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Dear parents,

I hope that you and all your families are keeping well and that everyone is getting ready to come back and meet all their friends on Monday. I am looking forward so much to welcoming all the children back to school.

Following on from Tuesday's newsletter, I would like to send out a little more information about school.

Staffing Changes.

At the end of the Christmas term, Mrs. Collier left Beaufront to focus on giving support to her own family. Mrs. Collier was a much valued member of staff and we were very sad to see her go. We organised a good send off for her with gifts and pictures from the children.

Mr. Jake Tinsley has been appointed by the Staffing Committee and has made an excellent start to his time at Beaufront. Mr Tinsley is working in Class One but will be supporting Mrs. Boucetla as literacy co-ordinator because of his passion and interest in literature. Some of you may already know Mr. Tinsley due to his other job as a bookseller at The Forum Bookshop in Corbridge. We are hoping to start a regular "book recommendation" slot in the weekly newsletter and I am sure that Jake may well be happy to make individual recommendations where parents and pupils are looking for a little help in choosing new books.

We were also sad to say goodbye to Mr. Hicks as our school catering officer in January. Mr Hicks is still living locally but is involved in setting up an exciting new business in Yorkshire. We wish him well and look forward to hearing how his new venture is going. I would once again like to thank Simon and the rest of the Hick's family for his support over the last year. It has been amazing having such a talented chef making our meals and the children enjoyed a marvellous range of interesting, tasty and healthy meals.

With Mr. Hick's and Mrs. Hulbert being such hard acts to follow, I can't quite believe how lucky we have been to employ Mrs. Kate Combe as our new Catering Officer. Kate is an ex- Beaufront parent who lives locally who has a real flair for making delicious healthy meals. We are delighted to welcome her onto the team and she already feels as if she has been here all along! The feedback from the children who have been in school is extremely positive and her attention to detail and interest in the children is wonderful to watch.

I hope you will continue to support our school meals and you can be assured that by taking a school lunch your children are setting up a healthy and enjoyable habit.

Safeguarding and E-safety

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our safeguarding procedures and personnel.

No aspect of our school role is more important than keeping your children safe and we take our responsibilities very seriously. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any concerns or need advice on protecting or safeguarding a young person.

Please follow the guidance below:

- Firstly, if you need to report an urgent concern, speak to Northumberland's **One Call service**. This is their "front door" to safeguarding services.

One Call 01670 536400

Alternatively, call the police.

- Secondly, if you have any concerns that you wish to talk through with one of us then do not hesitate to email in on one of the email address below:
admin@beaufront.northumberland.sch.uk

Mrs Eileen Daniel is the **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** in school and **Mr Ben Hulbert** is the **deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**. **Mrs. Flora Littler** is our **safeguarding Governor**.

With particular regard to E-safety, **Mrs. Jackie Hughes** is our **E-Safety Officer** and **Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins** is our **deputy E-safety Officer**.

Please look out for the information which Mrs. Hughes shares with you via the newsletter. This is such a quickly evolving area that it really pays to be very proactive and keep up to date rather than waiting until there is a problem and then having to "fire-fight".

In the coming weeks, we will be seeking your opinion of our E-safety procedures so look out for our survey.

If any parents would be willing to support us by giving us feedback on the ideas and sites listed in the newsletter please let Mrs. Daniel know.

Governors

Mr. Simon Esland, Ms Carly Foster and Mrs. Jemma Rogers have all recently become governors at Beaufront. It is great to have you all on board.

Mrs. Rachel Coan, whose youngest son Thomas left at the end of the summer term, has come to the end of her term as a governor so we have a new vacancy for a parent governor. Thank you Rachel for all your wonderful contributions.

This is an opportunity to get involved in the life of the school in a very deep and meaningful way. It would be brilliant if some parents of the younger children would take on this role. We have a band of wonderful governors but many of their children are now no longer at this school so as these roles come up it is great to see representatives of the year groups in school become elected.

I would be very happy to speak to anyone who would like to consider supporting school in this way. I will be sending out the information about how the parent governor election very shortly.

Support for parents and pupils regarding returning to school.

Northumberland CC have produced a useful “padlet” which has a wide range of resources that parents could use with their children to prepare them to come back to school. Please take a look. They look very useful. A second similar website may also be helpful.

https://padlet.com/nies1/return_to_school

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/back-to-school-resources-parents>

Advance notice;

1. We have been informed that lateral flow testing kits will be available for “households and bubbles of school pupils and staff”

We understand that there will be a letter coming out shortly to explain how to collect.

2. Also, we have been informed that if a parent has to take time **off work** (Not working from home) due to a test and trace event via school, that parent can claim an allowance of £500.00.

We will pass on information about these 2 items as soon as we receive them.

We will send out further information about our policies and procedures in school over the coming days including the revised drop off and pick up procedures.

Many Thanks,

Eileen Daniel