are 'delighted' with their new sports kit- which has been sponsored by another Workington training centre.*

*It was sponsored by Energus, with members of the Energus team including Lexie Chambers and Sean Stanger Head of Energus meeting with schools head and representatives of classes across Key Stage 2.*

*The school are said to have done 'really well' with sport in their new kits and already this term have won the*

*Allerdale Dodgeball, Table Tennis, Multi Skills and Gymnastics events.*

*Headteacher at Beckstone Primary School, David Warbrick said: "We are absolutely delighted to be sponsored by Energus.*

*"Our new sports kit has given the children a sense of real pride when they represent school at inter school events, to date we have been unbeaten wearing it!"*

*"We are very appreciative of the support from Energus and hope to make closer links into the future."*

### Sporting Achievement



The school awards trophies for sporting behaviour on a termly basis. The children who won trophies for showing specific sporting values last term can be seen in the Sporting zone of our web site. They are also shown below and they were awarded the trophies in assembly last Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>). Their trophies are kept with them in class for the term. The final trophies of the year will be re-awarded at the end of the summer term.

### Key Stage 1

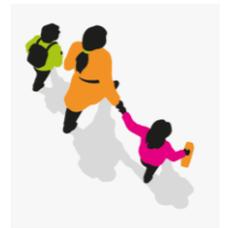


Our thanks go to Mrs Walker for all her work with KS1 PE and for making such great choices. She described the particular sporting values of each of the trophy winners in the assembly and these can be seen on our web site.

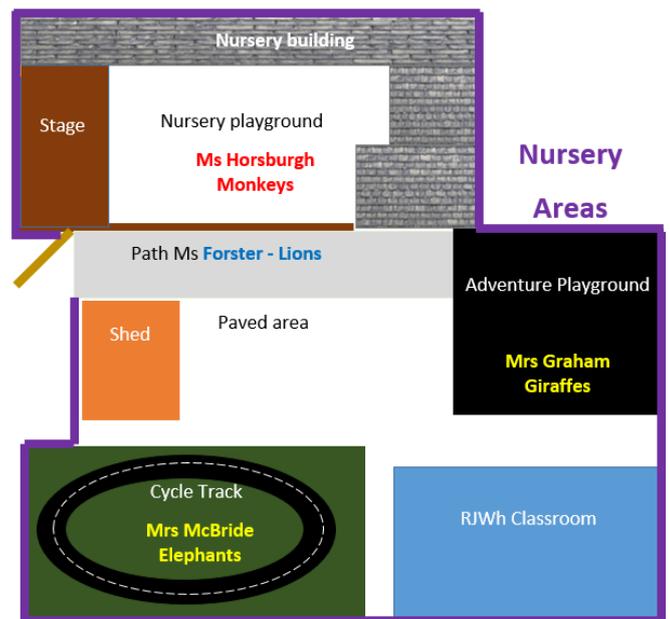
Our thanks go to Mrs Chambers for all her work with KS2 PE and for making such great choices. She also described the particular sporting values of each of the trophy winners in Friday's assembly and these are on the web site.

**Key Stage 2**

**Nursery End of Day Collection**



From today collection arrangements at the end of the day for Nursery children will change to allow the key worker for each child to meet the parents and discuss any issues that may have arisen. As a result the Nursery gate will be opened and parents can then come in and collect their children from the following areas:





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## An Egg-cellent End of Term

The winning bonnets from Early Years and eggs from Y1 up were of high quality. Indeed all entries were amazing and so hard for the cook to judge, an unenviable job.

A full list of winners and also photos of many of the entries can be seen in our film and photo gallery on our web site which is in the 'Pupil Zone'. Alternatively you can follow the link below or the QR code.



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In addition to seeing the eggs and bonnets assembly on the last day there was also the egg dumping final for pupils. Each class held their own knockout competition and then the class champions took part in a knockout on stage in assembly. The eventual winner was Faith from 1AF who is pictured below with her trophy and with the runner up, Harlow from Y3.



The school staff also took part in egg dumping and the 2 finalists made it to the stage in assembly as well. Hollie from the Office was triumphant and is pictured here with the runner up, Mrs McAdam.



