



Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. We've made it to the end of the **half-term** and it has been another brilliant one with fantastic **beach trips**, exciting learning in **classes** and lots of children enjoying Friday afternoon **Golden**

Time. One of our children has reached **100 Dojo Points** for the year. **Dojo Points** are accumulated when children demonstrate some of our core values in school. This young man has saved his **Dojo Points** since the start of September to spend in our **Dojo Shop**! By saving all of his points, **Delsen** was able to 'buy' one of our most **valuable prizes**! Very well done! A big thank you from me to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly over the last **seven weeks** (which is an unusually long half-term for the start of a **calendar year**!). I am lucky to have a **wonderful staff team** here who make a difference every day and help support your **fantastic children**. I hope you and your families all enjoy a safe, relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. We will see you on **Monday 3rd March**. Take care, Mr Routledge



Wraparound

Children have had a brilliant week before and after school in **OOSC**. They have been treated to delicious **healthy fruit** as well as **soup** cooked in our new slow cooker. The soup had a **slight kick** to it but the children were all willing to give it a taste! Demand for OOSC continues to grow and it is no surprise with all the brilliant activities we have available every session. **Breakfast Club** is **£3.50** and includes a huge range of **fruit**, **cereals** and **toast** as well as **pancakes** and **crumpets** on a **Friday**. After School Club is priced at **£4** until **16:15**, **£7** until **17:15** or **£9** until **18:00**.



Girls Football Event

I am pleased to let you all know that on **Friday 7th March**, all **girls** from years **One to Six** will represent Beaconhill at a **footballing event** run through the **School Sports Partnership** and **Cramlington United**. This is a fantastic opportunity for our girls to develop their football skills and enjoy a fun sporting experience. Please see the **letter** that has been sent home **today** for **further information**.

Birdwatching

One of our **Nursery** children made a pair of **binoculars** out of recycled **cardboard tubes** recently and used them to **search for birds** in our outdoor learning area. This developed into a **fascination** for a lot of the children. **Miss Andrews** subsequently purchased **bird feeders** and **binoculars** and provided bird spotting checklists for the children. Our afternoon children have even made their own feeders. This week during our outdoor time we have spotted lots of **blue tits**, **robins**, **sparrows**, **bullfinches**, **crows**, **jackdaws**, **blackbirds**, **pigeons** and **seagulls**! The children are beginning to recognise them for themselves and are loving **watching the birds** visiting our learning space and **listening** to their **songs**. We might need to buy a **bird box** and see if we can persuade some of our **feathery friends** to call it home!



Miss Ahmed

After spending the last **few months** working with **Year One**, today we said goodbye to **Miss Ahmed. Emily** in **Year One** described her as being kind and said she 'always takes care of us'. She also said that she is particularly good at teaching English! Mss Ahmed has worked very hard and we're grateful for all that she has done during her time here. We would all like to wish her the very best in her career.

Year Six Badminton

On **Tuesday**, ten of our **Year Six** pupils went to a **badminton** festival organised by **Northumberland School Games Partnership**.

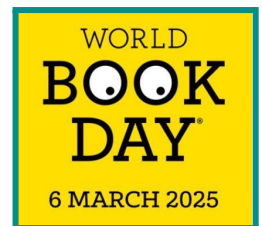
The event was held at **Astley Community High School** in **Seaton Delaval** and used sports leaders from **Whytrig Middle School** to run the activities. All the activities were **brilliantly organised** and every leader was **engaged** and **encouraging** which was

fantastic to see. Our pupils were a **credit** to the **school**. They were **enthusiastic**, **ambitious** and **respectful**. They all developed their **coordination** and the **improvement** in their skills was evident at the end of the session.



World Book Day - Thursday 6th March 2025

A reminder that we will celebrate World Book Day after the half-term break. Children are invited to wear a **book-themed costume** or **bright clothing** to celebrate the event. In school, we will be sharing stories and enjoying **book-themed activities**. All children will come home with a book voucher that can be exchanged for a free WBD book (usually available at **Asda** and **Sainsburys**) or **£1 off** other titles.



Beach

This week, **Year Five** visited **Low Hauxley**. We worked in pairs to recreate some of **Romero Britto's** famous **artwork**. The children worked well together to **plan** and **design** their finished piece. They collected **natural resources** to create bold **lines**, **shape**, **pattern** and **colour**. Check out the **Facebook** page to see photos of their amazing artwork. On **Wednesday**, Miss Dobson's group also visited Low Hauxley. They were extremely lucky to encounter a **seal pup** on the sand. They watched quietly as it made its way to the sea. They also **identified features** of the coastline and spotted different **sea defences**.





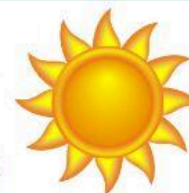
Attendance

Well done to **Year Three** who had 99.29% attendance, just short of a full 100%. **Year Six** and **Year Two** also did well coming in above our target of 96%. This half-term, our **attendance** has been disappointing due to a number of factors. It is vital that everyone does what they can at home to **encourage good attendance**. There are only **six school** weeks until **Easter** and then we are into the **Summer Term** and all the statutory assessments which come with it. Our **Education Welfare Officer**, Carol Barnfather, will continue to work with **Mrs Thompson** and I to identify low attendance.

Reception - 81.67% **Year One** - 92.67% **Year Two** - 97.04% **Year Three** - 99.29% **Year Four** - 91.79%
Year Five - 94.14% **Year Six** - 98.15%

On the Menu After Half-Term . . .

Beaconhill Primary School Autumn One 2024 Menu



WEEK TWO

Homemade Dish

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Cowboy Lunch Vegetarian Cowboy Lunch Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings	Chicken dinner/Vegetarian Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Bolognaise pasta Cheese Melt Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings	Turkey/Quorn Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding Salmon Bites Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Chicken Goujons/Quorn Nuggets Oven Baked Fish Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Potatoes Pasta / Rice	Hash Browns	Roast Potatoes Crusty bread	Crusty Bread Smiley Faces	Mashed Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Jammy Cake 	Ice Cream	Homemade Shortbread 	Fruit Jelly 	School Pudding of the Day



Fresh fruit and a **selection of breads** are available at **every meal**.
Drinking water is also **provided** on dining room tables.
Menus are subject to change.