

# **BEAUFONT FIRST SCHOOL**

## **FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Early Years (Reception & Children attending Nursery on Thursday afternoons)**

The children from Early Years have been invited to the home of Shelagh Carter, an ex-parent/school volunteer, to pick apples in her garden in Oakwood as part of our 'Harvest' topic during the afternoon on **Thursday 23rd September**. All parents should have received separate information via School Gateway.

#### **'Welcome Picnic' - Friday 24th September from 5.00pm**

As you are aware, the PTA will be hosting a 'Welcome Picnic' on the school field on Friday 24th September from 5.00pm. Please log onto School Gateway to let us know if you will be attending and numbers of Adults/children.

Alternatively please email [admin@beaufont.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@beaufont.northumberland.sch.uk) with details.

#### **Applications for September 2022 - Middle/High School Entry**

For parents of children who are now in Year 4, the Online Admission Portal for Applications for Middle School will open on **Sunday 12th September 2021**. All admissions are made via this portal. Please look on Northumberland County Council's website - School Admissions for details of how to apply. If you have problems accessing the portal, please contact the Admissions Team at Northumberland County Council - [schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk). **Please note that the closing date for all applications for a place at Middle School is Sunday 31st October. 'Offers Day' will be 1st March 2022**

#### **Applications for September 2022 - Reception Class**

For parents of children due to start Reception Class in September 2022, the Online Portal for Applications will open on **Monday 1st November 2021** for all applications. All admissions are made via this portal. Please look on Northumberland County Council's website for details of how to apply. If you have any problems accessing the portal, please contact the Admissions Team at Northumberland Council - [schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk). **Please note that the closing date for all applications for a place in Reception Class in September 2022 is Saturday 15th January 2022. 'Offers Day' will be 15th April 2022**

#### **Free school Meals**

If you think that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the Free School Meal office at Northumberland County Council for further information - even if your child is currently entitled to 'Universal Free School Meals' (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2).

They will be able to provide lots of advice and all applications are treated with confidentiality and sensitivity. You can also find information on the Northumberland County Council website.

#### **Teacher Training Day - Friday 22nd October 2021**

Please note that there will be a Teacher Training day on Friday 22nd October. The following week will be the Autumn half term break.



The internet is a wonderful place to explore and discover new things, to connect and communicate with others and to be creative. The childnet website is a great place to start when finding out about e-safety. There are zones for parents, teachers and children.

Why not visit the children's activity zone with your child and read about childnet's SMART rules:

5 Top Tips to stay safe online. <http://www.childnet.com/young-people/primary>



#### **Safe:**

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.



#### **Meet:**

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.



#### **Accepting:**

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, images or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!



#### **Reliable:**

Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information by looking at other websites, in books, or with someone who knows. If you like chatting online it's best to only chat to your real world friends and family.



#### **Tell:**

Tell a parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone, or something, makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

# DIARY DATES

*Please note that new dates are shown in italics*

## 2021

*Thursday 23rd September*  
Friday 24th September  
Thursday 21st October  
Friday 22nd October  
Sunday 31st October  
Monday 1st November  
Monday 1st November  
Friday 17th December

*EYFS - Apple Picking Afternoon*  
PTA 'Welcome Picnic' - 5.00pm onwards - School Field  
School closes for Autumn half term  
Teacher Training Day  
Admission portal closes for applications to Middle School  
Admission portal opens for applications for Reception Class  
School reopens  
School closes for Christmas Break

## 2022

Tuesday 4th January  
Saturday 15th January  
Thursday 17th February  
Friday 18th February  
Monday 28th February  
Friday 8th April  
Monday 25th April  
Friday 27th May  
Monday 6th June  
Friday 22nd July

School opens for Spring Term  
Admission portal closes for applications for Reception Class  
School closes for Spring half term  
Teacher Training Day  
School reopens  
School closes for Easter Break  
School reopens for Summer Term  
School closes for Summer half term  
School reopens  
School closes for Summer Break