In addition each class held their own egg and spoon competition with each class having a champion. The staff did likewise with a 'run off' in assembly between Hollie and Ms Jackson with Hollie triumphant a second time! Easter fun was had by all and that's no yolk 😊



## Positive Behaviour Comments

Since restrictions eased and we have been able to visit places and have visitors in school we have been blown away with the amount of positive feedback we have received about the behaviour of your children. A couple of local places even wrote to say the behaviour they had seen was the best they had ever seen from a school. They are a credit to you and also to us and we are very proud of them.

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### Term Dates

We are aware the County's term dates have still not been updated past July 2023. We have been trying to move this forward and as soon as we hear anything we will let you know as we know some of you are trying to book things well in advance.

### Bingo Night

Thank you to all who supported the Bingo Night. The evening was a financial success raising valuable money to support school activities. It is hoped it was enjoyed by all who took part (over 100 of you!). Given the success of the evening we are holding a Summer one on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July look out for further details in the next newsletter.



### Creativity Cup

Mae from Year 2 was awarded the Creativity Cup. She was awarded the cup for approaching all aspects of her studies and school life in general a very creative manner. A worthy winner!

### The Marie Wright Kindness Cup

The Marie Wright Kindness Cup was won by Geordie from Nursery.

He was chosen for his positive, smiley and friendly nature and for always looking after his Nursery friends.



### Class Photos



The school photographer will be with us on Thursday this week to take Nursery Key Worker group and class photos. Class RJWh will have theirs taken first as they are then going on the trip below.

### Beatrix Potter Themed Trip

Both Reception classes are visiting the Helena Thompson Museum for a Beatrix Potter themed trip this week with one class on Thursday and one on Friday. The costs of the trip have been met from a legacy from a late resident of Harrington who wished to remain anonymous.



### Wooden Easter Chicks



One of our parents and our newly co-opted Governor (see next page), Mr Turk kindly sold the 100 wooden Easter chicks he made for school funds as well as hosting a raffle for 3 beautiful wooden art pieces. The winners of the raffle have been notified. Altogether Mr Turk raised

nearly £320 which is an astonishing amount. Our thanks go to Mr Turk.



### Can anyone help - Porta Cabin?

Our bus has seen better days and is leaking. The new outdoor classroom now provides a lovely reading/story telling area. We are looking into having it removed/sold. In its place, in an ideal world, we are looking for a porta cabin (we have a concrete base and utility feeds in place). This porta cabin's purpose would be to be a 'Field Lab' for field work in Geography and for scientific experimentation. If anyone knows how we could get a porta cabin no-one wants or would be willing to donate or sell to us at a competitive rate then we would very much like to hear from you.



# Governors' Board



## Governor Gallery

 From <b>Nick Whitehead</b> To 15.03.22 <b>Chair &amp; Co-opted</b> 15.03.26	 From <b>Vicki Martin</b> To 21.5.19 <b>Vice Chair &amp; Parent</b> 21.5.23	 From <b>Andrew Kilgour</b> To 08.02.22 <b>Parent</b> 08.02.26
		
From <b>Kate Mahone</b> To 07.12.21 <b>Local Authority</b> 07.12.25	From <b>Hayley Gorman</b> To 12.07.21 <b>Staff</b> 12.07.25	From <b>Jude Yoxall</b> To 29.01.19 <b>Co-opted &amp; Deputy Head</b> 29.01.23
		
From <b>Kate Pearson</b> To 12.07.21 <b>Co-opted</b> 12.07.25		From <b>Nichola Rosser</b> To N/A <b>Clerk</b> N/A
<b>VACANCY</b> <b>Parent</b>	 From <b>Simon Turk</b> To 15.03.22 <b>Co-opted</b> 15.03.26	 From <b>David Warbrick</b> To N/A <b>Headteacher</b> N/A
		
From <b>Laurie Black</b> To 19.10.21 <b>Parent</b> 19.10.25	From <b>Lesley Robertson</b> To 29.01.19 <b>Co-opted</b> 29.01.23	From <b>Philippa Vaughan</b> To N/A <b>Staffing &amp; Finance Associate</b> N/A

### Governor Challenge Day

The Governors will be in school all day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. They will take part in Singing; tour the school to see the children at work; meet the School Council; witness an ingress/fire drill and will read with children from across the school. In addition they will officially 'open' the new outdoor classroom with the School Council.

