

BEAUFONT FIRST SCHOOL

FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

Collecting from school and the yard in the afternoons.

It has been lovely to see so many of you in the afternoons while collecting your children. To help the afternoons to go smoothly and to continue to take great care with respect to COVID -19 risks, could we ask you to take note of the following:

1. Reception (some) and next week Nursery parents will be collecting children at 3.00p.m. Unlike the rest of school, they need to park alongside school and stay in their vehicles. **If you arrive early, please park further away and leave the front of school drop off area completely clear.**
2. If you enter the yard before your child's class is lined up, please wait in the area near the front door and Mrs. Daniel's office. This will allow the younger children to line up appropriately to be taken out to their cars.
3. When your child's class comes out, please approach the line, make eye contact with the teacher, the teacher will say your child's name and the child will then be free to come to you.
4. Please do not allow your children to use the wood after school at the current time.

School Meals

Please note that from Monday 13th September, the cost of a school meal for those children in Class 2 will be £2.70 per meal. Payment for this half term will be available on School Gateway next week.

For children who will be attending Nursery and having a school lunch, the cost will be £2.20 per meal. Payments will be available on School Gateway next week.

If your child has any special dietary needs and is new to the school or your child has any changes to information already held by us, please ensure that you let us know as soon as possible by email - admin@beaufront.northumberland.sch.uk

Donations of 'Produce'

Now that Autumn is here, if any families have surplus 'home produce' i.e apples, potatoes, greens, fruit etc (sadly no eggs please), our school kitchen would be very grateful for any donations. Please just drop them into school at the end of the school day.

Thank you in advance

Swimming lessons - from Tuesday 14th September - Class 2 only

Swimming lessons will commence for children in Class 2 on Tuesday 14th September and continue every Tuesday afternoon for the rest of the Autumn term. Please ensure that children bring their swimming kit (swimming costume/trunks - no bikini or shorts please, towel and a pair of goggles) every Tuesday. Can we also request that **all** items of your child's swimming kit is clearly labelled.

PE lessons

PE lessons for children will take place weekly as follows:

EYFS (Nursery/Reception) - Wednesday & Friday (& 'Forest School'-Tues pm)

Class 1 - Tuesday & Friday

Class 2 - Friday (& Tuesday swimming lesson)

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. **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. **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**

Changes to personal details /contact information

During the year, personal details (e.g home address, emergency contact details) may change for your child. It is **extremely important** that you inform school as soon as possible by email (admin@beaufront.northumberland.sch.uk) of any such changes. This will ensure that we always hold the most up to date information so we can update School Gateway and keep in touch with you and also that we can contact you if necessary during the school day, for example if your child becomes unwell.

Thank you

Absence due to illness/late arrival at school

If your child is likely to be late arriving at school or will not be attending school due to illness, please ensure that you contact school **before 9.30am**. You can email admin@beaufront.northumberland.sch.uk or leave a telephone message stating your child's name, nature of illness and duration of absence if known

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.

PTA Advance Notice.

Mrs. Daniel and the PTA met yesterday at 2.00p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Thank you so much to all those who turned up. As you know, all parents are automatically a member of the BFS PTA and we look forward to welcoming you all to school and PTA events over the coming year.

Catherine Bolam was elected as Chairperson and Michelle Rivkin was elected as Treasurer. Several new parents volunteered their services and will form a core team or committee. Of course anybody else is welcome and we would strongly encourage you all to take part in some way.

We are going to hold a “welcome picnic” on the school field on 24.9.21 from 5.30p.m. onwards. Details to follow. All families are most welcome. Please save the date and come and join us with your family.

If you have ideas for how you would like the PTA to look this year and what ideas you have for fundraising or social events, we would love to hear about them. We will put out a suggestion box or you can just speak to one of the school staff or Catherine. If you would like to be part of the core “Committee” you could also talk to us then.

Following on from the Welcome Picnic we will hold a planning meeting and let you know what the plan for the PTA is for the year.

Reminder: Parent Governor positions. We have 2 parent governor positions available. If you would like to support the school in this way please contact Mrs. Daniel. I will be sending out more details along with the official papers this weekend.



What support can you expect from Beaufront School regarding Online Safety?

Safeguarding in schools

All schools in England are under a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of their pupils.

- All children deserve a **safe environment** in which they can learn, this includes offline and online.
- All school staff have a role to play in safeguarding children. If any staff member has a concern about a child they should **act on it immediately**.
- All schools should have a **designated safeguarding lead** who takes lead responsibility of safeguarding and child protection (including online safety). **This is Mrs Eileen Daniel at Beaufront. The Online Safety lead is Mrs Jackie Hughes and the deputy is Mrs Charlotte Hawkins** Please contact us if you have concerns about your child's online safety at school.

Online safety requirements for schools

- All schools must have regard to the statutory guidance-
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>
- Amongst other things this guidance sets out:
- That an effective approach to online safety empowers a school to protect and educate the whole school community in their use of technology and establishes mechanisms to identify, intervene in and escalate any incident where appropriate.
- A **whole school approach to online safety** will include a clear policy on the use of mobile technology in the school.
- All schools should have an **effective child protection policy** -this is on our school website along with our **E-safety Policy**.
- All school staff should undergo safeguarding and child protection training (including online safety) at induction. The training should be regularly updated.

- Schools should **ensure appropriate filters and monitoring systems** are in place to protect children from accessing harmful and inappropriate online material whilst on the schools IT systems.

Schools should teach children about safeguarding, including online safety. This should be considered as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum.

Online safety is also covered at all key stages in the national curriculum for computing. Pupils are taught how to keep personal information private, how to use technology safely and respectfully, and where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies. We are starting to use the ProjectEVOLVE resources with KS1 and KS2 children during 2021-22.

What can you do?

Have a look at these home activity packs from **Thinkuknow** containing simple 15 minute activities you can do with your family to support their online safety at home. There are also short video clips to help with online safety at home on topics such as watching videos, online gaming, social media and sharing images.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>

DIARY DATES

Please note that new dates are shown in italics

2021

Monday 6th September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7th September	School opens for Autumn Term (Reception to Year 4)
<i>Sunday 12th September</i>	<i>Admission portal opens for applications to Middle School</i>
Monday 13th September	School opens for Autumn Term (Nursery - staggered intake)
<i>Tuesday 14th September</i>	<i>Swimming lessons begin for children in Class 2 (year 3 & 4) only</i>
<i>Friday 24th September</i>	<i>PTA 'Welcome Picnic' - 5.30pm onwards - School Field</i>
Thursday 21st October	School closes for Autumn half term
Friday 22nd October	Teacher Training Day
<i>Sunday 31st October</i>	<i>Admission portal closes for applications to Middle School</i>
<i>Monday 1st November</i>	<i>Admission portal opens for applications for Reception Class</i>
Monday 1st November	School reopens
Friday 17th December	School closes for Christmas Break

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Tuesday 4th January	School opens for Spring Term
<i>Saturday 15th January</i>	<i>Admission portal closes for applications for Reception Class</i>
Thursday 17th February	School closes for Spring half term
Friday 18th February	Teacher Training Day
Monday 28th February	School reopens
Friday 8th April	School closes for Easter Break
Monday 25th April	School reopens for Summer Term
Friday 27th May	School closes for Summer half term
Monday 6th June	School reopens
Friday 22nd July	School closes for Summer Break