

Beckstone Primary Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last school newsletter of the current academic year.

What a busy and action-packed year it has been! The enthusiasm and hard work from pupils and staff alike deployed consistently over the year makes my job easy and makes me very proud. I would like to thank each and every one of them for making this school such a special one that was also recognised as such by the Ofsted inspectors who visited in December.

There are just 3 weeks left until the end of term and they are packed with a myriad of different activities and events taking place: final assessments; reports completed & issued and many end of school year activities take place such as Graduation Day, Party Nights, sporting events; Beckstone's Got Talent etc. We also have Curriculum Meetings for parents of children in next year's R to 6 on **Monday 15th July** apart from next year's Year 5 who have theirs on **Tuesday 16th July**. At these events you will meet your child's next class teacher – it is **ESSENTIAL** someone from the family attends!

We are also running a summer **holiday play scheme** at a competitive cost of £25 per half day or £30 per full day to help families with holiday care. It is very competitively priced and I hope many of you make use of it. **It is not too late to book**. Further details are in this newsletter.

Please take the time to read this newsletter, digest the information and make a note of the dates on the back (many dates for 24/25 are there too) so you don't miss anything!

May I take this opportunity to also thank you all for your support over the year and for complying so readily with school policies and procedures. The school is very fortunate to have such a huge majority of parents who take a real interest in their child's learning, support them with homework and reading plus give generously to school. I hope and trust you all have a wonderful summer and I shall look forward to working with the majority of you again next year. To the Year 6 parents I wish your children every success as they move on to the next stage of their educational career, we will miss them and they have been a credit to yourselves and the school.

Best wishes and hope you have a lovely summer,

Mr Warbrick



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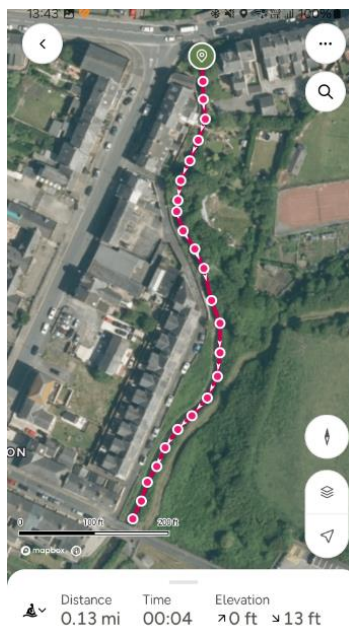
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Mini Duck Race

The school will very soon be hosting what is envisaged to be a yearly event – a mini duck race. The ducks will race down the beck at the bottom of the hill at 2pm on Tuesday 9th July, NEXT Tuesday, watched by the whole school. The prizes for the first 10 ducks to finish are well worth it with a first prize of £150. If you want to take part then ducks can be purchased on ParentPay. Each duck will have a unique number and will be entered into the race (you get to keep the ducks you have bought). It may be there are other family members or friends who would like to take part and you can buy ducks for them too – there is no longer a maximum number of ducks that can be bought per person. In total there are 600 ducks!! The route the ducks will follow is shown alongside.



It promises to be great fun and all will have a quacking time 😊

Don't miss out – there are still some ducks left!



Beckstone School Mid-Year Annual Duck Race 2024

Tuesday 9th July at 2pm

Entry is £4 per duck (Max 4 per person)
via Parent Pay

Starting from Short Kutz

Finishing at the School bridge.

Every entry will get to keep their duck

Prizes for the first 10 over the finishing line

1 st	£150	6 th	£20
2 nd	£100	7 th	£10
3 rd	£75	8 th	£5
4 th	£50	9 th	£5
5 th	£30	10 th	£5

Summer Camp



The camp runs for the first 2 and last 2 weeks of the Summer holidays. If you missed the booking cycle **it is not too late to book your child into the club**. They can attend one day or however many you want at a price of £25 for half a day or £30 for a full day from 8am to 4pm.

If you are interested in booking please contact the School office by emailing

bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk





NOW OPEN

**Do you have leftover or unused paint?
If so we need it!**

1.6M tons of furniture and textiles goes to landfill every year in the UK, approximately 50% of this is reusable. The aim of the Paint Pot is to stop paint going to landfill and waterways.

**Have unwanted wooden furniture?
If so we need it!**

We will also be up-cycling furniture, to be sold at low cost to help reduce furniture poverty.

Interested? We need you!

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity to build your skills or, if you already have skills the chance to pass them.

For more information please call Patch on
07379 181 234



Headteacher: Mr Warbrick
Deputy: Mrs Yoxall
Organisational Director: Mrs Vaughan
Early Years Stage Lead: Ms Gorman
Key Stage 1 Lead: Mrs Needham
Lower Key Stage 2 Lead: Mr Fleming
Upper Key Stage Lead: Ms McGill

Classes will be organised as follows:

Nursery – offering 30 hours for those eligible or a free 15 hours with an optional purchase of additional care of up to a further 15 hours

2 X **Reception** classes

3 X **Year 1 & 2** classes

3 X **Year 3 & 4** classes

2 X **Year 5** classes

2 X **Year 6** classes.



Where there are mixed age classes these are being set up as mixed ability classes and not based on academic ability so are certainly not 'sets'.