In the afternoon they will work on fleshing out detailed action plans for the school's Vision 2025 plan.

The plan aims to set targets, with milestones, for where the school should be in 2025 to achieve its stated aims of:

- Bridging Communities
- Promoting learning & Excellence &
- Shaping the Future.

Further details of the plan will be shared with you all once it is complete.

Responses to the Parents' Questionnaire (see later article) will feed into this process.

Where children come first...

**Vision 2025**



Children in the school have been making tiles for a mosaic/collage at the top of the hill to mark the Pandemic and home schooling. The Governors would really like parental help in mounting the tiles and securing them to the wall at some point. If you could help please contact the School Office.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

The Governing Body of the school is almost back up to full membership as the Governor gallery above shows. There is one final vacancy, which is for a parent. Following its self-review the Governors would be very interested in a new parental governor who lives on Salterbeck or who feels they can fully represent the opinions of parents and families on the body, however applications would be welcomed from anyone who has strengths to offer the Body. The Governors are looking for someone who will be committed to the role and are prepared to give time to make such a worthwhile community role an effective and rewarding one. If you would like to be involved in shaping the policy and procedures of the school into the future then please ask the School Office for an application form. The Chair of Governors is available to meet with any potential candidates if they would like more information, simply book an appointment through the School Office. The form needs to be completed by **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. In the event of more than one application there will be a ballot in the following week in order for the new Governor to attend the next Governors' event on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Please note details in the 'pen profile' will be published on the ballot paper if there is an election.

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



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### Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance at school is a parental responsibility. The latest figures continue to show that the school's overall attendance was above the national average in Spring 2 despite numerous Covid absences.

It is very important good attendance levels continue for the rest of the academic year.

**Please think of the importance of your child's education before booking holidays. When on holiday during term time they miss vital work and lose touch with their circle of friends.**

The class with the best attendance for the second half of the Spring term was 1/2AB/AC who are pictured below with their trophy that was awarded last week.



### Term Time Holidays & Tests



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

The key dates this year are:

**Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 –Y6 SAT tests**

**2 weeks beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May – Y2 SAT tests**

**Week beginning – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Y1 Phonics Screening**

**3 Weeks beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Year 4 Times Table Tests**

### **School Matters!**



### Politeness & Respect to Staff

Please could all school users know that the Governing Body has a policy of zero tolerance towards any adult who behaves or speaks in a disrespectful manner to a member of staff directly or on the phone or indeed any other person on the school site. Occurrences of this are very rare but there have been a couple of incidences recently over the phone with regard to money owed where the Office staff have received some calls that do not have a respectful tone. Times are hard and money is tight everywhere but everyone has a job to do and things have to be paid for. **Please can all remember this and be completely respectful in future.**



### School Tours

We realised from some of your reactions at Parents' Evening that many of you have not seen all the school has to offer for a couple of years due to Covid restrictions.



As a result we will be offering you the opportunity to tour the school and see the children at work and all the school has to offer on some afternoons towards the end of this half term (see dates page). Tours have to be booked and a member of staff will be your tour guide. Further details will be released nearer the time.

### 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.



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## School Cook's Award

Our Cook, Susan Armstrong, recently was awarded 'Chef of the Month' by Caterlink.

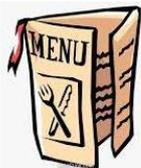
## School Meals

We continue to urge you to take the school meal option. The cook has worked out that **the cost of a nutritional packed lunch is more than the cost of a school dinner**. So, without all the hassle for you as a parent to make up lunches every night, you can opt for school dinners, still save money and be comforted in the knowledge that your child is having a hot meal that complies with nutritional guidelines for a healthy life in the future.

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 have free lunches and the cost in KS2 is only £12.50 per week (£2.50 per day) and the Nursery meal for the 30 hour pupils is £1.80.



