
Beaufront First School
22nd December 2017
Newsletter
School News

Spring Term

A reminder, that school opens for all children on Monday 8th January. All children will be swimming as usual on Tuesday 9th January. Please ensure that children bring their swimming kit into school.

Parking around our school

"Do you watch grandparents and residents precariously pick their way through the muddled verges near school to pick up children or walk their dogs on a regular basis? It's exacerbated by a bus or agricultural vehicle trying to negotiate its way past the school during the busiest times. Perhaps the provision of more tarmac/hardcore to BOTH sides of the road to the North and West of the school may help. If you believe the council should provide this please help our case by registering your thoughts on their website.

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/Roads.aspx>

Go to the website above and select "Maintaining roads and pavements" and then "Report a footpath or pavement problem"

Simple. It will really help to add your voice to this.

After School Clubs

There will be no after school clubs during the first week of the Spring term
Except Art Club on Tuesday 9th January and Dance club which will be running on Thursday 11th January

Please check book bags after the Christmas break for information.

‘Save the Albatross’

At Beaufront First School, we are going to try to help to save albatrosses.

Please save used postage stamps

Cut stamps off old envelopes (leave a border of 6mm)

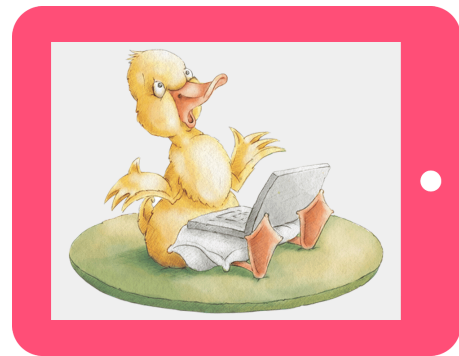
Bring them into school.

Look on these websites for more information:

www.birdlife.org “Albatross Task Force”

www.rspb.org.uk/join and donate/other-ways-to-help/save-your-stamps

Watch the “Blue Planet-2” documentaries-especially episode 6 to see the impact of the plastic that we throw away on these magnificent birds.



Digiduck: An educational, e-safety story app for 3-7 years

This story app follows Digiduck and his pals in a story of friendship and responsibility online.

The story has been created to help parents teach children aged 3-7 years of age how to be a good friend online. It's a great way to start the conversation about what they should expect from the online world and how to stay safe.

Narrators of the story, Sophie Ellis-Bextor and her mum Janet Ellis really bring the story to life and help young children think about how to be a good friend online.

You can download the free tablet-only app



Internet safety checklist for pre-school children

Explore together

Talk to your child about what the internet is and explore it together so you can show them all the great fun and educational things they can do.

Put yourself in control

Install [parental controls](#) on your home broadband. Most internet-enabled devices also allow you to set parental controls so you can manage what content your child can see and how they interact with others online.

Use passwords

Keep your devices out of reach and set passwords on all your internet-enabled devices and don't share them. Then you'll know when and where your child is accessing the internet. You can also make sure they're not making additional purchases when they're playing games or using apps.

Search safely

Use safe search engines such as [Swiggle](#) or [Kids-search](#). You can save time by adding these to your 'Favourites'. Safe search settings can also be activated on [Google](#) and other search engines, as well as [YouTube](#).

Be involved

Encourage them to use devices in a communal area like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they're using the internet and also share in their enjoyment.

Manage access

Set your homepage to a child-friendly site like [CBeebies](#) and create a user account for your child on the family computer or device which only allows access to sites you've chosen.

Help them learn through games

You can choose safe, fun and educational online games to play with your child and that you'll be confident about them exploring. You can find good free of charge examples from companies like Disney Junior, Nick Jr and Fisher Price.

Set boundaries

It's never too early to start setting boundaries. Set some rules about how long your child can spend online.

PTA News

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our families who have given us such fantastic support during the Autumn Term – to those of you who have helped at various events and those who have come along to give generously.

Since October, we have raised the following amounts:

Festive Evening	£1237.72
Christmas Performance Collections	£236.41
Clothes Sale	£327.50
Cake Stall	£225.37
Smartie Challenge	£281.95
Total raised	£2308.96

Thank you so much and have a wonderful Christmas and New Year

Diary Dates

Please note that new dates are shown in italics

2018

Monday 8 th January	School reopens for Spring Term
Thursday 8 th February	School closes for Spring Half Term
Friday 9 th February	Teacher Training Day
Monday 19 th February	School reopens
Thursday 29 th March	School closes for Easter Break
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 21st December
Monday 7th January
Friday 15th February
Monday 25th February
Friday 5th April
Tuesday 23rd April
Monday 6th May
Friday 24th May
Monday 3rd June
Friday 19th July

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The staff at Beaufront would like to wish all our children and their families a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful new year.
See you in 2018!!!
