# **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!

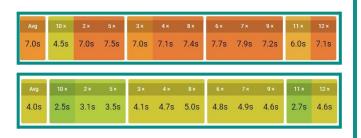


## Miss Gallon

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!

## **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.





## 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





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On the Menu After Christmas . . .

# **Beaconhill Primary School Winter 2023/2024 Menu**







**Week One** 

M 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.