## School Meal Menu



The menu for the Summer term is reproduced on the following page and is on our web site.. There is a huge range of choices across the 3 week cycle with 5 choices a day so there should be meals for all tastes. All meals adhere to nutritional guidance and are an investment in a healthy child into the future.

## Herbs

There are herb pots again at the front of the school (thank you to Mrs Sue Murray for cultivating these for everyone). Don't forget you are welcome **to help yourself** to a pinch of herbs to brighten up your home cooking (& drinking e.g. Mojitas). The sign above the herbs (in front of Ms McGill's class) to the left of the front door as you leave the building, gives tips on which herbs to use for what meals. Please make good use of them.



## Food & Drink

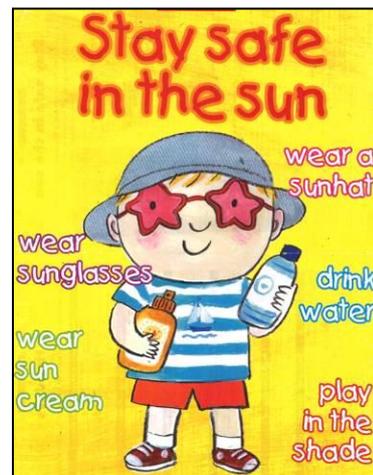
- School meals £2.50 a day or £12.50 a week
- Milk is vital for growing children as it strengthens bones and teeth. Children in Reception and Nursery are entitled to free milk as are children who are eligible for free school meals and clothing vouchers (not the universal free meal for all FS & KS1 children). The cost of milk for the half term after the Easter holidays is £8.50 (the price has risen since the last newsletter due to the rising cost from the supplier) and should have been paid by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April **£9** term payable by **Friday 10th 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 £6 was also due by **22<sup>nd</sup> April**. The cost is £7 for next half term payable by **Friday 10th June**.
- Fruit tuck shop money from Year 1 up was, £6 for this half term, again payable by 22<sup>nd</sup> April with next half term costing £7 term payable by **Friday 10th June**.



## 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 apply it at school and given chemical content staff aren't allowed to). Also please ensure they have the minimum of skin showing and provide them with a hat to wear outside (we have legionnaire caps for sale at the School office - £4.50) to protect their heads...remember



**Summer Menu 2022**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

<b>Week One</b> 25th April 16th May 6th June 27th June 18th July	Option 1	Sausage Roll with	Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Tortie Hash	Fish Fingers, Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegetable Curry with Rice	Broccoli & Cheese Pasta	Stir Fried Vegetable Wrap	Cheese Pasta with Chips
	Vegetables	Pears	Sweetcorn	Broccoli Carrots	Cauliflower	Baked Beans
Dessert	Carrot Cake with Custard	Apple & Raisin Flapjack	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt or Ginger Cookie	Iced Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	
Fresh Fruit available daily						

<b>Week Two</b> 2nd May 23rd May 13th June 4th July	Option 1	Meat Balls in Gravy with Mash Potato	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Sausage, Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Maccaroni Cheese	Vegetable Bolognaise	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Vegi Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Mixed Vegetables	Green Beans	Carrots Pears	Cucumber Rainbow Slaw	Baked Beans
Dessert	Butterfly Bun	Orange & Cinnamon Cookie	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station or Jelly	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Apple, Cheese & Crackers	
Fresh Fruit available daily						

<b>Week Three</b> 20th April 9th May 20th June 11th July	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Sweet & Sour Vegetable Noodles	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Catherine Wheel, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Cheese Pasta with Chips
	Vegetables	Green Beans	Coleslaw Sweetcorn	Carrot Cabbage	Sweetcorn	Pears
Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station or Cookie	Pineapple Loaf with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread	
Fresh Fruit available daily						

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- Daily salad selection

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# After School Clubs

## After School Clubs

Due to the high level of staff absence due to Covid last half term many clubs had to be cancelled. This clearly causes an issue for refunds for those that paid. As a gesture of goodwill all clubs this half term will be FREE. After half term the clubs will then cost £2 per club per week to cover costs. A flat rate per week will simplify any refunds into the future should the need arise.

### Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;

- Age appropriate PS4 games
- Games, puzzles and jigsaws
- Construction Equipment e.g. K'Nex,
- Meccano or Lego
- Lego Classic Blocks
- Railway or road sets
- Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Comics/games for wet playtimes



Thank you in advance for any donations



## Give Blood – Help Save a Life!



Giving blood to support others is a wonderful selfless act that helps fellow citizens. Who knows, a member of your family may rely on someone else's blood donations to save their life at some point. The next donor session you can book online is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 from 10am to 2pm at Energus, Lillyhall. You can book an appointment online.

**Do something worthwhile and save someone's life**

Further details and booking details can be found at [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk)



### Circuits



'Circuits Days' will take place each half term this school year. They will be on a Thursday or a Friday depending on the day your child has their PE session. As they are now coming to school in PE Kits on those days

anyway there is no need for different clothing on these days. The ones for this half term are Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### Revisewise

Free revision classes for Year 6 children take place weekly on Wednesday and a Thursday from 8.20 to 8.50am. **Please encourage your children to attend as it has proved to impact on their outcomes in Year 6.** We have noted numbers have dropped recently and this is a concern, please can you support us with this, it is in your child's best interests. Children need to queue at the back gate for entry from 8.15am.



**All Year 6 children should be attending**

**Please note:** From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May this club will be offered to Year 5 children. Further details to follow.

### 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 website at [www.cumbrialscb.com](http://www.cumbrialscb.com) the site also has a parental information zone.

In addition to the above the school has a 'Safeguarding Zone' on its website which contains the above link as well as relevant school policies, further information and a diagram showing how we keep your child safe in school. It is well worth a look.

**Sharing information is in the best interests of children and their safeguarding. The school reserves the right to share and receive**

DO YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND WORKINGTON?

DO YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN?

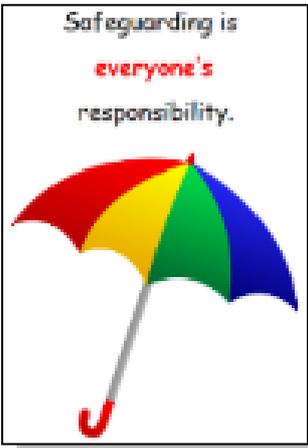
LOOKING FOR A NURSERY SETTING?

30 HRS FREE CHILDCARE FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

 <b>Beckstone Primary</b> 01946 830423	 <b>Distington Community School</b> 01946 830526	 <b>St Mary's Catholic Primary School</b> 01946 830433	 <b>Derwent Vale Primary &amp; Nursery</b> 01900 601233
 <b>St Gregory's Catholic Primary</b> 01900 606050	 <b>Westfield Nursery &amp; Primary</b> 01900 874000	 <b>Seaton Academy</b> 01900 66982	 <b>St Michael's Nursery &amp; Infant</b> 01900 608111

THE SCHOOLS ABOVE WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE A PRE-VISIT WITH YOU, TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES THEY OFFER OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS!

THIS ADVERT HAS BEEN PLACED THROUGH THE WORKINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOLS CONSORTIUM



**information from other agencies that may have had dealings with your child.**

If you ever have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, then you can ring your concerns through to the County's 24 hour 'Safeguarding Hub' number and you can remain anonymous if you wish. Callers can outline their

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



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

**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.

**Nursery Intakes**



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

Children born between **1 September 2019 and 31 December 2019** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2023**.

Children born between **1 January 2020 and 31 March 2020** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2023**.

**If you know of any children with birth dates between these times and would like their child to come to this school, then please ask them to get in touch with the School Office as soon as possible.**

Forms for applying for any of these intakes can be downloaded from the Cumbria County Council website <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/lss/schooladmissions.asp> (or use the QR code) ring the School Office and we can post them out. When returning the form we need to see the Birth Certificate and a proof of address.



**Beckstone's Extended Services**

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



Beckstone Xtra (again £3.50 an hour) runs from the end of the school day until 5.15pm with an earlier pick up time of 4.15pm if required. Beckstone Xtra is available from 3.15 to 5.15pm for anyone who books in advance via [bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk) Or simply use the QR code.