Your child's class will have already been shared with them if they are in Years N to 1 to fully comply with the new Early Years Framework transition arrangements. All other children will visit their new classes on Thursday 11th July and again on Friday 12th July. Again, please do not appeal against their placement. Please rest assured that children's friendships and working relationships have been closely considered and that school staff will have placed children well to ensure they can make maximum progress.

Curriculum Evening & Reports



There are 'Curriculum Meetings' on the last Monday of this term (Monday 15th July for all classes from Reception next year apart from next year's Year 5 who will have theirs on Tuesday at 3.30pm). Please make a note in your diary. We expect an adult from every family to attend so that you can meet your child's new teacher, learn about their areas of study in 2024/25 and what is expected from them and from yourselves. Your child's end of year report will be issued on Tapestry and Seesaw after these meetings (apart from this year's Year 6 where they will be sent home with your child in a sealed envelope). **Please download the reports to keep as your access to these learning platforms will change at the end of term as classes change.**



Organisation 2024-25



A lot of thought has gone into classes for next year and friendship groups as well as grouping children who work well together or need time apart have been the main focus of the groupings. It is important you support your child in their transition to their new class and be positive about their placement. Classes are largely full so there is no 'wriggle room' and no movement across classes. Do let your child settle into their new class and please be assured that we always strive to make sure your child is happy in school and in their class.

Please do not appeal against their placement.

A lot of thought has also gone into how the school is organised as the intake of a class and a half (45 pupils in general does not make for easy class groupings or straight year groups across the school). The school is organised into 4 Stages with Stage Leaders meeting weekly and reporting back to their Stages to ensure consistency of approach and ongoing review and evaluation of the effectiveness of school policies and procedures. The Senior Leadership Team is as follows from September:

In order to minimise clashes so that parents with children in multiple classes can attend the timetable for this day looks like this. Please note the times for your child's next class.



For logistical safety reasons School car gates will be locked at 2.15pm and will remain locked until 3.45pm so please walk to these events.

- **2.30 - 3pm** – Reception Sports Hall
- **3.30pm** – Key Stage 1 in Sports Hall
- **4.00pm** – Lower Key Stage 2 in Sports Hall
- **4.30pm** – Year 6 in Sports Hall

& then

3.30pm – Year 5 in Sports hall (car gates will be locked)



Y6 Graduation



The Graduation ceremony for our Year 6 pupils will take place from 6pm on Wednesday 17th July. Please could all Y6 families make a note of this date and time. The venue will be the School Sports Hall. The children will perform a leaving show for the audience and will receive a 'Primary Diploma' from the Governors and a leaving gift from the PTA. Seating is limited. A Google form was sent out to all Y6 families offering 2 tickets per family, space is very limited. There is an option to be placed on a waiting list for more if the full allocation is not taken up but there are no guarantees. The deadline for ordering tickets is THIS Wednesday (3rd July). If we have had no response we will then offer these places.

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Sporting Success



Sports Day



Thankfully the weather held for Sports day and unlike last year we were able to 'run' the event 😊

The number of parents watching was amazing, we have estimated around 500 (!!) which meant there was nearly a 1,000 people on the field.

Firstly thank you to all who bought a raffle ticket for the prizes shown below, the raffle raised nearly £250 which is a great help to the school in these tight times.



The Sports day ran smoothly and all race winners received a certificate in the assembly on the Friday of that week.

Blue house, the holders of the trophy, were winners this year. The end of race day scoreboards are shown below:



There are loads of excellent photos of the event available to see on our web site with not only many of the children in action but also adults as well (thanks to all those brave enough to race in front of that crowd).

The photos are in the Pupil zone of our web site in the Film & Photo Gallery, Sports Day 2024:



https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2023-2024/sports-day-2024/index.html



UKS2 Cricket

Our cricket team took part in the Allerdale cricket competition at Workington Cricket Club last month and took the competition by storm winning handsomely. They now go on to the County Finals at Keswick Cricket Club on Monday 15th July.

The victorious team is pictured below:



Year 5 & 6 Boys County Football at Harraby

Our boys team travelled to Harraby near Carlisle to take part in the County competition. The team played exceedingly well and lost in the quarter final on penalties. They are pictured at the top of the next column.



Y5 & 6 Football – St Joseph’s

Our mixed football team took part in the Workington UKS2 competition and were runners up at this event. The team is pictured below.



Year 5 & 6 Girls County Football at Harraby



Our girls team travelled to Harraby on the Friday just gone to take part in the County competition. The team played exceedingly well and also lost in the quarter final on penalties. They are pictured above.



