

## Happy Friday!

Hello from a very **blustery Beaconhill!** Due to the very **strong winds**, we made the decision to have **indoor play** and **lunchtime today** though, thankfully, the **forecast** is **somewhat calmer** for the weekend. Thank you for your **support** and **cooperation** at the end of the school day to help us get everyone home in one piece.

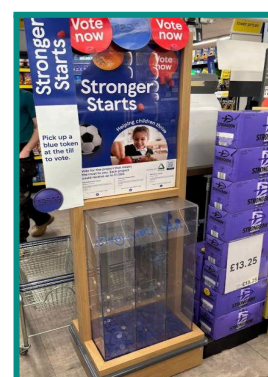


This week, children enjoyed a range of **fresh fruit and vegetables** thanks to the **Tesco Stronger Starts Grant** we have accessed over the last few weeks. On Monday,

Mrs Bell delivered **apples, bananas, oranges, grapes, strawberries, blueberries, carrots, cucumbers, pineapple chunks, tinned peaches** and **mangoes** as well as frozen **strawberries** and **raspberries** which Mrs Walton used to make smoothies. Mr Routledge

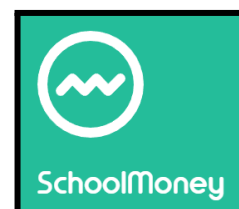
## Tesco

You may remember that, last month, we were successful in our **Tesco Stronger Starts** application and secured the opportunity to receive up to **£1500** towards our **yard resurfacing** project. This **funding** will be **determined** by **tokens** accrued in Tesco stores in our region. When shopping at a participating **Tesco** store, you'll receive a **token** with each **transaction**. These **tokens** can then be placed in one of the **containers** for a **project** of your choice (which will, of course, be the **Beaconhill Primary Yard project!**). At the end of **April**, the **project** with the **most tokens** will receive **£1500** towards their target. On Monday, **Mrs Bell** saw that there is now a container ready for your **blue tokens** at the **Brockwell store** in Cramlington so make sure to **cast your vote** if you happen to be over that way!



## School Meals

A polite reminder that **school meals** must be **paid** for in **advance**. You can pay **up until midnight** the night before the meal is ordered. **Meal options** are shared on the **newsletter** every Friday so you will know what is **on the menu** for the week ahead. If your child **regularly orders** a school meal, you may choose to put a **larger sum of money** on the account to save you having to pay for one meal at a time.



## Parents/Carers Evening

Advanced notice that we will hold our **Parents/Carers Evening** on **Monday 10th** and **Wednesday 12th February**. Appointments will run from **15:30** until **18:00**. A reminder that if your child is on our **SEND Register**, you are entitled to a slightly **longer session** on a separate date so you **do not need** to make an **appointment**. SEND appointments will be shared in the coming weeks. The **booking system** for appointments is due to go live **early next week**.

## Newcastle Eagles

Next **Friday (31st)**, the **Newcastle Eagles** will be taking on the **London Lions** at the **Vertu Motors Arena** in **Newcastle**. We've been sent a **discount code** which will allow you to purchase tickets for **£8.50**. If you're interested, email [boxoffice@newcastle-eagles.com](mailto:boxoffice@newcastle-eagles.com) and





quote the discount code **SCHBEACON31**. You can also contact the **box office** via phone on **(0191) 2453880**. The event may be of particular interest to our **Year Five children** who attended the 'Thunder in the Valley' event with **Mr Shepherd** and **Mr Wright** in **November**. If any of you head down, make sure to let us know!

## Year One Phonics Screening

As you may already know, **Year One children** across the country complete a **phonics assessment** (called the **Phonics Screening Check**) in **June** each year. The **Department for Education** has **published** an **updated information guide** for parents/carers which you can access by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents/phonics-screening-check-2024-information-for-parents-text-only-version>

## Doodle Maths

Some very impressive **Doodling** took place again this week. Some of our **Year One** children extended their **Doodle Streak** beyond 60 consecutive days! As ever, a **little and often** approach is shown to **make** a huge **difference** to the **progress** of **learners**. Keep up the doodling!



## Year Six Beach

Yesterday, **Year Six** visited **Low Hauxley** with **Mrs Wharton** and **Mrs Cragg**. The visit scheduled for today was postponed due to the **70mph winds** which struck the coast during **Storm Éowyn**. There was a Geography focus during the trip and children identified some of the physical features of the coastline such as **headlands**, **bays** and **dunes**. The children explained how **erosion** changes the shape of our **coastlines** over time and we looked for some examples of **undercutting** in the rocks along the shore. We also found the **petrified forest** which is visible up at Low Hauxley; erosion has uncovered this **fascinating site** which is over **7,000 years old!**

## Attendance

Well done to **Year Three** who were the only class in school to achieve our school target of **96%+**. Attendance overall has been disappointing over the last couple of weeks. It is vital that you ensure your child is in school, on time, every day. Attendance **below 90%** is classed as **persistent absenteeism**. **10%** of absence per year equates to **19** full days or nearly **100 hours** of learning time. There is a **clear correlation** between **attendance** and **academic achievement** so please work with us to support good attendance. Our **Education Welfare Officer** will be in touch where attendance becomes a concern.



**Reception** - 84.33% **Year One** - 90.67% **Year Two** - 93.33% **Year Three** - 97.86%  
**Year Four** - 90.36% **Year Five** - 92.33% **Year Six** - 89.63%



## On the Menu Next Week . . .

### Beaconhill Primary School Autumn One 2024 Menu WEEK ONE



**Homemade Dish**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Spaghetti Bolognaise</li> <li> Cheese and Broccoli pasta</li> <li> Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Sausage with Mashed Potato</li> <li> Cheese or Tuna Melt</li> <li> Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Chicken/quorn curry</li> <li> Fish fingers</li> <li> Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Roast Beef Dinner/Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding</li> <li> Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake</li> <li> Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Chicken Nuggets/Quorn Nuggets</li> <li> Homemade Pizza</li> <li> Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings</li> </ul>
Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Mashed Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice Naan Bread Potato Waffles	Roast Potatoes	Chips
Pasta/Rice					
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans
Salad Bowl	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Chocolate Delight	Homemade Cake with a Glass of Milk	Homemade Biscuit with a Glass of Juice	Caramel Cake	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.