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.

	<p><b>30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT</b></p> <p>Sessions will run from:</p> <p>11:50 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)</p> <p>11:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)</p>	<p>This will be on ParentPay from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May instead of cash payments</p>
	<p>A charge of <b>£1.80 per day</b> will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and midday care.</p> <p>Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.</p> <p>Please contact the office to book Educare or for further details.</p>	
	<p><b>NON - ENTITLEMENT</b></p> <p>Sessions will run from:</p> <p>11:50 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. = <b>£10.30</b> (including lunch)</p> <p>11:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. = <b>£13.80</b> (including lunch)</p> <p>Payment can be made in cash in a named envelope or by Computershare or Edenred Childcare Vouchers.</p> <p>Please contact the office to book Educare or for further details.</p>	
<p>Please note 30 hour Scheme can be used in Breakfast Club and Beckstone Xtra.</p>		



### Carer & Toddler Club

This runs every Thursday afternoon from 1.30 to 3pm and is a very popular club. It is a great way to meet new friends. There is no cost to join but a £4.00 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments etc. Places can be booked at [bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Summer Holiday Play Scheme

#### HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEME



Following on from the successful Easter Camp the school is hoping to run a Summer Camp for the first 2 weeks of the holiday and the final 2 weeks. . A questionnaire which will also include further information and payment details will be sent out in due course once staffing is organised.

### Recipes to Cook at Home

The Phunky Food web site, which is used in school, has lots of recipes (well over 100) for you to cook with your children at home. They are all nutritionally balanced and healthy foods. It also has the facility to search for different meals e.g. breakfast or a main meal. The recipes are easy to use and use everyday ingredients. Do have a go and have fun in the kitchen with your child(ren).

The web site can be found here, or follow the QR code



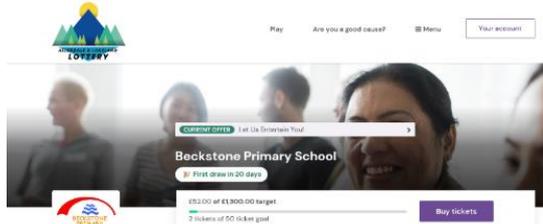
<https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes/>

The site also provides 'How To...' videos for you to follow in the kitchen.

<https://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/parents/cooktogether/>

### 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.

### Cinema Nights



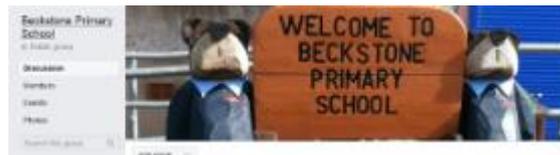
The Cinema Nights return this half term. These take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for Reception & Key Stage 1 and on Tuesday



24<sup>th</sup> for Key Stage 2. The film being shown is Sing2 and bookings will be available on ParentPay from the start of May. The cost is £6 which covers 2 hours care until 5.15pm plus copious refreshments.



### 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 website 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 website 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.

### High Harrington Community Centre

The Community Centre is in Crooklands, High Harrington and is colloquially known as the 'Green Hut'. It is a very competitively priced and useful resource for all in the community to use.



To hire this facility for any event once Covid restrictions are lifted for gatherings indoors then please contact Marjorie Rae on 01946 831004. The venue can be used for children or adult parties, meetings etc and hire rates

are very reasonable indeed once these are allowed. If you do hire this venue, please let Marjorie know you read about it in this newsletter.

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

**Ladies Club**  
Tuesday  
From 1.30 to 3.45pm at  
High Harrington Community  
Centre.



All ages are welcome to  
attend.

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

### 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.

### Easy Fund Raising



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising **FREE** donations for Beckstone Primary School with easy fundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to 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](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more)  
and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easy fundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, the retailer will 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.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party



Workington Town Council are organising a town party on Saturday 4th June 2022 from 10am-4pm at Vulcan Park.