Sport over the Year

The school very much complies with the PE national curriculum and the sporting objectives/aims placed on schools since the introduction of 'Sugar Tax' sports funding. All pupils complete a minimum of 2 hours sport a week, there are many opportunities for sporting activity at play and break times and over the year a multitude of out of school sports club. Our emphasis on sport has resulted in many sporting successes over the course of this year as the very impressive 'Sporting Roll of Honour' shows below, the highlighted outcomes are to come before the end of term:



Workington Swimming Gala

The Workington Swimming Gala will take place on Tuesday 16th July from 9.30am. Parental spectators are welcome however the priority for seating will go to the pupils of the school's competing so space is very limited.



A big thanks in advance of this event go Mrs Chambers Me McMinn & Ms Jackson for coaching the team and to our own school office staff for organising this event for all the other schools in the town. It is no mean feat and takes a lot of work and we all are appreciative of all their hard work.

Statutory Outcomes

Early Learning Goals:

The Early Years 'Good Level of Development' Outcome (which is the percentage of pupils assessed as 'Good' in all prime areas plus Maths and Literacy) was 56%.



Comparative data is in the table below with all other measures from last year as there has been no data release yet for 2024. Results have dipped with the cohort with many just missing one area but there are plans in place to ensure support for these gaps in Y1.

	Good level of Development (GLD)
School 2024	56%
School 2023	70.5%
Cumberland 2023	65%
National 2023	67.3%

Phonics

A big congratulations needs to go to the Year 1 (& some Y2) children who had a phonics screening check recently. We are very proud of the progress they have made and the school achieved a **pass rate of over 88%**, well above last year's national average and a big improvement from last year's good school outcome.

88.4%

National 2023 = 79%
School 2023 = 82%

Average score for this cohort = 35.5

Total pass % for Y2 cohort = 95.5%

Year 4 Times Table Check:

Comparative data for this test is not published. The Government released the results last week and 30% of the Year group got 100% of the questions correct and 79% got over 20 out of 25...this compares to 54% last year – a stunning improvement.



Key Stage 2

75% of the year group achieved the expected standard in Writing (up from 67% last year) or above (11.4% at Greater Depth) and 82% in Science. Unfortunately we are unable to release Maths or Reading outcomes until the Department for Education release them on the 9th July. These will be reported to Y6 parents in the end of year report and available on our school web site soon after.



Governors' Board

End of Year Chairman's Blog

Dear All,

Welcome to the final governor's blog for this school year.

This academic year seems to have passed in the blink of an eye. There have certainly been plenty of activities to keep everyone busy with the most recent being last week's school trips for each year group which I understand were all successful with the children being ambassadors for the school with their exemplary behaviour.

As was mentioned in last month's blog, we are acutely aware of the upset that was caused, in relation to secondary school allocations this year. We have followed up on this and whilst, as one school, we might not be able to influence change, we are being given the opportunity to discuss this further with representatives of the Cumbria Education Trust soon.

I have a few thanks I'd like to share (In no particular order).....

- To parents / guardians / grandparents, for your continued support of the school at events such as bingo nights, school quizzes and sports day. And for volunteering to assist with school trips.
- To the school PTA (FAB) who do a tremendous job of arranging the above-mentioned events for everyone's enjoyment, while raising funds for the school.
- To all the teachers, for your dedication and the many additional hours you spend planning, marking and reporting, a lot of which I know is done in your own time.
- And to the support staff, TA's, mid-days, cooks, cleaners and the caretaker for your hard work in your respective roles and the parts you all play in protecting & supporting the children who attend the school.

Finally, can I please take the opportunity, on behalf of the board of governors, to wish our year six pupils all the best with the next chapter of their lives as they prepare to leave Beckstone for secondary school. We look forward to seeing you all at your graduation.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer (and that the weather improves!!!)

Thanks

Simon Turk

Chair of Governors



Governor



Gallery

						
From 15.03.22 To 15.03.26 Simon Turk Chair & Co-opted	From 07.12.21 To 07.12.25 Kate Mahone Vice Chair & LA	From 08.02.22 To 08.02.26 Andrew Kilgour Parent	From 19.10.21 To 19.10.25 Laurie Black Parent	From 17.05.22 To 17.05.26 Blain Rooney Parent	From 21.11.23 To 21.11.27 Zoe Hannah Parent	Co-opted Vacancy
						
From N/A To N/A David Warbrick Headteacher	From 12.07.21 To 12.07.25 Hayley Gorman Staff	From 18.10.22 To 18.10.26 Jude Yoxall Co-opted & Deputy Head	From N/A To N/A Nichola Rosser Clerk	From N/A To N/A Philippa Vaughan Staffing & Finance Associate	From 30.01.24 To 30.01.28 Rev. Dom de Mattos Co-opted	Co-opted Vacancy



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allow mobile phones in school the same applies to Smart Watches. Please do not send your child into school with one. In addition, these devices are very expensive and may not be up to the rigours of school life and the school does not want to take responsibility for their safe keeping and also given the cost we also don't want families to feel they have to buy their child one to keep up with others. Thanks in advance for your support of this policy.

