
Beaufront First School
Friday 16th March 2018
Newsletter
School News

Appointment of a Unit Manager - Catering

We are very pleased and excited to tell you that we have appointed Be Hulbert to the post of Unit Manager. As many of you know, she is not only a fantastic teacher, but also runs her own business – Baker Be. She will be taking over the role of Unit Manager straight after the Easter break.

Swimming Lesson – Tuesday 20th March

It is ‘Water Safety Week’ at Hexham Swimming pool from Monday 19th March. With this in mind can we ask that all children, in addition to their usual swimming kit, bring a T-shirt and shorts to wear over their swimming costumes for lessons on Tuesday 20th March

Sport Relief Sponsored Run – Wentworth Leisure Centre – 23rd March

As you know, there will be a whole school sponsored event at the Wentworth Leisure Centre on Friday (23rd March) afternoon. Please ensure that you collect your child from the Wentworth Leisure Centre at 3.15pm and not school. Also, please note that there will be no Gymnastics Club on Friday.

School Photographer

Our school photographer will be visiting on Wednesday morning (21st March) to take whole school and class photographs. Can parents please ensure that children come into school in their uniform.

The photographer will be available from 8.15am to take any photographs with siblings who do not currently attend Beaufront.

Staffing at Beaufront

Mrs Mole has decided to move on to pastures new and will be leaving us at the end of this term. Her last day in school will be Thursday 29th March. We are sure you will join us in wishing her good luck for the future.

School Payments

As you may be aware, the school financial year ends on 31st March 2018 and in order to process all payments before the Easter holidays begin, can parents **please ensure that any outstanding monies reach the school office by Wednesday 21st March at the very latest.** Please make sure that all payments are in named envelopes and that cheques are made out to Northumberland County Council.

Last week we talked about the importance of helping children to become digitally resilient. This week we've got 6 ways in which you can promote digital resilience at home.

1. Set fair and consistent rules in relation to your child's internet use at home. As they get older, try to agree the rules with them so that they have some control over their digital world.
2. Teach your child to [think critically](#) about what they read, see or hear online. For young children, that might mean encouraging them to ask 'what would Mum or Dad say about that?' As they get older they need to be able to assess for themselves whether they are in a risky online place and whether the information they are receiving is reliable and helpful to them. (The Parent Zone [Digital Parenting course \(link is external\)](#) explains in full why some online spaces are riskier than others.)
3. It's much harder for people to empathise with each other when their communications are digital. It's why trolls find it so easy to post horrible messages. Helping your child to understand that and to pause and think about the impact of things that are posted online, will help them cope with some of the difficult behaviour they will come across and avoid getting caught up in it.
4. Maintain a positive outlook on your child's use of the internet. Whatever you think to the stuff they watch or the hours they spend on the PS4, if you constantly criticise the apps and games they love, they're not going to want to talk to you about their online life.
5. Children who can recover from an online mistake can learn and avoid making the same mistake again. You can help by making it easy for them to talk to you about their mishaps making sure they know where to go for help if they need it, and recognising if they're not recovering well so you can step in and get help for them.

WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?

A child who is digitally resilient will be able to:

! Understand when they are at risk online

Know what to do to seek help

Learn from experience

Recover when things go wrong

This involves:

- Recognising potentially risky scenarios.
- Understanding how to deal with them.
- Using these experiences to adapt what they do online in the future.

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6. Allow your child to explore and take charge of their online life. Having some control over any given situation is an important part of resilience – and it's a really important part of digital resilience. It's essential in helping them understand and develop their own sense of what's right and wrong online.

For more information please visit: <http://parentinfo.org/article/digital-resilience-a-parents-guide>

Diary Dates

Please note that new dates are shown in italics

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| Monday 19 th March | Public drop in sessions at QEHS – 6.00pm – 7.30pm – QEHS school hall |
| Friday 23 rd March | Sport Relief – Whole school sponsored run at Wentworth Leisure Centre 1.00pm – 3.15pm |
| Tuesday 27 th March | Representatives of NCC to attend Beaufront to meet with staff and Governors (5.00pm for Governor's meeting) |
| Thursday 29 th March | Deadline for responses to Hadrian Learning Trust Consultation |
| Thursday 29 th March | School closes for Easter Break |
| Monday 9 th April | Deadline for responses to NCC Consultation on Education in the West of Northumberland |
| Monday 16 th April | School reopens for Summer Term |
| Monday 7 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Friday 25 th May | School closes for Summer Half Term |
| Monday 4 th June | School reopens |
| Friday 29 th June | Whole School Triathlon. |
| Friday 6 th July | Whole School Summer Garden Day |
| Friday 13 th July | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 18 th July | Whole School visit to Tynemouth Beach |
| Thursday 19 th July | Beaufront Leaver's BBQ |
| Friday 20 th July | Leaver's Assembly |
| Friday 20 th July | School closes for Summer Break |
| Monday 3 rd September | Teacher Training Day |
| Tuesday 4 th September | School reopens for Autumn Term |
| Friday 26 th October | School closes for Autumn Half Term |
| Monday 5 th November | School reopens |
| Friday 21 st December | School closes for Christmas Break |

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| Monday 7 th January | School reopens for Spring Term |
| Friday 15 th February | School closes for Spring Half Term |
| Monday 25 th February | School reopens |
| Friday 5 th April | School closes for Easter Break |
| Tuesday 23 rd April | School reopens for Summer Term |
| Monday 6 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Friday 24 th May | School closes for Summer Half Term |
| Monday 3 rd June | School reopens |
| Friday 19 th July | School closes for Summer Break |