Beaufront First School Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy 8 week half-term it has been! On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to congratulate the children on their effort and achievements over the last 8 weeks. They have settled into the routines and lived up to the expectations set for them, and all whilst smiling and remembering their manners. Thanks to you all as parents for encouraging the children and for your support - working together in partnership makes such a difference.

The next half of the autumn term promises to be fun-filled and inspiring for the children, and we are all very much looking forward to it as a staff. Alongside the thorough curriculum we have planned, there is of course the highly anticipated Christmas production which always takes a lot of effort but ensures that the children build their skills to put on a wonderful performance.

We hope that you have a restful break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 2nd November.

Mrs Gemma Boucetla
Acting Headteacher

Whole School News

PSHE/ RSE Curriculum and Policy

Please see the attached draft policy for PSHE and RSE. This is subject to the approval of the full Governing Body to be held on Thursday, 12th November. Any feedback related to the policy or to the previous links that have been shared needs to be received by Wednesday, 4th November so that it can be included in the Governors Report. Please email any comments to Mrs Boucetla at the usual email address.

Year 4 Middle School Applications
Just a reminder the NCC portal for Middle School Applications closes on **Sunday 31st October**, so do apply, if you haven't already, for your child's Year 5 school.

Reception 2027 Applications
The portal for Northumberland Reception places opens on 1st November 2026. Please apply for your Reception place even if your child is already in Nursery with us, as we do not control Reception places. https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/education-skills/schools/school-admissions-places-appeals/reception-entry-applications

Parent Consultations
Many thanks for your attendance at Parent Consultations. If you were unable to attend, please arrange a time with the class teacher via Admin at your earliest convenience. It is very important that we maintain open lines of communication.

Harvest Celebrations and Donations
Thank you for your Harvest donations for the West Northumberland Food Bank. Ms Couzens kindly delivered them all this week and they were very grateful. We were very proud of the children for their wonderful performances, and the community thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality shown by Year 3 and 4 for their special Harvest lunch.
It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents, grandparents and other family members to the main performance, which was possibly the most well-attended Harvest we have ever had!

Bake Sale/ Spooky Day
Thank you for all the delicious Halloween goodies donated for the bake sale on Wednesday. Please don't forget to give your PTA donations for Spooky Day via MCAS. We are working towards an ambitious target for our fundraising this year, which all goes towards curriculum enrichment for the children.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal
This year we are again supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We will be selling poppy resources to raise the much-needed funds for this worthwhile cause the week after half term. Poppies and other poppy themed items are available in the school reception, so please do come in with your children at collecting time to buy. Please see the items below with their suggested donation:

Reflectors – £1.50
Snap Bands – £2.50
Zip pulls – £1.00
Pens and pencils - £1.00



PTA

Our PTA is open to any parents or carers at Beaufront. All staff are involved and we value any time or support anyone can give. If you would like to be a more 'fixed' member of the PTA and attend meetings or support with the running of events, please do get in touch with Mrs Boucetla or any of the current PTA 'leaders' - Ashley or Sami. Once we have had a smaller meeting about upcoming events such as the Christmas Fair, we will be arranging a bigger PTA meeting for the New Year to plan future events and assess the impact so far. All will be welcome - the more the merrier!

Christmas Fair, Friday 27th November, 5 - 8 pm

We are still looking for stallholders for our Christmas Fair - which will be here before we know it! If you know anyone who would like a table for £25 plus a suggested minimum donation of 5% of profits, please do pass on the details and encourage them to get in touch! Similarly, we are looking for prizes for our Big Christmas Raffle. We already have some amazing vouchers and would love to make this the biggest raffle yet, so if you know of anyone who would be willing to donate a prize, again, please do encourage them to do so via yourself or by getting in touch with us.

We also need volunteers to help in the run up to the event (think decorating the cabin ready for a special visitor, decorating the hall etc…) and on the actual evening itself to support stallholders and staff with housekeeping and so on. Please email or contact Mrs Boucetla if you can help in any way, or see any of our current PTA organisers on the yard!

Homework

Throughout the school, children are given minimal homework focused on reading and/or phonics, spellings, and in Class 2, Times Tables Rockstars. This is so that the children are not overwhelmed by an abundance of homework but rather focus on the key knowledge and skills for their age and stage.

After half-term, we will introduce our first Homework Project. This will be announced in the first week back and will focus on developing different skills to enhance learning. It will be optional and plenty of time will be given for the project to be completed. We are excited to see how this will work for the children here, having had very positive feedback from other schools who offer project-based learning at home.

MCAS
Please can you ensure all money owing for lunches (for those that pay) and clubs have been paid for up until the end of Autumn Term 1 via your MCAS account.

Please find the link here for the Parent's User Guide to MCAS. It's not the most straightforward system to use so hopefully this might be useful.

Clubs
To contact school during club hours, please use Class Dojo messaging, choosing the staff member(s) running the clubs. We will have our after-hours mobile phone number ready for use after half-term and our Mobile Device Policy will apply.

Autumn Term clubs timetable:

Beaufront After School Clubs—Autumn Term 1, 3.15—4.30 pm		**After school care, 4.30- 5.30pm**
Monday	**Art with Zoe, Ms Couzens and Miss Westgarth**	**Ms Couzens & Miss Westgarth with Mrs Bolam onsite**
Tuesday	**Cookery Club with Nicky, Mrs Cameron and Miss Snowball**	**Miss Snowball & Mrs Boucetla/ Mrs Cameron**
Wednesday	**Zumba with Shelly** **EYFS club with Miss Snowball**	**Miss Snowball & Mrs Boucetla**
Thursday	**Nature and Craft club with Ms Westgarth, Ms Couzens and Miss Snowball**	**Ms Couzens & Miss Westgarth with Mr Fox onsite**
Friday	**No club – school closes at 3.15 pm**	

Autumn Term 2 - PE and Forest School

	PE	**Forest School**
Monday		
Tuesday	Class 2 Class 1	Class 2 - am Class 1 - pm
Wednesday		
Thursday	Class 2 Class 1	EYFS - pm
Friday	EYFS	

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.

Please see the information about contacting school during club hours in the Wraparound Care information above.

Upcoming Dates

New dates in italics

School Year September 2026 - July 2027

Autumn Term

Friday 23 October	INSET Day for staff
Monday 2 November	Autumn Term 2 starts
Tuesday 3 November	*Parent Consultations with Mrs Bolam - Nursery*
Tuesday 17 November	Skipping festival, Class 1 and 2
Wednesday 25 November	West End Panto in School for whole school
Friday 27 November	Beaufront Christmas Fair & Shopping Night, 5 - 8 pm (PTA)
Friday 4 December	Festive Film Night (PTA)
Friday 11 December	Community Christmas Performance with refreshments, 2 pm
Tuesday 15 December	Whole School Christmas Performance, 10 am
Wednesday 16 December	Whole School Christmas Performance, 2 pm
Thursday 17 December	Whole School Festive Fun Day
Friday 18 December	Break up for the Christmas holiday (1:30 pm)

Spring Term

Monday 4 January	Spring Term 1 starts
Thursday 7 January	Swimming starts - Class 2
Friday 12 February	Break up for half term
Monday 22 February	Spring Term 2 starts
Wednesday 24 - Friday 26 February	KS2 Robinwood residential
Thursday 25 March	Break up for the Easter holiday

Summer Term

Monday 12 April	Summer Term 1 starts
Monday 3 May	Bank holiday - school closed
Friday 28 May	Break up for half term
Monday 7 June	Summer Term 2 starts
Friday 16 July	Break up for summer holidays
Monday 19 - Wednesday 21	INSET days - for staff



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