

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 12th January 2024



Welcome Back

Welcome back - I hope you all enjoyed the **Christmas break** and are ready for the new term. It has been lovely to see the children back in school all looking smart in their uniforms and ready to take on the new year. The **Spring Term** is my favourite term in the school year as it is usually where children make the most progress. It is a short, sharp term and children are now well established in their **routines**. As always, we have a lot to look forward to and we will keep you informed in all the usual ways. Keep a close eye on the newsletter and facebook for updates about what our children are getting up to. Enjoy the weekend, Mr Routledge

Robinwood

Many of our **Year Six** children will be heading off to **Robinwood** for their residential on **Monday 22nd January**. Ahead of that, we will be hosting a meeting for parents/carers this **Monday (15th)** at **09:00**. **Miss Dobson** will lead the session which outlines key information ahead of the trip. The **2023 Robinwood** trip went brilliantly and we're looking forward to a similar outcome this year!

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Bookings for **breakfast** and **after school** clubs are open on the **School Money App**. This week we have been as busy as ever. The **Nintendo Switch** has been very popular and we will purchase Switch Sports to keep children active inside during the dark winter months.



School Yard

During the Christmas break, an industrial **road sweeper** from **Northumberland County Council** came to school and spent **several hours** sweeping the yard to remove debris which has **accumulated** over the years. In the long term, we plan to **resurface the yard** but, as you can imagine, this will be very **expensive**. For the time being, this solution has made the yard much **smoother** and **safer**!

Reading and Library books

We are seeing large **gaps** on our **bookshelves**. We would like to remind you that **reading books** should be returned every week on a **Monday**. New books will then be sent out each **Tuesday**. If your child is reading longer books, they may not finish a whole book in a week. This is **absolutely fine**. We would still like to see their book in school so that they can read to an adult and we can ensure your child is reading at the appropriate level.

Parents Evening

We look forward to welcoming parents into school for Parent Meetings soon of this school year. These sessions will be held on **Monday 5th** and **Wednesday 7th February** from 3.30pm. Bookings will open soon.

Snack

A reminder for parents/carers that children can bring **snacks** from home but that only **fruit** and **vegetables** can be

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consumed at snack time. **Grapes** and **cherry tomatoes** must be **cut in half lengthways** as they can present a choking hazard. We are a **nut free school** which means no products which contain nuts can be brought into school.

Reception Entrance.

From **Monday**, we will be changing the door through which the **Reception children** enter school. You will have noticed our ever expanding **wooden play equipment** that is being installed for our **Early Years** children on the current **Nursery yard**. This yard is starting to get **congested** at pick up and drop off time so, to help with this, we will be asking parents to drop off and pick up at the original Reception door, opposite the Nursery garden. Staff will be on hand for the first few days to help!

Attendance

You may have noticed a **new attendance banner** at the front of school.

Northumberland County Council have launched a **new attendance campaign** with the aim of achieving **97% attendance** across schools. This is an ambitious aim and goes **above** the **Government** aim of **96%**. We have made great strides in improving attendance across school but will continue to push for **further improvement**. Our overall attendance for this year is **95.78%** which is up from this time last year. Alongside clearly established links between good attendance and higher attainment are additional advantages such as: **positive social relationships**, **improved well-being** and an **increase** in **confidence** levels and **independence**.



On the Menu Next Week . . .

Beaconhill Primary School Winter 2023/2024 Menu

Week Two

Homemade Dish



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Bangers Hot Pot Cheese Melt Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings	Roast/Veggie Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding Fish Fingers Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Mince and Dumplings Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings	Roast/Veggie of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding Chicken/Quorn Nuggets Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Homemade Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza Breaded Fish Portion Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings
Potatoes Pasta/Rice	Jacket Potato Wedges	Roast Potatoes Wholemeal Rice/Naan Bread	Creamed Potatoes Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes Warm Herby Bread	Chips Pasta
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Marshmallow Squares	Homemade Chocolate and Cinnamon Shortbread with Milk	Cheese and Biscuits with Apple and Grapes	Jelly with Ice cream	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.

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