Beaconhill Community Primary School

Newsletter - Friday 31st January 2025



Happy Friday!

Hello everyone. I'd like to **thank you** all for your **support** in navigating what has been an incredibly **unpleasant** and **contagious** bug. We have put a number of measures in place to keep everyone safe and ensure school can remain open. A big thank you to **Mr Luke-Green** and all of our **cleaning staff** who have done a great job of **cleaning** and **sanitising** the environment. **Out of School Club** will reopen as normal on **Monday** and we hope that school life will, broadly, return to normal. The speed with which the **bug spread** around suggests that we are, hopefully, over the worst of it. Any changes will be **communicated** with you via **Facebook** and **email** so please keep an eye on those on **Monday**. For now, we encourage regular, thorough **hand washing** with **warm**, **soapy water**. We will also ask that if your child has **sickness** or **diarrhoea**, to keep them off school for **48 hours** after **symptoms**. For **further information**, please see the links below. I hope everyone is feeling well enough to **enjoy the weekend**. Thank you, Mr Routledge

nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities

Exciting News

I am delighted to let you know that two members of our staff team are expecting a baby! Miss Stephenson who works in Year Two and delivers our ELSA work is expecting her first child, a little boy, in April. Miss Gallon who works predominantly in Years One and Two is expecting a little girl in July. I am sure you will join us in wishing them both well in the coming months.

A Polite Reminder

We kindly ask that all adults conduct themselves appropriately while on school grounds, setting a positive example for our children. Recently, there have been a small number of isolated incidents where inappropriate language has reportedly been used or where vaping has occurred at drop off/pick up. We also ask that people park with consideration to others in the car park



and streets immediately outside school grounds. We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring our school remains a respectful and safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Tesco

A reminder that the container is ready and waiting 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! **2012 Olympic** Heptathlon Gold medallist, **Jess Ennis-Hill** is (sort of!) backing our campaign so make sure you spread the word to friends and family too (see the **video below!**). The project which collects the **most blue tokens** in



participating **Tesco** stores over the next few weeks will receive £1500. Naturally, that money would go a long way towards the school yard upgrade.

https://strongerstarts.tesco.com/video/9e135b1c-f57d-483c-8fa6-cfbc4d392695?fbclid=lwY2xjawlFwjZleHRuA2 FlbQIxMAABHZGYxKpMFf9JpikaA3T9J13h7cotGh4TfPleGmxMyP33x9L74OWOoG1mqg_aem_CWlw2aUywwU YshW5ziq8Tq

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Parents/Carers Evening

A reminder that our Parents/Carers Evenings are taking place on Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th February. Appointments will run from 15:30 until 18:00. 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 now live.

Moki Bands

This week, our **Year Three** children have been using **Moki bands** to support and encourage active learning in school. **Moki** shows exactly **how active** the children are and **when** they are **most active**! It encourages the children to be more energetic during **playtimes** and



promotes **friendly competition** between the children, other classes in school and other schools in our **local community**. It has definitely encouraged **Year 3** to hit their 'step goals' this week (though it couldn't have come at a worse week in terms of amassing steps due to the horrendous bug!).

Doodle Maths

Our younger children have continued to show amazing commitment on **Doodle Maths** this week. Doodle Maths is an **engaging** and **interactive platform** that provides **personalised learning** to help **reinforce** and **build upon** the **skills** that your child has been working on in school. The app covers a wide range of topics from **basic number recognition** to more **advanced problem-solving**, making it suitable for all abilities. It **adapts** to your child's progress and **learning** needs ensuring that they receive an appropriate level of **challenge** and **support**. Our



Reception children are just getting started but we've already seen some incredible streaks and Doodle Star collecting. Keep up the amazing work Reception, Year One and Year Two!

Beach

This week, **Year One** visited **Blyth Beach** to do some work around their **senses**. Children collected **shells**, **rocks** and other **unusual items** and described what they **looked** and **felt** like. They then listened for sounds they could hear including the **waves crashing** and wildlife. The highlight, as ever, was the **hot chocolate** which was much more enjoyable than the **salty sea water**!

On the Menu Next Week . . .

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