Beaufront First School Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just 2 weeks of this half term remaining, and they are very busy weeks! With an Open Morning, visitors to our school, Harvest, Parent Consultations, and a fun-filled Spooky Day and Bake Sale, the weeks will fly! The children have worked very hard during this long half term and we are all very proud of them. It has been a calm, productive, and settling 6 weeks.

Please check the diary dates and term dates along with the information in this newsletter.
Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.

Mrs Gemma Boucetla
Acting Headteacher

Whole School News

Art Gallery trips to South Shields - Cl2 Tuesday 6th October and Cl1 Thursday 8th October

On Tuesday, Class 2 were lucky enough to start the week of visits to the South Shields Art Gallery. The experience was immersive, interactive, and very inspiring. Every child managed to create something unique and wonderful, and once again, our Art Teacher, Leslie, was very impressed with the children's creativity and willingness to get involved.

On Thursday, it was the turn of Class 1 to enjoy the wonderful piece by Mignard. They returned to school excited by what they had seen and done, and the staff praised the children highly for their excellent behaviour and attitude on the trip.

Well done to all Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 for showing Beaufront in such a positive, creative light!

Emergency Contacts
In accordance with the Safeguarding Policy children in nursery must have a minimum of 3 emergency contacts, as well as their parents. For Reception upwards each child must have a minimum of 1 emergency contact, but we ideally like 2, as well as parents details.

Please email Kate with any extra contact details so they can be added to your child's record. Ideally, these contacts should be quite local to school, at least within an hour away.

Mobile Devices
In line with updated statutory requirements and local and national guidance, we have developed a new, thorough policy regarding the use of personal mobile devices. This will be shared with you following ratification by the Full Governing Body in November. Further information can be found here: https://educationinspection.blog.gov.uk/2026/01/23/what-the-governments-updated-guidance-on-mobile-phones-means-for-school-inspections/

We would like to ask that you ensure that the children do not bring in personal mobile devices. This includes Smart Watches with any internet access or the ability to send/ receive messages and make calls, or record videos and photos. If you feel that you require your child to have access to such devices, please see Mrs Boucetla to discuss this in more detail.

Dietary Requirements, Allergies, Intolerances and other Medical Conditions
In line with our Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy we politely request that you inform school immediately of any dietary requirements, known allergies or intolerances (clearly stating whether allergy or intolerance), and any other medical conditions that we are not aware of. Similarly, if anything changes with your child's health etc… please let us know in writing as soon as possible to support us with our health, safety and safeguarding duties.

PSHE/ RSE Curriculum and Policy
As part of our ongoing curriculum and policy development, we are currently reviewing our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education)/ RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy again in line with the updated guidance and documentation produced by the DfE, and because our chosen scheme has just changed slightly for this year to reflect the national changes. For your information, please follow the link below to find out more and please look at the planning maps that we have shared with you over the last year to find out about the objectives that the children will cover in their PSHE and RSE lessons. We will share the draft policy with you next week and would like to offer you the opportunity to ask any questions before it goes to the Governing Body in November.
https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/rse-pshe/curriculum/rse-pshe-parent-information/

Beaufront Open Morning - Monday 12th October

NCCs portal for applying for a place in reception 2027 opens on 1st November. Prior to this we will be holding an open morning on Monday 12th October, 10 - 11.30am. Please do pass this on to anyone you know with children due to start school next year or beyond!

Year 4 Middle School Applications
The Year 4 portal for Year 5 Middle School Applications opened on 12th September. If you have a child in Year 4, you should have received a letter explaining the application and admissions process. If you need any advice or want to ask any questions, please do get in touch. The portal for applications closes on Sunday 31st October.

Parent Consultations
Parent consultations will be held on the following days. These are an opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in and raise any concerns that you have. The days and times for each class are below:
Nursery with Mrs Bolam - Tuesday 20th October, 4.30 - 6.30pm
Reception with Mrs Bolam - Wednesday 21st October, 3.30 -6pm
Class 1 with Mrs Hawkins - Wednesday 21st October, 1 - 6pm
Class 2 with Mr Fox - Wednesday 21st October, 3.30 - 7pm

Mrs Boucetla will be available on both evenings should you wish to either make an appointment (via email) or just pop in.

To book your 10-minute appointment log into your MCAS account - see Parent Evening icon. Please remember these appointments are **10-minutes**. If you require further time please email the school to arrange a further meeting. It is important the consultations run on schedule. Thank you.

Harvest Celebrations and Donations
Our Harvest celebrations are taking place on Friday, 16th October. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend our 2pm celebration. We are asking for donations to the West Northumberland Food Bank (tins, dried foods, long-life products that require little to no cooking etc…) and these can be sent in from Monday, 12th October, please.

Spooky Day and Bake Sale, Thursday 22nd October
Spooky Day will include dressing up and fun activities for our last day of half term. Donations can be made on MCAS towards the PTA with a suggested donation of £2 per child.
We are also in need of cake and treat donations to be brought in from Wednesday 21st up to 2:30pm on Thursday 22nd. If homemade, please include a full list of ingredients with any potential allergens such as nuts, dairy, dried fruits highlighted or written in BOLD. These will be available to purchase from 3:10pm on Thursday 22nd. All donations and contributions greatly appreciated. Many thanks in advance!

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!



Skills Builder Challenge of the Week

Listening - 'Bonjour!' Can you learn some words or phrases by listening to another language, such as French? You could use an app like Duo Lingo, an online tutorial like the ones on BBC Teach, or ask a friend or family member who speaks another language! As an extra challenge, can you teach your friends or family a word or phrase?

MCAS

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.

Fundraise and Recycle clothes bank

Thank you for all the clothes donations you have left in the Fundraise and Recycle clothes bank outside the school gates. They have recently emptied it and asked us to remind all parents they DO NOT accept school uniform in the clothes bank.

If you have uniform in good order please drop this into the school office. Equally, if you are looking for uniform, please do come and have a look. All we ask is for a donation to the PTA if you take anything. Many thanks.

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**	

For Art Club Zoe has planned the timetable for the first half of term:
Wk6/12th - Dried Leaves Relief
Wk7/19th - Halloween Sugar Skull Masks



Pumpkins from this week's Art Club

Autumn Term 1 - 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

With the weather cooling down it's the time of year when seasonal illnesses are likely to increase this autumn. Please follow this guidance from the NHS Is my child too ill for school? to support your decisions about school attendance when children are unwell.

The NHS have also shared the following link outlining A-Z infectious diseases across children and young people's settings.

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

Monday 12 October	BFS Open Morning, 10-11.30am
Thursday 15 October	Rivers Interactive Workshop - Class 2
Friday 16 October	Community Harvest Performance & Community Lunch, 11 am Parents and Families Harvest Performance, 2 pm
Tuesday 20 October	Nursery Parent Consultations with Mrs Bolam from 4:30 pm
Wednesday, 21st October	Take One Picture displays open as part of Parent Consultations Reception Parent Consultations with Mrs Bolam Class 1 Parent Consultations with Mrs Hawkins from 1 pm Class 2 Parent Consultations with Mr Fox from 3:30 pm
Thursday 22 October	Spooky Dress-Up and Fun Day (£2 per child PTA donation) PTA Bake Sale, 3 pm onwards Break up for half term
Friday 23 October	INSET Day for staff
Monday 2 November	Autumn Term 2 starts
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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