WhatsApp Parent Groups

We find that on occasion social media is often used to air grievances about school decisions and protocols when reasons for these decisions are multi-faceted and are always underpinned by having the best interests of children and families at their heart or been driven by external circumstances beyond our control e.g. the weather. This can all be very upsetting for school staff.

If you are on group WhatsApp concerning school it may be beneficial to scroll through messages and check if any positive messages are being shared otherwise the group is in danger of becoming a platform that is feeding on negativity.

If this is the case our advice is to remove yourself from it or report it to school as we have a clear policy on parental misuse of social media which can result in a ban from school. If there are discussions about school decisions please share with Mr Warbrick as action will be taken!

On platforms such as WhatsApp staff at school have no recourse to address issues or correct blatant mistruths. When staff hear about the content of such messages (which they generally do) it is really upsetting when they are working so hard at school for many hours at home to provide the best education they can, especially at a time when Government and media support is sadly lacking.



Working in schools is an extremely demanding yet incredible and rewarding job.

Our staff are committed to supporting the community they serve. Please support them by talking directly to us if you have an issue rather than resorting to social media. Staff will do their utmost to deal with any issues or concerns you have. Sharing an issue on social media does not have any



WhatsApp & Mobile Phones Generally

We continue to have pupils upset at what has been happening on WhatsApp after school or at weekends. In addition, we are finding pupils are spending a lot of time on these devices out of school and are almost, in some cases, becoming addicted to them.

It is extremely concerning that despite monthly items on this and many national news stories detailing the harm it is causing we still have families that are allowing their children to use social media sites **underage** and allow them unfettered access to the internet. Social media apps and inappropriate sites are having a detrimental effect on children, particularly their mental health and **are spoiling their childhood**. Quite simply young minds are not mature enough to deal with the issues this access raises.

The concerns over phone use by under age children is now in the mainstream news and an ongoing concerns for all under 16 year olds. With the wealth of evidence about the harm they can cause as parents please think long and hard about what you are allowing them to do.

If nothing else STOP them from using social media apps and protect their childhood!

Smart Watches

These devices are becoming more common and have appeared in school, some with SIM cards to allow access to apps etc. For the same reasons we do not

**impact at all on resolving the issue for your child.
Please talk to us!**

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 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 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:



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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.

Community Champions Cup



Mae from Y4 was awarded the trophy. She has single handedly raised £30 which she donated to the Bingo Night funds by making and selling bracelets. Her kind donation and sense of community led to the awarding of this cup.

The Marie Wright Kindness Cup



Cooper from Year 1 was chosen as he is always so kind and caring to others. He is always first to check on and look after any children if they hurt themselves. A deserving winner.

Creativity Cup



Koa from Nursery was chosen for this trophy. He has fabulous, imaginative skills which he puts into use every day activities. He is also a keen dancer, picking up routines well and showing his amazing moves always with a huge smile.

Blain Rooney Sporting Trophy



Eleanor from Y1 was awarded the Blain Rooney Sporting Cup. She is an absolute superstar and gives 100% to whatever is asked of her in sport. She displays all our sporting values and is a polite, respectful and caring young lady. She has already represented Beckstone at a number of competitions and stands out as a great sportswoman

Health Advice



Schools have been asked to share a number of items with their parental communities over recent weeks so please do note the following:

Measles, Mumps & Rubella Vaccine (MMR)

There are grave concerns as cases of these diseases are rising in England and this is solely due to many children not having had their MMR vaccine when they were young. Public Health are asking all families to ensure their child has had this protection as catching these diseases can impact on future health. They have sent the details below and a QR code for further information:



- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.

immunisation
the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet





Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

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Immunisation Information



NHS

2 doses of the MMR vaccine can stop your child becoming seriously unwell with measles

Make sure your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

Next are links and resources you may find useful in the areas below.

Healthy Lifestyles:

[Healthier Families - Home - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

<https://healthysteps.betterhealth-healthierfamilies.co.uk/signup>

you can sign up for 8 weekly emails with top tips and ideas on healthy lifestyles.

[NHS Food Scanner app - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Fussy/Restrictive Eating:

<https://patientwebinars.co.uk/condition/fussy-eating-in-children/webinars/managing-fussy-or-restricted-eating-school-age/>

<https://simplyveg.org.uk>

<https://vegpower.org.uk/>

<https://www.seeandeat.org>

[Families Information | Children's Occupational Therapy Service \(cumberland.gov.uk\)](http://cumberland.gov.uk)

[Families Information | Supporting Children with Sensory Processing Needs \(cumberland.gov.uk\)](http://cumberland.gov.uk)

ARFID (Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder):

<https://www.arfidawarenessuk.org/>

<https://abuhb.nhs.wales/hospitals/a-z-of-services/paediatric-clinical-psychology-service/our-specialist-services/paediatric-arfid-service/> -videos and resources about ARFID

<https://www.owlblue.org/arfid-avoidant-restrictive-food-intake-disorder/> - Based in Maryport, Cumbria

Health Advice for Children Generally

If you are a parent or carer and would like health advice or support regarding a child or young person aged 5-19 years old, you can contact the Public Health 5-19 Team to book an appointment in the E-School Nurse clinic on 01228 603973 Mon-Fri 9-5pm, or for further support with healthy lifestyles contact us about our Healthy Habits 4 Life programme.

