

Beaufront First School
Friday 14th September 2018
Newsletter
School News

Thank you to all our families for the improvement in time keeping. Most families are arriving in good time for school. Let's keep it up.

Admissions for September 2019 – Middle School Entry

For parents of children who are now in Year 4, the Online Admission Portal opened for applications for Middle School on **12th September**. 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 on 01670 624889. **Please note that the closing date for all applications for a place at middle school is 31st October 2018.**

Admissions for September 2018 – Reception Class

For parents of children due start Reception Class in September 2019, the Online Admission Portal will open on 1st November for all applications. 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 or have not received any information from Northumberland County Council regarding applying for a place, please contact the Admissions Team on 01670 624889. **Please note that the closing date for all applications for a place in Reception in September 2019 is 15th January 2019.**

Parent Workshop – Thursday 4th October

We will be holding a workshop for all parents on Thursday 4th October between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. The workshop will focus on how to help your child in Maths, particularly 'addition & subtraction'. It would be great if as many parents as possible could attend. It would be great if you could let Fran know if you are able to come along.

Resources Appeal.

Thank you to those families who have very kindly donated resources to be used in our Nursery/Before & After School provision. We are very grateful. We would still like resources for our older children. Over the weekend, it would be great if you could check at home for good quality board games, lego, construction games, card games and puzzles etc. Thank you in advance.

Appeal from Mrs Hulbert

Now that Autumn is nearly here, Mrs Hulbert would love to use any excess fruit/berries that families may have in our school lunches. Please feel free to bring in things like blackberries, blackcurrants, plums, raspberries etc.

Art Club pieces

If your child stays for Art Club on Wednesday evenings, parents are invited to come and collect their children's most recent creations today after school.

Aurora Sports 'Holiday Club'

Mr Clark will be running a 'Holiday Club' on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th October (during the half term break). We will be sending out further information over the next couple of weeks if your child is interested in coming along.

Free School Meals

If you think that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the Free School Meals Office at Northumberland County Council. They will also be able to provide lots of advice. All applications are treated with confidentiality and sensitivity. You can also find information on the Northumberland County Council website.

Changes to personal details or contact information.

During the year, personal details (e.g. home address, emergency contact details) may change for your child. It is extremely important for you could inform the school as soon as possible in writing of any such changes. This will ensure that we always hold the most up to date information and that we are able to contact you if necessary, for example if your child becomes poorly during the day.



What support can you expect from Beaufront School regarding E-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 Eileen Daniel at Beaufront. The E-safety lead is Louise Atkinson.** 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- [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#)
- 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.
 - School 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.

E-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.

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.

PTA News

PTA AGM – Monday 1st October – The Rat, Anick – 7.30pm

There will be a PTA AGM on Monday 1st October from 7.30pm at The Rat, Anick.

The meeting is open to all our families. Please try to come along if you can.

The support of the PTA is vital to our school. It is no longer a luxury to raise funds for Beaufront, but in recent years has become a necessity. With school budgets squeezed and costs increasing, the funds raised by our families help the school nurture all our children and enable Beaufront to provide an exceptional environment for learning.

Over the next few weeks, we will be producing a Programme of Events for the coming year and will be asking for volunteers. If every family (there are 56 currently at Beaufront) just committed to one thing during the year, this would share the load and prevent the same parents becoming responsible for all events. Be the one to 'step up' and help us!!!

It would be fantastic if every family could be involved. Please don't just assume that 'someone else will do it'. We most definitely NEED YOU!!

As part of the schools programme to provide exceptional provision, there are several plans in place for this academic year which the PTA will be helping to fund. Firstly, the school would like to make 2 large outdoor cupboards/bike stores. One of these is to store PE equipment to be used for PE lessons and during playtimes. This will be sited along the red brick wall in the school yard.

The second is to make a bike shed for the EYFS 'balance bikes' which will be used in the back garden.

If anyone is interested in helping us with either of these projects or knows of a good joiner, please contact the school.

To fund these and other projects, there may be grant funding available. The school are looking for parents to help to research this. Again, please contact the school if you can help

Welcome BBQ

Thank you to all those families who came along to our Welcome BBQ last Friday

Diary Dates

Please note that new dates are shown in italics

Wednesday 26th Sept

Class 1 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse – details to follow

Thursday 27th Sept

Nursery/Reception – Apple picking in Oakwood – details to follow

Monday 1st Oct

PTA AGM – The Rat, 7.30pm

Thursday 4th Oct

Maths Workshop for Parents – 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 26th Oct

School closes for Autumn Half Term

Monday 29th Oct

Aurora Holiday Club. Further details to follow

Tuesday 30th Oct

Aurora Holiday Club. Further details to follow

Wednesday 31st Oct

NCC Online admission's portal closes for Middle School applications for Sept 2019

Thursday 1st Nov

NCC Online admission's portal opens for First School applications for Sept 2019

Monday 5th Nov

School reopens

Tuesday 6th Nov

Swimming lessons begin for the whole school

Friday 7th Dec

Beaufront Festive Evening – further details to follow

Friday 21st Dec

School closes for Christmas Break

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Monday 7th Jan

School reopens for Spring Term

Thursday 1st Nov

NCC Online admission's portal closes for First School applications for Sept 2019

Friday 16th Nov

'Children in Need'

Friday 15th Feb

School closes for Spring Half Term

Monday 25th Feb

School reopens

Friday 15th March

'Red Nose Day'

Friday 5th Apr

School closes for Easter Break

Tuesday 23rd Apr

School reopens for Summer Term

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Friday 24th May

School closes for Summer Half Term

Monday 3rd June

School reopens

Friday 21st June

Whole School Mid-Summer Sponsored walk – further details to follow

Saturday 29th June

Beaufront Summer Fair – further details to follow

Friday 12th July

Sports Day & family BBQ – further details to follow

Friday 19th July

School closes for Summer Break