

## Happy Friday!

A big thank you to you all for your **donations** towards **Children in Need**. In total, you raised **£126** towards the appeal this year so thank you very much. Thanks also to two of our trainee teachers, **Miss Pollard** and **Miss Campbell**, who have worked with **Nursery** over the last **two weeks**. We all wish you well going forward. The very talented Stu Laverick was back at **Beaconhill** this week to paint the Christmas mural on the office windows. Our school councillors voted for The Grinch this year (I don't know how fitting the theme is for our **lovely office staff!**) We break up for **Christmas** four weeks today and still have so much to squeeze in between now and then but it is always an enjoyable time to be in school. Enjoy the weekend, Mr Routledge



## Non-uniform day

On **Friday 29th November** we would like to invite the children to come to school in their **own clothes** in exchange for a **voluntary donation** for our Christmas raffle. **Christmas** themed **chocolates**, **sweets** and **craft donations** should be handed to class teachers on the day. Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE** school and ensure that clothes and shoes are appropriate for school. We have not got a date booked in with a contractor to resurface the yard. This will take place during the **Easter Holidays** in the **Spring Term**. Every penny raised by school fundraising initiatives this year will go towards the yard so, as ever, thank you for your amazing support.

## Sport

This week, we were given a trophy from the **Football Association** in recognition for the work we have done in relation to **equal access** to sport for girls at **Beaconhill**. A group of our children, both girls and boys, represented the school in the **'Thunder in the Valley'** basketball competition in **Newcastle** last Friday night. Although we didn't win our matches, we did score a basket and the children were a credit to the school. A huge thank you to **Mr Shepherd** and **Mr Wright** who attended the trip which took place after school. They were really impressed with our pupils who were a credit to **Beaconhill**.



## Christmas Craft Fayre

We are pleased to be holding our Christmas Craft Fayre on **Wednesday 4th December** from **2-4pm**. We hope to welcome as many of you as possible **alongside your children**. The children have enjoyed creating **beautiful items** to sell including: Christmas **night light jars**, reindeer food, **jewellery**, **keyrings**, **baubles**, **wrapping paper** and **delicious cakes**. Children should be collected from their **usual doors**. This will enable staff to move to stalls ready to welcome you all. Once again we appreciate your continued support and hope the Fayre will help get everyone in our school community into the **Christmas spirit**.



## Christmas Card Competition

Our children have entered a Christmas card competition being held by **Emma Foody**, our **MP**. The winning design from schools in **Cramlington** and **Killingworth** will be used as her official **constituency Christmas card** which will be sent to key stakeholders in the region as well as the **Prime Minister** and **King Charles**! It would be amazing if the artwork of one of our pupils ends up on a fireplace at **Balmoral** or **Downing Street**! Good luck, everyone!



## OOSC

Our **Breakfast Club** has been busy first thing in the morning with the new opening time of **07:30**. Children have the option of a broad **range** of **healthy breakfast** options including **cereal**, **toast** and lots of **fruit**! We have also extended our **After School Club** provision to run from **15:15** until **18:00**. Children have enjoyed playing **darts**, shooting **pool**, Christmas **Crafts**, some gaming on the **Switch** and much, much more.

### Breakfast Club

07:30 onwards: £3.50

### After School Club

15:15 – 16:15: £4

15:15 – 17:15: £7

15:15 – 18:00: £9



## TTRS Rematch (Students vs Adults)

Our latest **Times Tables Rockstars** rematch was a resounding success! The children in KS2 were victorious, showcasing incredible **determination** and **mathematical prowess** throughout. Together, they answered over **180,000** questions correctly. Combined with the competition prior to half-term, that takes us beyond **600,000** correct answers! An incredible result! This collective effort not only demonstrates their increasing confidence with times tables but also reflects the hard work they've put into mastering their **multiplication skills**.



**Congratulations** to all our rockstars for this amazing achievement - your **dedication** to learning has truly **paid off**! As a **reward**, you will receive a tasty treat before the end of term. Finally, thank you to **adults** both at **home** and in **school** for your **enthusiasm** and **support** - it really does make a difference.

## Road Safety Week

This week, we marked **Road Safety Week** in **assemblies** and in classrooms. This is an **annual event** designed to promote **awareness** of **road safety** among all age groups. Organised by the charity '**Brake**', it encourages children to engage in activities that **highlight** the **importance** of **staying safe** on roads. We looked at essential road safety information e.g. understanding **traffic signals**, using **pedestrian crossings** and wearing **seat belts**. This week is





also a time to empower **parents/carers** to reinforce these lessons at home, helping children understand how to be **cautious** and **responsible** near roads. By participating in **Road Safety Week**, we aim to **encourage positive habits** that can last a lifetime.

## WhatsApp

A reminder that **Whatsapp** comes with a recommended **minimum user age of 16**. The content of conversations which take place on **Whatsapp** are not for us to monitor. However, we owe a duty of care to all children and we have been made aware of **inappropriate language** and content being shared and would advise you to be mindful of your child's online activity. A Whatsapp **advice guide for parents** was shared earlier this week and is worth familiarising yourself with if your child uses **Whatsapp**.



## Attendance

Very well done to **Year Three**, with three weeks in a row of the **highest attendance** in school! **Attendance** has been lower than we'd like again this week. Please do what you can to ensure that your child(ren) are in school, on time, every day.

**Reception** - 93% **Year One** - 88.67% **Year Two** - 91.07% **Year Three** - 98.57% **Year Four** - 95.67%  
**Year Five** - 91.67% **Year Six** - 94.29%

## On the Menu Next Week . . .

Beaconhill Primary School Autumn One 2024 Menu WEEK THREE					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Pizza Wrap Fishfingers Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Tuna & Mozzarella Melts Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Mince and Dumplings Tomato and Basil Pasta Sandwich with a Choice of fillings	Gammon dinner/Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding Chicken Goujons Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Fillings	Fish Fingers Sausage/Vegetarian Sausage Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings
Potatoes Pasta / Rice	Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Pasta Crusty bread	Mashed Potato Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salads	Seasonal Salads	Seasonal Salads	Seasonal Salads	Seasonal Salads
Starters or Sweets	Marshmallow Crispy Squares	Strawberry Delight	Cheesecake	Homemade Biscuit Glass of Milk or Juice	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.