Online Parent Health Sessions

Public Health Nursing are offering free online sessions on the following topics:

- How does the bowel work, what can go wrong and what can you do on **Monday 8th July 24 at 1:30pm**

-How does the bladder work, what can go wrong and what can you do on **Tuesday 16th July 24 at 1:30pm**
-For **new reception starter parents** a School Readiness online session on **Monday 15th July 24 at 1pm**

If you would like to attend please let the school know and we will send the Teams link you will need.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccinations will take place earlier in the school year than normal on school on Wednesday 18th September for all years from Reception upwards. It is again important all children get vaccinated this year so they have protection and their attendance and consequently their learning is not impaired. In addition it provided additional protection with winter viruses as scientific research has shown that the body finds it hard to cope if trying to fight more than one viral infection at any one time.



It is a nasal spray vaccination (Fluenz Tetra®) and will not only help protect the children from getting flu but it also stops them spreading the disease to their family, carers and the wider population. As flu viruses change each year last year's immunisation for those that had it will not be effective.

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

You will be contacted for online consent by the NHS very early in September so please look out for it.

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



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

Give Blood – Help Save a Life!



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

The next donor sessions at Energus are on Thursday 4th July 11am to 3pm or Monday 7th July from 3pm to 7pm or. There is also a session at the Oval centre or on Friday 26th July at the Oval Centre from 3pm to 7pm.

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

Do something worthwhile and save someone's life.



Revisewise



The Revisewise clubs are now on a Wednesday or a Thursday morning from 8.15am until the start of the school day and are for Year 5 children who can attend one or both. The sessions are designed to consolidate learning and will run up to SATs in Year 6. They are not compulsory but we would really like all children, if they can, to attend at least one a week as they provide the opportunity to prepare the children for their important SATs in Year 6.





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Bookshelf Magazines – No Shelf Control

The link and QR Code will take you to the page of Mr Bodd. He is a book lover and a Key Stage 1 teacher and he



releases monthly newsletters all about books for children, parents and teachers. The short newsletter covers book reviews, new releases and much more. It is well worth a read.



Summer Holiday Activities

In the run up to the Summer holidays we will be adding any information or flyers we receive about holiday activities into our 'Holiday Activity Ideas' zone of the web site, which can be found in the Parents' drop-down menu or by following the QR code. Do have a look as there may be activities of interest to you and your family.



Summer Holiday Water Safety

No child should drown, and with the right water safety education – such as a knowledge of the Water Safety Code – accidental drownings are preventable.

Please have a water safety conversation with children. We have placed some resources to help you with this in the parental zone of our web site below the 'parent information and advice' button where you will also find other useful information.

Parent Information & Advice



The web address of the exact page is below and the QR code is alongside.

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/parents_info/water-safety.html

If you would like further information you can visit <https://www.rlss.org.uk/Pages/Category/drowning-prevention-week-campaign>



To help the campaign, GLL (Workington Swimming Pool) will be offering 50% off the first direct debit payment, when one of our children join their Swim School. The code is SUMMER50 and will need to be entered at the checkout before 31st July 2024.

Do you have a child that would like to start Beckstone Nursey?

- September 2024 - Children born between 1st April - 31st August 2021
- January 2025 - Children born between 1st September - 31st December 2021
- April 2025 - Children born between 1st January - 31st March 2022

Please see the office for an application form

Nursey Intakes



Children born between **1 April 2021** and **31 August 2021** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **September 2024**. Children born between **1 September 2021** and **31 December 2021** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week from **January 2025**. Children born between **1 January 2022** and **31 March 2022** can receive their free 15 or 30 hours a week Nursery education from **April 2025**.



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/childrenservices/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 (£4.50 from 7.30am, £4.00 from 8am) **Last entry is at 8.25am.**



Educare (our popular afternoon childcare provision for morning Nursery children – see table in next column – 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 runs from the end of the school day until



5.15pm (the cost is £4 per hour) 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** at the Office or via bookings@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk or simply use the QR code.

Please note after school learning/sport clubs now cost £12.50 per half term.

Please be aware that Beckstone Xtra attendance is not logged on to ParentPay until the day after attendance so a Friday session will not be charged to your account until a Monday or if an end of term the first day back.

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 £3.00 levy is charged to cover the cost of refreshments.



30 HOURS ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:
11:45 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. (2 hours)
11:45 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. (3 hours)

A charge of **£2.20*** per day will be required to cover the cost of a school dinner and is to be paid via Parentpay.

Please contact the office for further details.

