

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 8th September 2023



Welcome back!

I hope you all enjoyed the **summer break**. It is fantastic to see all of our children back in school looking so smart in their **new uniforms**. I am delighted to welcome several **new children** and **families** to **Beaconhill**. Children across school seem to have settled into their **new routines** really well. A number of our children have also moved on to new schools and we all wish them well on their new adventure. Despite being the holidays, lots of work has taken place in school over the summer. **Mr Luke-Green** has done a marvellous job in creating a breakout sensory space in our **Early Years classroom**. We are just waiting on a new window being installed and then we will share pictures of the new space. We also had the first part of our **Nursery Yard redevelopment** delivered. Our youngest children have enjoyed using the '**loose parts**' area which is designed to develop **language, mathematical thinking, creativity** and **fine motor** control. Before half-term, we are hoping for **our new sandpit** to be installed which we are all very excited about. As always, keep an eye out on our **school facebook page** to see what our children have been up to in class this week. Lastly, good luck to **Mr Shepherd** who will be taking part in the **Great North Run** this weekend. Enjoy the weekend. Many thanks, Mr Routledge



Induction Meetings

We will be holding our **induction meetings** from **Monday 18th September**. These sessions are designed to give you the opportunity to meet your child's **new class teacher**, find out **key information** about the class and see their **classrooms**. These sessions will take place in your **child's classroom** so please wait outside their **normal door** just before the meeting is due to start.

Monday 18th September: Year 2 from 09:00 - 09:30 and Year 1 from 14:45 - 15:15

Tuesday 19th September: Year 6 from 09:00 - 09:30

Wednesday 20th September: Year 5 from 09:00 - 09:30

Thursday 21st September: Year 3 from 09:00 - 09:30

Friday 22nd September: Year 4 from 09:00 - 09:30 and Reception from 14:45 - 15:15

Monday 25th September: Nursery from 09:15 - 09:45

School Day

This year, for children in **Years 5 and 6**, the school day will now start at **08:45**. Children will need to be lined up in the yard by no later than 08:45 when the **doors will open**. We have made this decision to **maximise learning time** and prepare children for high school. Going forward, we may adopt this model for the rest of **Key Stage Two** but will do this with **Years 5 and 6** first and then review it. Should you need it, we have **wraparound care** which

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is still a relatively new feature of the school. **Breakfast Club** runs from **07:45 until 08:45** at a cost of **£3 per session**. This session includes breakfast of cereal or toast.

PE

As you know, we ask that children come to school in their **PE kit** on their **PE days**. As a reminder, our expected PE kit is:

- **Royal blue school sweatshirt** or **school hoodie** (branded sweatshirts and/or hoodies can be purchased from **Cloud 9 Leisure** in the South Nelson Industrial Estate)
- **Unbranded** black/dark blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms (with no logos)
- White **tee shirt** or **polo shirt**
- Sports **trainers** (not wellies, boots or smart shoes)

PE days are outlined below:

Reception - Wednesday and Thursday

Year One - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year Two - Monday and Tuesday

Year Three - Wednesday and Thursday

Year Four - Monday and Friday

Year Five - Monday and Friday

Year Six - Monday and Tuesday

Footwear

A reminder that **Crocs** and **open-toe sandals** are **not appropriate** for school for health and safety reasons. If children attend school in inappropriate footwear, we will ask for you to bring an appropriate pair in.

Year Three End of Day Arrangements

A reminder that, in a change from last year, children in **Year Three** will be required to be picked up by an adult at the end of the school day. Children in **Years Four, Five** and **Six** are permitted to walk home if parental permission is provided.

Earrings

Along with the other schools in the **Cramlington Partnership**, we have a **no earring policy** in school for **health and safety reasons**. If your child has had their ears pierced this summer and they are not yet able to remove them for the school day, could you please place a plaster over their piercing to reduce the chance of it getting caught in something.

Lunch

We would like to remind parents and carers that we are a **nut free school**. Please do not send anything into school which may contain nuts as we have children with severe allergies. **Hazelnut spreads** (such as **Nutella**), **cereal bars**, **nut spreads**, **nut pesto** and some 'Kinder' products can also contain nuts. If you send in **grapes** or **tomatoes** in a packed lunch, please remember to quarter these as they present a potential choking hazard.

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Mobile Phones

A reminder that if your child brings a **mobile phone** to school, it should be **switched off** when they enter the **school grounds** and then handed to their class teacher for **safe keeping** for the rest of the school day.

On the Menu . . .

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cowboy Lunch (CG) (Sausage, Hash Brown, Baked Beans)	Meatballs & Wholewheat Pasta (CG) Garlic Bread (CG) Side Salad	Ham & Cheese Pizza (M, CG) Side Salad Sweetcorn	♥ Roast Chicken Dinner Roast Potatoes Vegetables	Sausages (CG) Chips Baked Beans
Option 2	V Vegetarian Cowboy Lunch (CG)	V Cheesy Baguette Melt (CG, M) Side Salad	V Cheese Pizza (M, CG) Side Salad Sweetcorn	V Broccoli Quiche (E, M, CG) Roast Potatoes Vegetables	V Vegetarian Sausages (E, CG) Chips Baked Beans
♥ Jacket Potato available every day with the following fillings: V Cheese, V Beans					
Desserts	V Meringue Nest with Mandarin Segments (E, M)	V Chocolate Brownie (E, CG)	V Sticky Toffee Pudding (E, M, CG) & Custard (M)	V Arctic Roll (E, M, CG)	V Oaty Biscuit (CG)
Fresh Bread, Mixed Salad and Fresh Fruit available everyday					



FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES

Before choosing your meal, please speak to a member of the catering staff about your requirements

Celery **C**, Cereals containing Gluten **CG**, Crustaceans **C**, Eggs **E**, Fish **F**, Lupin **L**, Milk **M**, Molluscs **M**, Mustard **M**, Nuts **N**, Peanuts **P**, Sesame Seeds **SS**, Soya **S**, Sulphur Dioxide **SD**

♥ Healthier Option 🌱 Vegan V Vegetarian

🍷 Contains Wholewheat/Wholegrain

