

# Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 11th November 2022



## Happy Friday!

Hello, and happy Friday! It is scary to think that we will break up for Christmas in just six short weeks. This half-term is always exceptionally busy and this year is no exception. We have already marked **Halloween**, **Bonfire Night** and **Remembrance Day** and next week we have **Anti Bullying Week** and **Children in Need**. It won't be long until the countdown to Christmas starts to kick in. The build up for children is incredibly exciting but we try to keep a lid on excitement until December at the earliest. That said, I have already seen Christmas decorations and heard Christmas songs when out and about! As I type, Hymn Practice is taking place and Christmas songs are being rehearsed ahead of performances which we are all looking forward to. I hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend. Many thanks, Mr Routledge



## Reception Places

Just a reminder to parents of current **Nursery** children that the portal through which you apply for a Reception place for **September 2023** is now live. The closing date for places is **Sunday 15th January**. We strongly recommend that you apply for your place as soon as possible by following the link below.

[http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](http://schadm.northumberland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

## Education Welfare Officer

This week I met with Hayley Hansom, our **Education Welfare Officer**. Hayley's role is to work with us to support families with attendance and lateness. Good attendance is vitally important to your child's success in and out of school. We aim for all children to have at least 95% attendance over the course of the year. Good attendance is more important than ever due to the lost learning time caused by COVID. Please support us in pursuing good attendance by ensuring your child is in school as often as they possibly can be.

## Children in Need

This time next week we will be celebrating **Children in Need**. Everyone in school is invited to **wear something spotty**. We would welcome a £1 voluntary donation towards the appeal. If you are able to donate more, this will be gratefully received and make a big difference to children and families across the country. Naturally, we appreciate that this year more than ever, finances are tight for many of us so please don't worry if you are unable to contribute.

## Anti Bullying Week

A further reminder to you all that next week we will mark **Anti Bullying Week**. The theme this year is 'Reach Out' and we will use the theme to encourage children to talk to someone if they are concerned about bullying. On **Monday 14th November**, children are invited to **wear odd socks** to reinforce the importance of us all being unique. During assembly on Monday, I will be on the lookout for particularly colourful and unique pairs of odd socks!

## Out of School Club

This week we had our first Little Movers session for some of our younger children. We have extended the offer to include children from Reception up to Year 4 (previously this was only open to children as old as Year 3). The

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children all had a fantastic time and are looking forward to their next session which will take place on Wednesday 23rd November and then every Wednesday until the 21st December. You can book the remaining five sessions for £10 by contacting the school office.

For further information - [beaconhillloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk](mailto:beaconhillloosc@trinityyouth.org.uk)

For bookings - [www.tyaipal.org.uk](http://www.tyaipal.org.uk)

## Poppy Appeal

We have had a fantastic response to the **Poppy Appeal** this year. The charity tin which was taken around school genuinely became quite heavy with coins (and notes) and all proceeds will go to the **Royal British Legion**. We marked Remembrance Day itself with an assembly and a two minute silence on the school yard.

## Christmas Hampers

This year we will be doing **Christmas Hamper raffles** to raise money for school funds. The raffle itself will take place on **Friday 16th December** and members of the school council will be responsible for the draw (in the interest of integrity!) From Monday, we would welcome any donations for the hampers. Donations could include Christmas confectionery, crafts and items suitable to create a 'Pamper Hamper' (e.g. soaps, bubble baths, scented candles). Please avoid the temptation to donate alcohol or items containing nuts. Please drop donations off at the school office.