From the Council:

*We are hosting an event to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4th June from 10am-4pm in Vulcan Park. The aim of the event is to bring the community together to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee.*

*We encourage everyone to bring their own afternoon tea to the park, and we will put on the entertainment. Watch the Queen's Jubilee celebration on BBC along with live music performances.*

*We'll also have market stalls, face painting, children's entertainment, companion show, a hat parade and much more!*

*If you would like a stall at this event or to get involved in any way, [please feel free to get in touch for a chat.](#)*

Workington Town Council 01900 702986

Find out more on our website

**A hat fit for a Queen!**  
(or King! Come and join our hat parade!)

Could you make your own hat fit for a Queen or King?

As part of our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tea Party on Saturday 4th June, we will be holding a hat parade in Vulcan Park.

Anyone can join in, all ages welcome, all we ask is that your hat is handmade!  
There will be judges on hand with prizes for the best entries, we can't wait to see what you come up with.

Visit our website for more information -  
[www.visitworkington.co.uk/queensplatinumjubilee](http://www.visitworkington.co.uk/queensplatinumjubilee)



## Amazon Smile

**Support  
Beckstone Primary School  
Parent Teacher Association  
And Friends**

When you shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk),  
Amazon Donates

Visit [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk)

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Please follow this link and choose us

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1075994-0>

To support us you would need to download the Amazon Smile app. Then if you order as normal 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.



How to turn on AmazonSmile in the mobile app

1

### Get the app

Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.

2

### Join AmazonSmile

Simply sign up by selecting your favorite charity (you can change this at any time).

3

### Turn on AmazonSmile

Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

**AmazonSmile in the app is not available for iPads and other tablet devices**  
To shop AmazonSmile on your tablet, open [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) in the browser.

## Non-Uniform Day



The non-uniform day for May is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. We have been asked to support 'Jigsaw', Cumbria's Children's Hospice Charity. As with all donation requests we are very aware of how tight finance are so only contribute if you can.

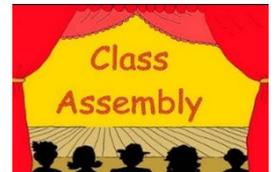


## Cumbria's Children's Hospice

Further information about this Charity can be found here: <https://www.jigsawhospice.org/> or follow the QR code.



## Class Assemblies



These are on Fridays and start promptly at 9.05am. Parents are welcome to attend. We film the assemblies and DVDs or password protected downloads can be ordered for £3 after the event.

The dates for class assemblies are on the back page. The assemblies for the duration of this newsletter are for class 3LS on the 29<sup>th</sup> April and Class 4AR on the 6<sup>th</sup> May with Class 3JWa on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. There are no class assemblies for Early Years, as they have already performed for parents in the Nativities, nor for Year 6 who will be staging a Graduation performance for parents in July.

Finally, no fire drills are planned for these times so if the fire alarm does sound please leave by the rear doors of the Sports Hall and muster on the back playground.

## Strive for Five



As a reward for those reading at least 5 times a week at home they become eligible to be part of the fortnightly 'Strive for Five' draw. Each year group winner will receive a book and chocolate for the parent(s) who have supported at home.

Please use this as an incentive to read regularly with your child ☺

**All children across the school in every Key Stage should be reading daily!**

## Lamb Visits

During the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> May (after the Bank Holiday Monday) we will have some lambs visiting the school and the children will have the opportunity to get up close to them. If you think your child has an allergy to lambs please let the school know.





## School Fund

**We need donations to this fund** as funds are getting REALLY tight so please help if you can.

The fund is donation based (for example the businesses advertising in this newsletter provide donations to this fund) and is used to fund the coaches for sporting events, buy many consumable items and fun activities 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.**

## Parent Pay Donations

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. Alternatively if you wish to make a standing order then the school's bank details are available on request from the School Office too.

## Summer Half Term Holiday Zone

As we receive information about activities in half term we will place the information in the Holiday Activity zone of our web site which can be found in the Parents' drop down menu or by following the QR code.



## Parent Questionnaire

A parent questionnaire will go out this half term via a text with a link to a Google form questionnaire. Please do take the time to complete it as we do analyse responses and they feed into our school development programme.