NON-ENTITLEMENT

Sessions will run from:
11:45 a.m. — 2:15 p.m. = **£10.00**
11:45 a.m. — 3:15 p.m. = **£14.00**

Educare bookings and payment are to be made via Parentpay. Please note you will need to choose your child's lunch (top choice) and pay for this at the same time via Parentpay at a cost of **£2.20 per day***

Please contact the office for further details.

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

* Please note that the lunch time meal & care cost will rise to £3.00 from September.

Allotment

We continue to await the County Legal department to finalise a land transfer and then we hopefully will have school access to the allotment at the front of the school. As soon as we have further information we will let you know. Our gratitude and huge appreciation goes to Mrs Linda Carter.

Bingo Night

The Summer Bingo Night was on Thursday 20th June. The event raised a staggering £1,030!! Thank you to all who supported the event, families and staff and in particular Mrs Cunningham for being the driving force behind it and organising it so well and to Ms Jackson for her phenomenal baking skills.





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Wobbly Wand's Page



Summer Raffle

This is now live on ParentPay. There is a fantastic generous prize hamper as well as a runner up prize. Tickets cost £2 and can be purchased on ParentPay. The raffle will be drawn in the last assembly and winners will receive all the summer goodies before the end of term.

Food & Drink

School Meals cost £14.50 per week (£2.90 a day) payable on ParentPay. This is still great value when you look at prices of goods in supermarkets for packed lunches. We would recommend a hot meal for all the children during the winter and would encourage those on packed lunches.



Please note that your child cannot change from packed lunches to school meals without a week's notice.

Please also note that school packed lunches for trips etc provide a healthy and filling lunchtime meal for the children. The contents of a typical one are pictured below.



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 first half term after the holidays is **£10.00** and needs to be paid by **Friday, the 6th of September 2024** via ParentPay NOT cash or cheque. 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 **£16** for this half term. This is paid on ParentPay and please pay by **Friday 6th September 2024.**



Fruit is **£10.00** for the second half of the summer term, again payable on ParentPay by **Friday 6th September 2024.** This is for playtime snacks. Children



in EY & KS1 also get fruit free during the day. **When using ParentPay please can you check your payment has gone through – you should get an email to confirm payment. The school does not receive notifications of attempted payments. Thank you!**

WANTED- General Kitchen Assistant



If you would like a job as a general kitchen assistant at our school from Monday to Friday, term time only from September then please contact Christa Lofthouse, cook, at

clofthouse@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

She can provide further details and answer any questions.



Holiday Learning Activities

The most important learning activity of all is to **ensure you read with your child for at least 20 minutes daily** or ensure their day is structured to allow them to, read on their own, when they are able for sustained periods. Indeed reading to your child at bed time for example is also extremely valuable. The world of books will develop your child's imagination, vocabulary and knowledge of the world around them. It is quite simply the key to learning!



The sites on the following pages can be used on a phone/tablet or PC are also extremely useful. Please check your child can access them, if there are issues then please get in touch with school.



Education City – Home Access

All children from Year 1 upwards have access to Education City at home should all know their passwords; To access this sites simply go to www.educationcity.com

Times Tables Rock Stars

Your child should also have access to 'Times Table Rock Stars' and should know their log in details. They are able to make their own 'Rock Star Avatar' and every time they get a times table answer right (appropriate to their age) they will make money to buy things for their Rock Star. This is also available as an app from the Play Store of the App store, the children then just need to log in with their normal school user name and password. We hope good use is made of it. Times Table testing is going to become a national statutory test for Year 4 children from next year so this could prove to be a very worthwhile summer activity.



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.

Contact your child's teacher 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
- You have something nice to say about ttrackstars.com

Teach Your Monster to Read



Teach your Monster to Read is a series of free games to practise the first stages of reading. Combining top quality games design with essential learning, the game is built on the principles of synthetic phonics and follows the teaching sequence of the Letters and Sounds programme. It has been designed in collaboration with academics from Roehampton University.

To use the site go to:

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

and either use the log on details your child may have been given or register for home use. Alternatively you can click on the link in the 'Help your Child to Read' zone on the school's web site.

N.B. The 'monster' is not your child but a character chosen by the child on the site!!

Curriculum Visions

This site is accessed at

<https://www.curriculumvisions.com/>



The username is **beckstoneprimary** and the password is **beckstone2** . Using these will give you and your child access to 1,000s of books across a wide range of subject to widen your child's knowledge at an age appropriate reading age. Do have a good look.



Computer Zone

There are links to many sites in the Computer Home Access zone of our web site including simple coding challenges to complex ones for the older children. Simply follow this link or QR code:



https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/home_learning/coding_activities.html



Planetarium



We had a visiting Planetarium on the 18th and 19th June. Every class from across the school visited it to view the stars and the solar system and many other things besides. It was a lovely enrichment for all children to their studies. There are some amazing photos such as the one below from the event in our film and photo gallery on our web site.

https://www.beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk/pupil_zone/film_photo_gallery/2023-2024/planetarium/index.html



Non- Uniform Day

Thank you for all your support of our charitable causes this year. There are no more donation based non uniform days. We will have 'England' days as long as they are in the Euros and then after that we will have a fun day on the penultimate day of the year and children can come in non-uniform then too with no donations.

