

Beaufront First School Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

While the weather seems to have forgotten that it is May, we have been continuing to enjoy the great outdoors, celebrating our wonderful location by preparing our entries for the Northumberland County Show, and by welcoming Joanne from The Sill for a special assembly all about our National Park. As usual, the standard of the children's creative work is proving to be high, and their positive behaviour has been noticed by all recent visitors to the school. They really are a credit to the school and to you as parents and carers.

EYFS have continued to enjoy their work around sea life and our oceans. Their knowledge and writing this week has been very impressive.

Class 1 have been working hard on all areas of learning, enjoying cricket and producing some wonderful postcards to Sunny as part of their writing focus around Meerkat Mail and their trip to Kirkley Zoo.

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Northumberland Zoo and came back to school full of chatter about their experiences. I am looking forward to seeing the work related to their trip over the next week.

We have one more week of this half-term remaining before the Whit Week break, after which we begin our final half-term of this academic year. The focus remains on the children's well-being, happiness, and progress, and we will make sure that the final weeks are some of the best. As promised, I will continue to update you on staffing, events, and any other important information as it becomes available. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gemma Boucetla

Whole School News

Northumberland County Show

BFS is once again entering the County Show School's Craft competition. The theme this year is The Enchanted Forest and there will be 4 displays from BFS - KS1, KS2 and R and N. The organisers have sent free entry wristbands for the show for every child at school. Look out for these in book bags today.

David Attenborough day

Jen Stephenson, from the Northumbrian Hedgehog Rescue Trust, gave a brilliant and interactive talk to each House. She was amazed, delighted, and very grateful for your incredibly generous donations to the charity. You raised a brilliant £92.50 – thank you.

Jen emailed to say she'd had a lovely morning with the whole school. The children listened so well, and they had some great questions. She was impressed with what Beaufront is doing for the environment with the children.

Throughout the whole David Attenborough day, it was really nice to see the elder children helping, supporting, and working together with the younger children.

Fundraising

Like many other schools, we are constantly looking at ways to improve our financial position to be able to maintain high standards of enrichment and curriculum opportunities, as well as ensuring that the school is well-resourced with both staff and materials.

We understand that everyone is busy, and financially, times are tricky for many people. However, we know that we have amazing parents and carers, a generous community around the local area, and people with brilliant ideas for helping the school. We would love to have more people involved in the PTA and to run more events, and we are all keen to organise and support this.

Please look out for a letter detailing a fun and easy fundraiser that you can do as a family this half-term break. Every penny counts and will help us to be able to offer a wider, enriched curriculum that is so beneficial to the children, and that has proved to increase engagement and enjoyment of learning this year in particular. And if you can support as a member of the PTA, join in with events, or suggest businesses who might be interested in working with us, please do reach out!

Thank you for whatever support you can give.
The Beaufront Team

Art Gallery and Book Look

We hope you all enjoyed seeing your child's work last week. It was nice to see so many parents and grandparents in school. Thank you to Ms Westgarth for her beautiful handmade biscuits - they raised £40.70. Some of this has already gone towards art materials for the Enchanted Forests and the remainder will be spent on art materials for the rest of this term.

Attendance

Firstly, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their support in ensuring that their child has strong attendance. Excellent attendance promotes excellent learning. We aim for children to have an attendance above 97%. Attendance is updated on the school website weekly.

We understand there are occasions when a child has to miss school, eg if they are unwell. Any other absences should be kept to an absolute minimum. In particular, parents/carers do not have the right to take their children out of school during term time in order to go on holiday. Government regulations state that a headteacher 'may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances'.

Along with attending school every day, being punctual is extremely important and is an essential life skill. We encourage our children to come to school on time each day.

Under the DfE children who are not in the classroom when the register is taken and arrive at school within 30mins of the register opening at 8.45am will be marked as Late . After this, registers are closed and children arriving after this time will be marked as Unauthorised, which will affect the students overall attendance.

Lateness = Lost Learning

5 minutes late each day adds up to 3 days lost learning over the school year.

We are working with the Education Welfare team at NCC and any unauthorised absences will be referred to them. For our full Attendance Policy and the Hexham Partnership Leave of Absence during Term Time policy please follow this [Attendance link](#) on our school website.

Start time

Following government guidelines, our official school start time is 8:45 am. We will open the gate at **8:40 am**, and we ask that you aim to arrive as promptly as possible so that children can begin their learning straight away. Learning activities happen from 8:45 am, and the first lesson begins at 9 am.

Summer Term 1 and 2 - PE and Forest School

	PE – Cricket	Forest School
Monday		Class 1
Tuesday	EYFS, Class 1, Year 3 and Year 4	
Wednesday		Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday	Year 4 - swimming	EYFS
Friday	Class 1	

Clubs: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

If you book your child into an afternoon club after 1 pm on the day of the club, please can you either call or email admin@beaufront.northumberland.sch.uk to let us know your child will be staying.

After school clubs are staying the same after half term for the remainder of the summer term. There are 2 cricket sessions when Nathan can't be here - Tuesday 2nd and 16th June - but after-school activities will still be available on those days.

Please remember to pack a healthy snack for your child if they are staying after school for clubs. There is time between the end of school and the start of club for them to eat something. Thanks.

Beaufront After School Clubs—Summer Term 1, 3.30—4.30 pm		After school care, 4.30- 5 pm
Monday	Art with Zoe and EYFS Art Club with Miss Westgarth	Ms Couzens & Miss Westgarth
Tuesday	Cricket Club with Nathan, R-Yr 4 Choir Club with Mrs Cameron and Nicky	Miss Snowball & Mrs Boucetla
Wednesday	Zumba with Shelly EYFS club with Miss Snowball	Miss Snowball & Mrs Boucetla
Thursday	Gardening Club with Juliet and Ms Couzens	Ms Couzens & Mr Fox
Friday	No club – school closes at 3.15 pm	

Other Announcements, News & Useful Information**Getting in touch**

If you want to get in touch with a member of staff during the day or to let us know if your child is going to be absent, please call the school office, 01434 602903, or email the admin@beaufront.northumberland.sch.uk. Please DO NOT contact your child's teacher via Dojo, as they might not see the message due to not using their phones in the classroom.

Upcoming Dates**Summer Term**

Friday 22 May	Break up for half term, 3.15 pm
Monday 1 June	Summer Term 2 starts
Wednesday 10 June	Michael Morpurgo assembly – whole school
Thursday 11 June	Sep 26 Reception starters taster session, 1.30-2.30 pm
Monday 15 June	Sep 26 Reception starters taster session, 10 - 11 am
Tuesday 16 June	Visit from CMS to meet Y4 moving to CMS
Wednesday 24 June	Sep 26 Reception starters taster session, 10 - 11 am
	Rounders afternoon for Y4 moving to HMS
Monday 29 June	EYFS Sports Day, 10 am
	Y4 sports activities at CMS for Y4's moving to CMS, 9.30-12 pm
	KS1&2 Sports Day, 1.30 pm

Monday 6th July	End of Year Reports out to parents and carers
Tuesday 7 th July	Transfer Day for all years
	Sep 26 Reception starters taster session, 9.30 - 11.30 am
	Informal Parents' Evening and Book Look
Monday 13 July	Y1-4 end of year trip - Kielder
Tuesday 14 July	Welcome meeting for parents
Wednesday 15 July	EYFS end of year trip
	Y4 Leavers Party
Thursday 16 July	Leavers' Assembly, 2 pm
Friday 17 July	Break up for Summer holidays at 1.30 pm

