

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 18th November 2022



Happy Friday!

It has been an absolutely atrocious few days with the rain and we were disappointed to have to postpone our beach trip to Holy Island yesterday. Whilst I am sure the children will have loved a day out in the rain, the road conditions were just too unsafe - especially for such a long journey. A new date will be arranged this half-term and information passed on to you as soon as possible. As always seems to be the case, it has been another busy week in school and there is still a lot to fit in over the next five weeks. With the **World Cup** starting this weekend, I am sure there will be plenty more excitement to add to the normal Christmas build up. As a very special treat, children will have the opportunity to watch **England v Iran** in school on Monday afternoon. Children **must** come into school in their **school uniform** however. I remember watching England beat Tunisia at France 98 in school so I hope England will help create similar memories for our children! For those children who are not interested in football, alternative activities will be set up in the classroom for them to do instead. As it stands, only one match is scheduled to take place during the school day so I am happy to allow children to watch the game in school as a special treat. I am sure I won't have any problems finding volunteers from the staff to help supervise in the hall! Many thanks, Mr Routledge



Children in Need

The children all looked fantastic in their **Pudsey t-shirts**, **headbands** and **spotty clothes**. We really appreciate the donations which came in. All proceeds will be donated to the **Children in Need** appeal and will make a huge difference to children and families across the country so thank you very much for your generosity.

Jiu-Jitsu

We were delighted to welcome Patrick and Sam from **Go Jiu-Jitsu** this morning for some free Jiu-Jitsu taster sessions with Years 1, 2 and 3. Despite having had two consecutive days with indoor play time, the children did really well to enjoy the sessions sensibly (and safely!). On Tuesday, Go Jiu-Jitsu will be back in school to do sessions with **Years 4, 5 and 6**. On Tuesday, can children in Years 4-6 please wear their PE kit to school. Go Jiu-Jitsu currently run classes out of **Beaconhill Community Centre** every Tuesday. For more information, email tucker.patrick@live.co.uk

Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be celebrating **Christmas Jumper Day** on **Thursday 8th December**. This will be a non-uniform day and children are invited to wear a festive outfit. Christmas Jumper Day is **Save the Children's** annual event which raises money for children across the world. Every December, thousands of children across the United Kingdom put on a **festive outfit** at school and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. If you feel able to, we suggest a donation of £1 to go to **Save the Children** this Christmas.

We also ask that if any of you have **unwanted Christmas jumpers** or **t-shirts**, we would greatly appreciate them as donations to school. We would like to build up a bank of Christmas jumpers in school which families can collect from the office if they're struggling to get hold of one this year.

Anti Bullying Week

Children across school have enjoyed a range of activities to promote **Anti Bullying Week**. Some classes engaged

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with **live lessons** online, we had **circle time discussions**, a whole school **assembly** and Year 5 and 6 had a visitor come into school to deliver **Anti Bullying workshops**. Some children even took it upon themselves to produce Anti Bullying posters and brought them along to me! I am thrilled that children across school recognise the importance of being kind and supportive to others. Children know that if they're unhappy or concerned about something, they can **reach out** to any adult in school, at home or even a friend.

Out of School Club

Our Out of School Club provider, **Trinity**, will be hosting three **movie nights** in the run up to Christmas. They will take place on:

Tuesday 22nd November

Tuesday 6th December

Tuesday 20th December

The children will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred film option each time and **Christmas films** will be in the offing for the two December nights!

For further information - **email** beaconhilloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk **phone** 07512 300380

For bookings - www.tyaipal.org.uk



Bike Shed

As many of you will noticed, one of our bike sheds has been removed at the front of school. This is to make space for essential maintenance work which will be taking place to add to site security. The buggy store at the back of school (**next to the former Sure Start building**) can now be used to store children's bikes and scooters so our overall capacity for storage of bikes and scooters in school will remain the same.

Christmas Hampers

Thanks very much for all of the donations which have come in so far for the **Christmas Hamper raffles** to raise money for school funds. If you would like to donate, there is still plenty of time to make further donations via the school office. Donations could include Christmas **confectionery**, **crafts** and items suitable to create a '**Pamper Hamper**' (e.g. **soaps**, **bubble baths**, **scented candles**). Please note, we are unable to accept donations which contain **nuts** or **alcohol**. The raffle will take place on **Friday 16th December**.

Disco

The KS2 children had a wonderful (albeit loud and sweaty!) time at the disco this week. The children were very well-behaved and, like the Early Years/KS1 disco, displayed some very impressive dance moves. A huge thank you to all the staff who stayed behind after school to make it happen.

Family Hub

As mentioned earlier this week, **Northumberland's Children's Centres** have been rebranded and relaunched as **Family Hubs**. Venues across Cramlington are being considered as a base for the hubs and this includes the former Sure Start Centre at the rear of the school grounds should there be sufficient demand. The purpose of the

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Family Hub is to offer parents and families a wide range of support and help. The Family Hubs can provide parents with a range of initiatives including the **Brilliant Babies** programme, **Early Explorers**, **Tiny Talk** and **Learning Together Through Play**. These particular schemes are aimed at children aged two and under. The Family Hubs will shortly be setting up a parent/carer forum so if you're interested in helping to develop the service offer, please contact jean.hedley@northumberland.gov.uk

Social Media

A reminder that the **social media platforms**, including **TikTok** have a recommended minimum age of 13 in the UK. We recognise that TikTok is a popular platform for sharing and viewing videos but there are important things for you to be aware of. Many of the videos contain overtly sexual lyrics or explicit language, inappropriate use of sexually suggestive emojis and potentially dangerous 'challenges'. For further information, see the TikTok factsheet for parents which can be found on the school website in the News section.

Attendance

Well done to Year 5 for recording the highest overall attendance for the week commencing Monday 7th November. Overall, their attendance was 96.77%. To help encourage good attendance, I will be handing out prizes for children who record 100% attendance over the course of a half-term.