

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 1st December 2023



Happy Friday!

Hello everyone, tonight 'Beaconhill Buccaneers' will take to the court at the Vertu Motors Arena in Newcastle as part of a basketball competition. A group of our Year Five children will be joined by Mr Shepherd, Mr Wright and Mrs Carrick. A big thank you to the staff for giving up their time on a Friday night and the best of luck to all of the children who are representing our school - I know you'll do a fantastic job! We are now in December and Christmas preparations are in full swing. The stage and Christmas tree are both now up in the hall and performance rehearsals can be heard around school every day. There are still three weeks left of the term so we will do what we can to ensure that, where possible, children keep to their normal routines. Before then, enjoy the weekend! Many thanks, Mr Routledge

Homework

A reminder that the expectation is that children complete their homework at home. On rare occasions, children may have to access our Homework Club on a Thursday lunchtime. Homework is designed to support learning that is taking place in school and, ordinarily, children should be able to complete this independently. Our online resources, such as TTRS and Emile, provide targeted challenges that are relevant to the level that each child is working at.



Christmas Lunch

We will have our school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. You can now book your child's lunch on the SchoolMoney app. Please note, Christmas lunch is £3 rather than the standard £2.60. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper as part of a non-uniform day on that day. One of our very generous parents has donated a Christmas Cracker for all children from Reception up to Year Six to open during the meal. Thank you very much for your kindness.

Year Five

Our Year Five children have hosted Miss James, a trainee teacher, for the last four weeks. Miss James has made a great impression on the class and will be a big miss. Thankfully, she will be back for the Summer Term and we look forward to welcoming her back! Thank you for your hard work this term.

TTRS

Next week, boys and girls will be battling it out in Years Three, Five and Six to see who can answer the most questions over the course of a week. Year Four also have a 'Red v Blue' Battle of the Bands. Winning groups from each class will win a prize so encourage your child to log onto their TTRS account as much as they can to earn coins and help learn their tables!



Christmas Jumper Day 2023

A reminder that Children are all invited to wear a festive jumper (as part of a non-uniform day) on Thursday 7th December for Christmas Jumper Day. This is part of Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. Every December, millions of people across the country put on a festive jumper



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at **work** or **school** and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. Children are invited to bring a **£1 voluntary donation** to go to Save the Children.

Art

Big elves and **little elves** all across school have been very busy this week putting together some wonderful **Christmas artwork**. Be on the lookout for some of our work which will be displayed in the windows at **The Hub** (Cramlington Library) very soon.



Christmas Performances

Tickets for performances went out earlier this week. Staff and children have been working hard this week **practising lines** and the **lyrics** to songs. **Miss Wilkinson** has also been working on her **mulled wine recipe** for **parents/carers** to enjoy during the show. **Festive biscuits** will also be available for the audience in return for a **voluntary donation** to boost school funds. Feel free to bring some spare change with you!

Monday 11th December at 2:15pm - Early Years and Key Stage One

Tuesday 12th December at 9:15am - Early Years and Key Stage One

Thursday 14th December at 2pm - Key Stage Two Christmas Music Performance

Friday 15th December at 9:15am - Key Stage Two Christmas Music Performance

Mulled wine and **festive biscuits** will be available for **parents** and **carers** at all of our performances and we will be collecting **voluntary contributions** to help fund **school improvement initiatives** including increasing the number of **iPads** in school and upgrading the **Early Years** outdoor environment.

Christmas Party Food

A reminder that we will be **providing a Christmas party buffet** for the children. We would like to ask for **donations to help fund this**. We will use the donations to create **hampers for a Christmas themed raffle**. Christmas sweets, chocolate or crafts into school from **Monday 27th November**. Thank you for your continued support.

OOSC

Bookings for the **Spring Term** are now available on the **School Money** app. The dates which can now be booked run from **Monday 8th January** until **Friday 16th February**. Please note that government issued child care vouchers can be used to go towards the cost of wraparound care. This means that those who qualify for the vouchers only pay £2.40 for breakfast club as the vouchers are worth 20% of the overall cost.

On the Menu . . .

Next week will be the first week with our new School Dinner provider. Miss Luke, Mrs Walton and I have worked closely with our new provider to ensure that we have a smooth transition. We worked with the school council to try and choose a menu that appeals to as many children as possible. We hope the meals will be tasty, nutritious and enjoyable! Below is the menu for next week. The full three week cycle of menus can be found on our website.

Beaconhill Primary School Winter 2023/2024 Menu



Week One

Homemade Dish

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Spaghetti Bolognese Fish Cakes Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings 	Oven Baked Sausages with Mashed Potatoes Tuna Melt Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Curry/Quorn of the Day Salmon Bites Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings 	Roast/Veggie Roast of the Day and Yorkshire Pudding Fish Goujons Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Breaded Fish Portion Vegan/Sausage Pizza Tray Bake Sandwiches with a Choice of Fillings
Potatoes Pasta/Rice	Garlic Bread Oven Baked Mini Waffles	Creamed Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread Smilies	Roast Potatoes	Chips Pasta
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bowl	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Lemon Brownie 	Chocolate and Orange Sponge with Custard 	Iced Sponge and Custard 	Fruit Mouse Slice 	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.