Beaufront First School Update

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have welcomed the start of autumn with some wonderful weather and it has been lovely to see the children all enjoying some outdoor activities this week. Forest School for Years 1-4 involved making campfire jam, and the smell wafting through the playground to the office has really set the autumn scene! Reception loved their trip to Shelagh's for the traditional Beaufront Apple Picking, and Nursery didn't miss out as we picked apples together in the school garden (and got a wave from the pilots of the Electricity Helicopter doing their power line checks)!

I am very proud of all of the children once again this week. They are working hard and there is a lovely atmosphere around school. And we are already half way through this half-term!

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you next week.

Mrs Gemma Boucetla
Acting Headteacher

Whole School News

PTA Events

A big thanks to everyone who attended the Welcome BBQ last Friday and to those who helped on the night! It was a lovely way to welcome everyone back to school and to properly meet those of you who are new to the school. Thank you also for the kind donations towards the costs and for the PTA. We appreciate your support and generosity, and with the money left over from the costs of food, we are purchasing some additional equipment for our very popular Cookery Club.

Dolly Parton Day

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to our Dolly Parton Imagination Library fundraiser. And a big well done and thanks to the children (and staff) who really went all in for the pink and sparkly theme! It was lovely hearing some country song singalongs as the children came in this morning, and it may have inspired some future performances!

Dolly Parton is one of our latest inductions into our Skills Builder Wall of Champions, inspiring hard work, determination and self-respect. Her legacy of ensuring that children across the world own at least one book is a wonderful one to celebrate, and we hope to continue to work with the charity on an annual basis going forward. More information can be found by following this link: https://imaginationlibrary.com/uk/

Skills Builder Challenge of the Week



Let your children interview someone about their job! Choose someone you know well and let your children ask questions such as, “what is your job?”; “where do you work?”; “what does your job involve doing?”; “what is hard about your job?”; “what do you love about your job?”. Encourage them to listen carefully to the answers and if they want to, get them to write a short profile to bring into school!

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.

Cosy Day

Next Thursday is our ‘Cosy Day’. For a PTA donation of £1 per child (payable on MCAS), children can come in dressed in their favourite cosy outfit or jumper. There will be a special cosy lunch of soup and sandwiches, and there will be hot chocolate (or preferred alternative) and a small autumn-themed treat for afternoon snack with a cosy story session. If your child does not normally have a school lunch, they are very welcome to do so - just let us know!

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.

Parking outside school

Please can we remind parents to turn their engines off whilst they wait at the gates in the morning. The fumes - at children's walking height - are really unpleasant and unhealthy for those walking in, and will only get worse as we head into cold mornings.

Could we also remind parents and carers once again that the driveways and small roads down to the homes around school are not for parking or turning. Please continue to drive and park safely and courteously. Thank you.

Wraparound Care

A polite reminder that all children attending clubs and after-club care need to be booked in and paid for. If you are unable to book your child into the club, it means that the allocated spaces have been taken and the club is at capacity. We understand that there may be odd occasions when emergency care is needed and we will always do our best to accommodate your needs, so please do get in touch in advance if you need a space. However, the limits are set to ensure that adequate adult:child ratios are in place and that sufficient resources are ready for the children in each club. As the year progresses, if there is an increased demand we will look to increase the number of places available.

Similarly, if you no longer need the space, please do let us know so that someone else can take the space.

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

Clubs for the autumn term are available to book now.

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:
Wk4/ 28th - Build a Squirrel
Wk5/5th Oct - Autumn Pastel Pumpkins
Wk6/12th - Dried Leaves Relief
Wk7/19th - Halloween Sugar Skull Masks





After school art clubbers work

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

Thursday 1 October	'Cosy Day' with a special lunch (£2 per child PTA donation)
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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