Beaufront First School Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are halfway through the half term already - time really is flying! The children are hard at work practising for our Harvest Celebrations, and they are looking forward to the next few weeks filled with exciting trips and activities linked to art.

In class, children have been demonstrating improving listening and attention skills. A visitor to the school commented that "you can actually feel the focus and thinking going on when you walk in to each classroom. It is so calm and purposeful, but not in a suppressive way, just in a regulated way." What a credit it is to the children and staff to have created this impression.

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

The children in Class 1 and Class 2 are visiting the Art Gallery in South Shields next week to take part in the full day workshop inspired by The Marquise de Seignelay painting from the 17th century, which is on display.

Please can you drop your children off at **8.30am**, as the bus must leave at 8.45am to ensure the children are at the Art Gallery in time for the start of the workshop. For families with other siblings they can also be dropped off early and join the breakfast club. A packed lunch is provided for those that normally have a school lunch.

Thank you to those who have paid and consented for the trip. If you haven't please ensure you do this by Monday 5th October. Payment is made via your MCAS account under Trips icon and as always payment automatically gives your consent.

Emergency Contacts

In accordance to the Safe guarding 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.

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

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 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 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.

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

We are making great progress with the initial organisation stage of our Christmas Fair, with several tables already being taken by small, independent local businesses and artists. 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.



Skills Builder Challenge of the Week

Think of someone in your family who has a talent that you admire.
It could be they are great at baking delicious cakes, know lots of card tricks, or they have fun ideas for things to do on rainy days. Ask them to help you learn something they know - to share their talent with you. Listen carefully as they explain and ask questions to help you understand more.

Parents, you can ask your child to think about the following questions:

❏ How can you make sure you are listening carefully?

❏ How can you show that you are paying attention?

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.

BFS 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.

A Wonderfully Cosy Day!

The children came to school looking super snug in their cosiest onesies and jogger sets for our special 'Cosy Day'! The soup, which was made by Cookery Clubbers on Tuesday, went down really well as did the hot chocolate and cookies mid-afternoon. And the comfy outfits didn't stop anyone from getting stuck into PE and Forest School!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the day - you have raised £114 so far! For those that are still to donate you can do this via MCAS under Product or Store. Thank you.

Clubs

To contact school during club hours, please use Class Dojo messaging, choosing the staff member(s) running the clubs.

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:
Wk5/5th Oct - Autumn Pastel Pumpkins
Wk6/12th - Dried Leaves Relief
Wk7/19th - Halloween Sugar Skull Masks



Squirrels 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

School Year September 2026 - July 2027

Autumn Term

Tuesday 6 October	Class 2 Art Gallery Trip (swapped with Class 1)
Thursday 8 October	Class 1 Art Gallery Trip (swapped with Class 2)
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
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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