## Y6 Takeover Morning

Postponed from November due to Covid the children in Y6 will 'takeover' the adult jobs in the school on the morning of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## Young Voices 2022

This event takes place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May.



All information, booking and T-shirt orders etc. have already gone out to all who are taking part. We are all excited about this as the songs are catchy, are enjoyed

by the Choir and the children sing them wonderfully. The event promises to be memorable for all involved.

## Foodbank

We have a Foodbank collection bin just inside the green hut at the top of the hill if you would like to donate any items. It is collected regularly. For further details of the work of the Foodbank and how you can be involved contact; the North Lakes Foodbank; email:

[info@thefoodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@thefoodbank.org.uk) [www.thefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.thefoodbank.org.uk) or tel: 0750 2311 452

A list of foods welcomed is below.



Reg Charity No 1067541

### **Shopping List**

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

Thank you!

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



**No Low Calorie Foods**



Very unfortunately, despite pleas from the Primary Sector, the local Secondary schools are all hosting their transition days on separate dates. We didn't get told of the dates until just before half term and with no consultation there are a lot of clashes with things already planned. As a result we are having to move the Y6 Graduation ceremony from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July so please can Y6 parents make a note of this change.



CHILDREN ARE  
MADE READERS  
ON THE LAPS  
OF THEIR PARENTS.

Diary  
Dates



April

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Children Start back

Week beg. 25<sup>th</sup> - New Nursery starters start

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> - Class Photos

- RJWh visiting Helena Thompson for a Beatrix Potter day

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – **3LS Class Assembly**

- RJT visiting Helena Thompson for a Beatrix Potter day
- Strive for Five Draw



May

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bank Holiday

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – **4AR Class Assembly**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Thu 12<sup>th</sup> – **Y6 SATs Week**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - **Y2 SAT Fortnight**

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> – Y3&4 Rounders competition

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – **3JWa Class Assembly**

- Strive for Five Draw
- Kicky Rounders competition
- Governor Challenge Day
- Staffing & Finance Committee 4pm & Governors 5pm



Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – School Tour afternoon

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Takeover morning

- School Tour afternoon



Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – **4AN Class Assembly**

- A Y5 class visiting St Joseph's for Science

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> – School Tour afternoon

- KS2 Cinema Night



Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices Trip

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> & Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Circuits Days

Thu 26<sup>th</sup> - School Tour afternoon



Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Break up for half term

- Jigsaw Children's Hospice Non-Uniform Day
- A Y5 class visiting St Joseph's for Science
- Strive for Five Draw



Term Dates until Summer 2023

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

Dates for rest of School Year



Week beg. Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jun

– **KS1 Phonics Screening Check**

- **3 week window for Y4 Times Table Check**

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Jun – Reception Multi Skills Festival

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jun – **SDP Class Assembly**

- Y1&2 Kinder cricket competition

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Jun – Y5&6 Football competition

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun – Y5 Maths Challenge Competition - St Joseph's

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> & Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jun – Circuits Days

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> June – UKS2 trip to Beamish

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> June – **2SF Class Assembly**

- Y6 Girls' football – Harraby

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Primary Day at St Joseph's

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Jun – Y5&6 Cricket Competition

- Y6 Taster Day at Cockermonth (& Wed 29<sup>th</sup>)

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Jun- School tour for Sep Nursery Starters

- Workington Ac. Y6 Tutor Day (& Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July)

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July – Workington Football Cup

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 & R Cinema Night

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Jul – Sports Day

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jul – Reception Beacon Trip

- County Finals (fingers crossed for teams there!)
- KS2 Cinema Night

Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Jul – Sports Day reserve

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Jul – Y1&2 Kinder cricket competition #2

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Jul – Swimming Gala

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Jul – Y3&4 Sumer Trip to Muncaster

- Y5&6 Tennis competition
- Governors' meetings

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Beacon trip

- Wheelchair Basketball Day
- Workington Ac Transition Day (& Thu 14<sup>th</sup>)

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Jul – Bingo Night 6pm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jul – Meet new classes

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Jul – FUN day

- Y6 Graduation ceremony

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Jul – Break up for summer. No Beck Xtra.