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.



Messy Mary's at St Mary's Harrington

Messy Church is held on the third Saturday of every month in St Mary's Church Hall from 4pm to 6pm. The next one is on the 21st of July.

Messy Church is for all the family and includes a number of craft activities, songs, a story and some prayers all based on the theme of for the day. It then finishes with a shared meal together. Come and join us – and bring your friends. (Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult)

For more information on Messy Church, please have a look on our Facebook page.



Story Chair

Our thanks go to Mr Turk for renovating the Reception garden story chair. He has done an absolutely fantastic job and the children love it.



Facebook & Instagram



The school is on Facebook and Instagram.



Instagram

<https://www.facebook.com/beckstoneprimaryschool/>



Facebook

<https://instagram.com/beckstoneprimary?r=nametag>

PARENTAL FEEDBACK

We hope that the information on our website and newsletters are useful in keeping you updated on what's going on at Beckstone.

We would very much welcome your feedback anytime with any queries or suggestions!

We have a Parents' Suggestions box at the top of the school hill or preferably please email us at the address below.

admin@beckstone.cumbria.sch.uk

If ever you wish anything to be included in a newsletter then please do let us know

Summer Party Nights

These take place each term. The ones planned for this half term take place next month on Summer Party Nights;

YR-Monday 8th July;
Y1-Tuesday 9th July
LKS2-Wednesday 10th July
UKS2-Thursday 11th July &
Y2-Friday 12th July



The cost for each night is £6, which is payable on ParentPay. The cost includes care and copious refreshments.



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

Foodbank Donations

In the midst of this cost-of-living crisis donations would be more than welcomed to help support the vulnerable families in the locality.

Recent events have shown that the school can be a focal point for supporting some of our more vulnerable school families. Donations continue to be very much welcome and there is a collection bin in the green shelter at the top of the school hill.



Herbs

There are herb pots at the front of the school. Don't forget you are welcome to help yourself to a pinch of herbs to brighten up your home cooking (& drinking e.g. Mojitos for these long summer nights). 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 etc. Please make good use of them and help yourself..



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. Go to



https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/beckstoneprimary/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for

Thank you for your support.

Donations Needed

The school would very much welcome any of the following;



- Board games
- Construction Equipment e.g., K'Nex,
- Meccano
- Railway or road sets
- Bikes and Trikes for Nursery & Reception
- Comics/games for wet playtimes



Behaviour & School Trips

We received many comments about the exemplary behaviour and manners of our children on all the trips last week from parent helpers, venue staff and members of the public. The pupils were all excellent ambassadors for the school.



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.

With 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 accumulate in 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.

Staffing Update

Last month's staffing update informed you all about Mrs Potts and Mrs Rushforth finishing their time with us after taking over from Mrs White. In addition we informed you of Ms Gorman returning from maternity leave to lead RJW and also Ms Braniff leaving for a new job in September.

We learnt recently of Mrs Sewell's decision to retire. She has been with the school since it opened 19 years ago and was at both Harrington Infants and Harrington Juniors before that. Many of you will know her as the smiling face that greets everyone who comes to Breakfast Club. Mrs Sewell has worked in all areas of



the school and is loved by the pupils and adults. Her sense of humour and love of life is infectious and she will be a great loss and we will truly miss her. We wish her a long and happy retirement and hope she visits regularly.



At the end of term we say 'Goodbye' to Ms Scott from Nursery who has a new job. She trained with us and has been with us for 2 years, we wish her every success in the future and will miss her.

We also say 'Goodbye' to Ms Neen who is leaving us to have a baby. She has been training to be a Teaching Assistant with us for the last 2 years. We hope she will return to us at a future time and we wish her all the very best for the birth and motherhood.



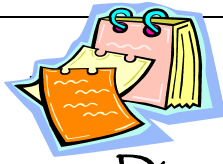
Finally, we welcome a new teacher to Lower Key Stage 2, Ms Bingham. We are very much looking forward to working with her from September and she will be in for the 'Meet the New Classes' mornings in a fortnight.



Everyone at school would like to wish all pupils, parents and extended families a wonderful summer holiday. Thank you to all for your support of the school over the year.



