Beaconhill Community Primary School

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Newsletter - Friday 9th June 2023

Happy Friday!

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. My family and I enjoyed a few days in the lakes and I hope you all managed to do something nice. This week has been a frustrating one with our continued problems with the school bus. I have been advised by Ford that the bus could still be out of action for two weeks so we will explore alternative travel if at all possible. Our beach trips are a huge part of what makes Beaconhill special and we are all looking forward to getting the bus back on the road. Next week children in Year One and Year Four will complete statutory assessments. Year One will complete their Phonics Screening Check and Year Four will work through the Multiplication Tables Check. As always, any support you can offer your child at home will be greatly appreciated. All that I will ever ask of our children is that they try their best and I am certain that that will be the case next week!

Many thanks, Mr Routledge

Recyke y'Bike

On **Tuesday** we were very lucky to host two visitors from a **Newcastle** based charity, **Recyke y'Bike**. **Ryan** and **Jack**, who work for the charity, came to school and provided free **maintenance** and **repairs** on all of the bikes that children had used to cycle to school that morning. This included checking **tyres**, **brakes** and the **chains** as well as adjusting the **seats** and **handlebars**. We hope to establish a regular link with the charity and encourage our children to get on their bikes. The event was organised by **Barratt Homes** who we have been in close contact with in recent months. I have shared with **Barratt** how keen our children are to cycle to and from school and hope this continues! Keep an eye out in the local press as (I hope) we may feature in the paper over the coming weeks!

FAST Week

Next week children across school will be taking part in a range of activities for our **Fun and Active Summer Term** week. This is a great opportunity for the children to share **new experiences** with others, **be creative**, **be resilient**, **work cooperatively**, **smile**, **laugh and have fun!** As we have a wide range of activities happening each day, we ask that all children come to school next week **dressed in their PE kit**. Please remember that children need suitable footwear and as we are expecting sunny weather next week, please don't forget to apply suncream before school.

...and a Partridge in a Classroom!

This week, Mrs Williams's class has welcomed some special visitors. On Monday we received a delivery of 10 partridge eggs and incubation equipment. Children watched closely over the course of the week and kept a close eye out for any movement. Thursday proved to be a very exciting day, with 8 eggs hatching, 5 of which hatched during the school day! We will be taking care of the partridge chicks all week next week. After that, they will return to the farm until they are old enough to be released into the wild. This project is part of a special conservation project to increase the number of grey partridge in the wild as they are now on the Birds of Conservation Concern 'red list'. So all in all, a very exciting and worthwhile project.

Footwear

I have noticed that with the nice weather, some of our children are coming into school wearing **open toed** sandals or crocs. Please note that these are **not appropriate footwear** for school as they present a potential **trip** hazard or risk of injury. Please ensure that you don't send your child into school wearing these.

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Hope Centre Uniform and Baby Bank

We are often in contact with the team at the **Hope Centre** and they have asked us to share their information with you all. The aim of the **Hope Centre Uniform and Baby Bank** is to provide clean, good quality uniform free to children attending local schools and those in nearby towns. They have noted an increasing number of people getting in touch for support during the challenging economic climate we are in and have asked that we share their details with you in case you require help.

Email - hope1uniform@gmail.com

Address - Forum Way, NE23 6SJ

Out of School Club

Another reminder of booking options for our fantastic **wraparound care**. The number of children accessing the service continues to grow and we would encourage you to try it out! This week, the children have spent a lot of **time outside** enjoying the nice **weather** and playing games. For more information, follow the links below! **Registering and Booking** https://trinityyouthassociation.ipalbookings.com/

Email: beaconhilloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk

Breakfast Club 07:45 - 08:45 is £3.00 per pupil After School Club 3:15 - 4:15 is £4.00 per pupil is 3:15 - 5:15 = £7.00 per pupil

TTRS

I continue to be **amazed** and **extremely proud** of all of the hard work that has been going on with **TTRS**. Children in **Year 4** all deserve to be exceptionally proud of their **achievements** and **progress** with their times tables. Governors were very impressed with the staggering progress that all children have made this year. Next week, **Mr Gray** and **Miss Wilkinson** will be overseeing the delivery of the official **Multiplication Tables Check** with our **Year 4 children**. As a reminder, this will consist of **25 multiplication questions** for tables up to 12x12. Children will complete the assessment in school and we will share their results before the end of the school year.



Attendance

This week, children who recorded at least 96% attendance for the last half-term will have come home with a certificate. Every half-term, I keep track of children who have hit our attendance target of 96% or above. Children with 96% earned a Bronze Certificate, 98% earned a Silver Certificate and those with 100% won a Gold Certificate. As an extra incentive, each half-term, children with 100% attendance will also win a special treat in school. Each half-term there will be a different treat on offer. This time around, all children with 100% attendance for Summer One will have an extra slot on the inflatable assault course we have coming in a couple of weeks. (Don't worry though, every child in school that day will get a turn!)

Well done also to **Year 2** who recorded the **best overall attendance** for the week commencing **May 22nd** with an impressive **97.59%**. Well done also to **Reception** and **Year Four** who both hit **96%**+ for that week.