

Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 22nd December 2023



Happy Christmas!

We've made it! What a **fantastic term** we have had in school. Children and staff have worked exceptionally hard since **September** and we're all **ready for the break**. A huge **thank you** on behalf of all staff for the kind **cards** and **gifts** that were brought in. We definitely don't expect anything from you at **Christmas** (teaching your fantastic children is reward enough) but we are all very **grateful** for your kindness. I hope you and your families all enjoy a **peaceful** and **relaxing** Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the **New Year!** Merry Christmas, Mr Routledge



Choir Service

On Monday, **Mrs Cragg**, **Mrs Black** and a group of **14** of our **Year Six** children visited a care home in **Blyth** to perform **festive songs** to the residents. They all sang **beautifully** and the **residents** were **thrilled** to have some **festive cheer** to enjoy. A big thank you **Mrs Cragg** in particular for working hard behind the scenes to arrange **transport** and a **driver** (her husband!) at short notice. We look forward to visiting them again this time next year!



Miss Gallon

We are delighted to welcome **Melissa Gallon** to **Beaconhill** who will be joining us from **January**. **Miss Gallon** will join the **Year One team** and **Mr Williamson** will be moving down to work in **Early Years**.

TTRS

I just wanted to share a couple of **stats** to demonstrate the **incredible progress** made by **Year Four** since **September** in their times table knowledge. In preparation for the statutory '**Multiplication Tables Check**', that children in **Year Four** across the country complete in June, our children complete a weekly **soundcheck** to assess progress and identify next steps. The top image shows the **speed** at which children answered questions in September and the bottom image shows where they are **currently working**. Both images represent the **class average** and the progress is clear to see! In September, the class average was around **7 out of 25** but now the average is nearly **19 out of 25**. Rapid recall of multiplication facts helps children with their confidence and ability to solve deeper reasoning problems. Keep up the fantastic work, everyone!

Avg	10 x	2 x	5 x	3 x	4 x	8 x	6 x	7 x	9 x	11 x	12 x
7.0s	4.5s	7.0s	7.5s	7.0s	7.1s	7.4s	7.7s	7.9s	7.2s	6.0s	7.1s

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Attendance

I took great pride in handing out **attendance certificates** and prizes to children who recorded **96% attendance** or above this half-term. Children who recorded **100% attendance** all won a bag of **chocolate coins** to take home and (maybe) share with you. Over the last couple of years, **attendance** across school has improved and we are keen to ensure this **upward trend continues**. Strong **attendance** is proven to have a direct link to **attainment** and **progress** so please do everything you can to



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support us in our aim to achieve at least **96% attendance** over the course of the school year.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you all very much for all of the donations which came in for the **Save the Children** event a couple of weeks ago. We raised **£125** which will go a long way towards **helping those in need**. Thank **you** for your support with this brilliant event.



Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**



Raffle

Thank you all very much for contributing to the **Christmas raffle**. In total, the **raffle** raised around **£350** for school funds. As you'll know, every penny that is raised goes towards school improvement projects such as purchasing **new iPads** and developing the **Early Years Yard**. In total, the **raffles, performances** and **non-uniform donations** raised around **£700** which is hugely appreciated - thank you all very much! **Well done** to everyone who was lucky enough to win one.



Golden Table

Just so parents/carers are all aware, if your child is selected for the **Golden Table**, the timings are as follows:

Reception, Year One and Year Two - come to school for **11:45**

Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Two - come to school for **12:20**

Every week, one child per class is chosen to sit on the **Golden Table** as a reward for demonstrating lovely manners and behaviour at lunch time. Parents/carers then receive a **free school meal!** These have been particularly well received since our lunch provider changed!

OOSC

Bookings for **breakfast** and **after school** clubs are open on the **School Money App**. We are looking forward to hosting our themed days - **Mario Kart Monday**, **Small World Wednesday** and **Friday Film Night!** For further information, contact oosc@beaconhill.northumberland.sch.uk



Small world wednesdays

FRIDAY FILM NIGHT

On the Menu After Christmas . . .

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	Garlic Bread	Creamed Potatoes	Wholegrain Rice	Roast Potatoes	Chips
Pasta/Rice	Oven Baked Mini Waffles		Naan Bread		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.**