July



Diary Dates

Week beg. 1st – Olympics focused week
 Mon 1st – Workington Football Cup
 Tue 2nd – Tennis – 12.15-2.45 – St Josephs
 - Cockermouth transition day (& Wed 3rd)
 Wed 3rd - Keswick & West Lakes Academy induction Day
 - YN to Y1 transition morning
 Thu 4th – Workington Academy , St Joseph’s induction Day
 - Year 3 & 4 Intra Football Competition
 - September Nursery starters information evening 3.45pm
 Fri 5th – KS1 Kinder Cricket 9.15 – 12.20 – Workington C.C.
 - Y3&4 Football tournament at Harraby
 - Workington Girls’ football tournament
 - - Y 5 Workington Academy Taster Day

Week Beg 8th - Summer Party Nights;
 YR-Mon; Y1-Tue; LKS2-Wed , UKS2-Thu & Y2-Fri

Mon 8th – Town Hall visit for competition winners
 Tues 9th – KS1 Multi Skills Tournament
 - Nursery Starters Home Visits
 - Mini Duck Race 2pm
 - Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting

Wed 10th – Nursery Starters Home Visits
 Thu 11th & Fri 12th – Meet new classes mornings.
 - Year 5 & 6 Intra Football Competition

Fri 12th – Wheelchair Basketball Day
 Mon 15th – Swimming Gala Practice Session
 - County Cricket Finals - Keswick

Reports Out & Curriculum Evening for all bar Y5
 Tue 16th – Workington Swimming Gala
 Y5 Curriculum Evening 3.30pm & Y5 reports out
 - Educare Party

Wed 17th – Y6 Graduation for school am & ‘Strive for Five’
 - Y6 Graduation for parents at 6pm

Thu 18th – FUN day
 Fri 19th – Beckstone’s Got Talent
 - No Educare or Beckstone Xtra today
 - Leavers assembly & Y6 leaving parade down the hill
 - School Year Ends



Term Dates until Summer 2026

	Summer 2024	Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
Start of Term	Tuesday 16 th April May Day – Mon 6 th	Wednesday 4 th September	Tuesday 7 th January	Tuesday 22 nd April May Day – Mon 5 th	Wednesday 3 rd September	Wednesday 7 th January	Monday 13 th April May Day – Mon 4 th
Half Term	Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May	Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May	Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May
End of Term	Friday 19 th July	Friday 20 th December	Friday 4 th April	Friday 18 th July	Tuesday 19 th December	Friday 27 th March	Friday 17 th July

Dates for next school year already.

Wed 4th Sep – Children start back
 Tue 17th Sep – Individual & family photos
 Wed 18th – Nasal Flu Vaccination Day – YR to Y6
 Fri 20th Sep – Gurning Final
 Fri 27th – Macmillan Coffee Morning
 Thu 10th Oct – Over 55’s for lunch
 Week beg. 14th Oct – Nursery ‘Come & Play’ week
 Mon 14th – Harvest
 Tue 15th & Wed 16th Oct – Parents’ Evenings & phonics Workshops
 Thu 17th & Fri 18th Oct – Reception ‘Come & Plays’
 Mon 21st Oct – R & KS1 Cinema Night
 Tues 22nd Oct – KS2 Cinema Night
 - Governors AGM
 Fri 25th Oct – Halloween Themed Day
 Week beg. 28th Oct – Half term
 Mon 4th – Poppies on sale
 Sun 10th Nov - Remembrance Parade
 Mon 11th Nov – Remembrance Silence 11am
 Tues 26th Nov – Governor Challenge day, Finance & Main Meeting
 Fri 29th Nov – Reception trip to Whinlatter
 Thu 12th Dec – Christmas Dinner day
 Thu 19th Dec- Christmas Party Day
 Fri 20th Dec – Carols in the Square 10.30am
 - No Beck Xtra or Educare, Break up for Christmas
 Wed 8th Jan – Children start back
 Tue 28th Jan – Governors’ meeting
 Wed 5th Feb – KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Thu 6th Feb – KS2 Cinema Night
 Week beg. 17th Feb – Half term
 Thu 6th Mar – World Book Day
 Week beg. 24th March – Easter Party Nights
 Tue 25th March – Governors’ Meeting & Challenge Day
 Sun 30th Mar – Mother’s Day
 Week beg. 31st Mar – Egg & Bonnet Design Week
 Tues 1st & Wed 2nd April – Parents’ Evenings
 Fri 4th April – Egg Dumping Final
 - School breaks up for Easter, no Beck Xtra or Educare
 Tue 22nd April – Children start back
 Thu 1st May – Class photos
May – KS1 Optional SATs Month
Week beg. 12th May – KS2 SATs
 Mon 19th May – KS2 Cinema Night
 Tue 20th – Staffing & Finance Committee & Main Governors
 Wed 21st May – KS1 & R Cinema Night
 Week beg. 26th May – Half term
 2 weeks from week beg. 2nd June – Y4 Times Table tests
Week beg. 9th June – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
 Week beg. 9th June- Nursery Come & Play Week
 Weeks beg. 9th; 16th; 23rd & 30th - UKS2 Intensive Swims
 Tues 10th Jun- Sports Day
 Sun 15th Jun – Father’s Day
 Week beg. 30th Jun – Summer Trips week
 Week beg. 7th July – Summer Party nights
 Tue 8th July – Governor Challenge Day & Main Meeting
 Thu 10th & Fri 11th July – Meet new classes mornings
 Mon 14th Jul - Reports Out & Curriculum Evening
 Tue 15th July - Graduation
 Thu 17th – FUN day
 Fri 18th Jul – Beckstone’s Got Talent
 - School Year Ends, no Beck Xtra or Educare

