

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 13th October 2023



Happy Friday

Hello! It was great to see so many of you in school this week for **Parents Evening**. If, for any reason, you made an appointment and were **unable to attend**, please **contact school** to make arrangements to speak with your **child's class teacher**. As a school, we are putting lots of things in place to ensure that **home** and **school** are **working together** to support your learning. This was certainly evident on **Wednesday** when **Mrs Carrick** hosted a group of **Early Years** and **Key Stage One** parents to look at **Early Reading**. Another highlight of the week was when our **30 new iPads** and **storage unit** arrived. These **iPads** are being set up as I type and should be ready to use in class from **Monday**. We have invested a lot of money in technology over the last year or so to enhance learning. We very much advocate a '**little and often**' approach to the use of our learning apps. **Five minutes per day** on **TTRS**, **Emile** and/or **Collins Big Cat** can make a massive difference to progress. I hope you enjoy the weekend. Many thanks, Mr Routledge



Workshops

I was thrilled to see so many of you in school this week for the second **parent/carer workshop**. **Mrs Carrick** expertly talked us through some **theory** and life long **benefits** of **early reading** as well as some suggestions to **support at home**. Next week, **Catherine Dixon** from the **Family Hub** will deliver a session around **Sleep** and **Routines**. Come along to pick up some **practical ideas** and **resources** to ensure your little ones have plenty of good quality sleep. As always, **Tea/coffee** and **biscuits** will be provided!



Cauliflower Cards

The children will bring home their **Cauliflower Christmas Card** design project sheets today. All orders must be returned to your child's classroom or the school office by **Tuesday 7th November** at the latest please. Payment and ordering this year will be **online**. Information regarding this is on the form. Please visit <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/christmas-artwork-guidelines> for design inspiration.

Halloween Raffle

Thanks very much indeed for the **raffle tickets** which have been purchased so far. Remember that you have until **Monday 23rd October** to buy them. We are also very grateful for the **donations** received for the **halloween hampers** and look forward to getting more sent in over the next week. All money raised will go towards big **school improvement projects** including class sets of **iPads** and our **early years outdoor environment**.

Harvest Collection - Friday 20th October

This year we are going to collect **food** and **hygiene** items to deliver to our colleagues at the **Cramlington Food Bank** (at the **Hope Centre**) to support local families. Thanks for the donations that have come in so far. A big pat on the back to **Oliver** in **Year Five** who has been particularly charitable and thoughtful of others. The centre are currently in need of the following items -

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Indian and Chinese sauces, tins of spaghetti or macaroni cheese, tins of minced beef/beef bolognaise, tins of chicken curry, tins of tuna/sardines, tins of vegetables/red kidney beans/potatoes, tins of fruit, bottles of fruit squash, long life milk, tea, coffee, sugar, instant mash, tins of custard/rice, instant custard, gravy granules, jellies, sponge puddings, jam, pot noodles, cup a soups, angel delight, porridge, crackers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hand wash, soap powder, toilet rolls, small bottles of washing up liquid, sanitary items (tampons and towels), deodorant, soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel and shaving gel.

They politely let us know that they do not need: baked beans, pasta, tinned soup or tinned tomatoes. Thank you.

School Photographer

Advanced warning for your diaries that the **photographer** will be in school on **Monday 6th November**. This year our photos will be taken by **Phototronics**. I met with one of their reps earlier in the year and their package of pictures should reflect better value for money. As they are in school on the first day after the **half-term break**, I wanted to ensure that you have plenty of warning.

Vision and Values

Thanks to everyone who was able to complete the **parent/carer** survey on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. We asked for your views on the **wider qualities** you think are important for us to **promote** in school. This **word cloud** is a nice **visual representation** of some of your views. The parent/carer survey will be available to complete next week for those of you who are in school for their longer **SEN appointments**.



Year Four Beach

A reminder to our **Year Four** parents and carers that they will be going to **Holy Island** on **Wednesday, Thursday** or **Friday** next week. As these are all **full day trips**, keep an eye on the **forecast** and ensure that your child comes to school well prepared for the **weather**. As part of the trip, children will have the chance to taste some **locally sourced prawns**. Naturally we are cautious with potential allergies and diet choices so a letter will go out to ensure permission is granted.

On the Menu Next Week . . .

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Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	♥ Chicken Fajita Wrap (CG, may M) Steamed Potatoes Garden Peas	Pasta Bolognese (CG) Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread (CG)	Pepperoni Pizza (M, CG) Side Salad Sweetcorn	♥ Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding (CG, E, M) Roast Potatoes Vegetables	Breaded Fish (F, CG) Chips Garden Peas
Option 2	Tuna/ V Cheese Wrap (F, CG may M) / (M, CG) Steamed Potatoes Garden Peas	♥ ♣ V Vegetarian Wholewheat Pasta (CG) Mixed Vegetables Garlic Bread (CG)	V Cheese Pizza (M, CG) Side Salad Sweetcorn	♥ ♣ V Tomato Pasta (CG) Garlic Bread (CG)	V Vegetarian Sausages (E, CG) Chips Garden Peas

♣ ♥ Jacket Potato available every day with the following fillings: V Cheese, V Beans

Desserts	V Homemade Biscuit (CG, may M)	V Pink Sprinkle Cake (E, CG)	V Banana Cake (E, CG) & Custard (M)	V Homemade Biscuit (CG, may M)	V Angel Delight (M)
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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

