# **Beaconhill Community Primary School**





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### **Happy Friday!**

This week in assembly, I shared the story *Troll Stinks* by Jeanne Willis. The book tells the tale of two young goats who discover a mobile phone and start sending unkind messages to a troll, only to then realise the hurt their actions cause. The story helps children understand the importance of kindness and the consequences of cyberbullying. I know that most children from a young age are exposed to social media in some capacity so we encourage our pupils to think carefully about how they use technology and to always treat others with respect. If you'd like to share the text

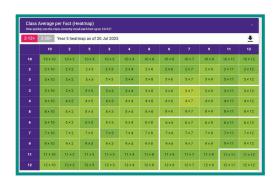


with your little ones, follow this <u>link</u>. A big **thank you** to the staff who supported our **discos** this week and for your contributions as well. As ever, **all proceeds** will go towards **school improvement** initiatives. For now, I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mr Routledge

#### **TTRS**

Children across Key Stage
Two continue to have
access to Times Tables
Rockstars to support their
knowledge of number
facts. Just a few minutes of
practise a day can make a
huge difference to speed





and confidence with multiplication facts. We encourage children to use Garage mode on single player as this will help you improve quickly and be ready when our first Times Tables Competition comes around. Keep practising and see who will be our next Rock Hero! The two images below show the progress made by our current Year Five class from the start of Year Three to the end of Year Four. Our work on TTRS helped our children to record fantastic outcomes in the Year Four Multiplication Tables Check in June. A 'little and often' approach to TTRS makes a huge difference to learning.

#### **Harvest Collection**

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. If you feel that you are able to donate any items, they are currently in need of the following-

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, potnoodles, cup a soups, angel delight, porridge, crackers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, handwash, 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 <u>not</u> need**: baked beans, pasta, tinned soup or tinned tomatoes. Thank you for your support.

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#### Toys in School

We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing toys in from home. Toys, including fidget toys, should not be brought into school. If staff feel a fidget toy is necessary to support with focus and concentration in lessons, we have a number of fidget/sensory toys in school which can be provided for children.

#### **Phonics Workshop**

Mrs Carrick will kick off a series of parent/carer workshops this Autumn with a session on Early Reading and Phonics. The session will provide valuable insight into how we teach our youngest children to begin to read, as well as practical ideas to support your child's learning at home. It will be an excellent opportunity to see the strategies we use in class, ask questions and discover ways to make reading fun and engaging for your child. The session is most suitable to parents/carers of our Reception/Year One children, As always, the session will be complemented by tea, coffee and biscuits. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

#### Beach

This week, our **Reception** children visited **Blyth** beach. The children enjoyed exploring number at the beach and made number sets with treasure that they collected. They were all very excited about going on the bus again and visiting the beach and we are counting down the days to our next trip! Next week, Year Four will be out on Monday and Tuesday and Year One have their visits on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The forecast is pretty awful for tomorrow but hopefully it clears up by next week!



### School Photographer

Advanced notice that our photographer will be in school on Tuesday 4th November to take the annual school photographs.

#### **Attendance**

Very well done to Reception, Year One, Year Three, Year Four and Year Five for recording such impressive attendance figures for this week. Attendance for Year Two and, in particular, Year Six were both very low this week. This year is absolutely vital for our Year Six children with the transition to High School coming soon. There is a clear link between attendance and attainment so please do whatever you can to support us in getting your children into school on time, every day.



**Reception** - 97.33% **Year One** - **98.85% Year Two** - 91.79% **Year Three** - 95.71% Year Four - 97.67% Year Five - 97.50% Year Six - 87.33%

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# On the Menu Next Week . . .

Week Three	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Meatballs/Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Homemade Mince and Dumplings	Oven Baked Sausage/Veggie Sausage and Mash	Turkey/Veggie Roast and Yorkshire Pudding	Chicken Goujons or Veggie Nuggets
	Fish Cakes	Chicken/Veggie Nuggets	Cheese* and Broccoli Pasta	Cheese* Melt	Pizza* Wrap
	Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)
Potatoes/Pasta/ Rice	Pasta or Potato Wedges	Mashed Potatoes	Creamed Potatoes or Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes or Crusty Bread	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Desserts	Strawberry Whip (Contains Milk)	Flapjack (Dairy Free) with a Glass of Juice	Ice Cream (Dairy Free Available)	Homemade Carrot Cake (Contains Milk)	School Pudding of the Day (Dairy Free Available)