

**Beaufront First School**  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018**  
**School News**

**Entry to the school building**

All parents/carers should enter the school via the front door **only** (unless invited in by a member of staff). Parents should **not** enter the school by the rear door or classroom doors. This ensures that school staff are always aware of who is in the building at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Morning Entry to School building**

Can all parents please note that due to our Before School provision and as part of our Safeguarding duty, we are not able to admit parents into the building before 8.55am if the weather is inclement. Parents may leave children with another parent from 8.50am or with the member of staff who is on duty in the school yard – please remember to let the member of staff know

**Whole School Christmas Lunch – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

We will be holding our ‘Whole School Christmas Lunch’ on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

If any children who normally have a packed lunch would like to have a school lunch on this day, please let Fran know in good time. The cost of a school lunch is £2.45.

**Christmas Production – 2018 – ‘The Inn-spectors’**

This year our Christmas Production will be ‘The Inn-spectors’.

There will be the following performances:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Final Dress Rehearsal – 2.00pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am – Community Performance

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm & 6.00pm

We have recently reviewed the number of tickets available for each performance due to the increased number of children (and families) in school. As you are aware, we have limited space in the school hall and because of this and our requirement to meet health and safety regulations, we will offer tickets for each performance on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. **There will initially be a limit of 2 tickets per family, per performance.** We will be sending out further details next week via email/bookbags

**Please note that in the afternoon of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, all the children will be swimming as usual.**

**Children in Need sponsor money**

Thank you to those families who have sent sponsor money into school so far.

If you have yet to do so, can all sponsor money be in school by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. We have recently calculated that since 2010, Beaufront First School has raised over £10,000 for good causes such as Children in Need, Sports Relief, Great North Air Ambulance to name but a few. A huge thank you, to all our families past and present.

## **Christmas decoration appeal**

If any parents have (or can buy and donate) any of the following unwanted Christmas decorations, please could they 'find their way' to Mrs Boucetla (Reception/Nursery) by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November. There is a surprise 'in the making' for the children.

- Tinsel (long)
- Fairy lights (preferably battery operated with batteries included)
- Oversized baubles
- Candy canes (real or fake)

Thank you in advance – Mrs Boucetla and the Early Years Team

## **Reading in School**

Volunteering to help at the reading sessions is invaluable for the teaching staff, and also a wonderful way for volunteers to absorb ideas and tips that support reading at home. Our children have really enjoyed the one-on-one time with an adult during the busy school day. We hope that everyone in our school community feels welcomed to take part and encourage a love of books that is vital for children (and adults!) to develop language, imagination and knowledge.

If you, your partner, or your relatives can spend half an hour in school please come and try a session. Volunteers are needed for the following times:

### **Reception/Nursery – Anytime**

**Class 1 – Monday, Wednesday & Thursday – 1.00pm. Tuesday 9.30am, Friday 2.30pm**

**Class 2 - Monday – Thursday – 9.00am**

Please speak to class teachers if you are able to help.

## **Morning Procedure in the school yard**

We would like to remind all parents that as part of our children's learning journey, we would like them **all** to be independent and parents can really help us to do this by encouraging their child/children to line up and come into school with their year group by themselves. It would really support school staff if parents do not stand next to their child as they line up. It becomes very difficult to see who is and who isn't in the lines. Please can parents also encouraged their children to carry their own bags and coats.

## **School Garden**

The next session for the 'Parent's Gardening Group' will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December (weather permitting). As ever, we would be really grateful for any parents/grandparents who could spare some time to join Grace and team in the garden. Just a little time each session will make a huge difference and help to get the best out of our fantastic garden. If you are able to help, please either contact the school office or contact Grace directly at [ghoskyn@gmail.com](mailto:ghoskyn@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**



### Gaming

Online gaming is hugely popular with children and young people.

From sport related games, to mission based games and quests inspiring users to complete challenges, online games cater for a wide range of interests, and can enable users to link up and play together. Online games and apps can provide a fun and social form of entertainment, often encouraging teamwork and cooperation when played with others. There are many ways for users to play games online. This includes free games found on the internet, games or apps on mobile phones and handheld consoles, as well as downloadable and boxed games on PCs and consoles such as the PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or Xbox.

Online safety advice is directly applicable to the gaming environment because of the risks that are present. It is essential that children are aware of these issues and are given the skills and knowledge to help manage and reduce these risks, with the help of those around them. For primary aged children, the [SMART rules](#) offer straightforward memorable safety messages that can be applied to online gaming. For older (secondary aged) children, other safety considerations may need to be addressed in more detail, including content, contact, conduct and commercial risks. These discussions may cover age ratings and inappropriate material available online, unwanted contact from others online who may wish to bully or abuse them, risks caused by a child's own behaviour or the behaviour of others, and advertising or financial risks.

### Top tips for online gaming:

1. It may seem daunting, but one of the best things parents and carers can do is to engage with the gaming environment and play a game or two with your children. Once they explain the rules to you, you may begin to understand what makes it so attractive to young people!
2. Talk with your children about the types of games they like to play. Ask them to explain to you what it is about the game that they like. If you are worried about the suitability of the game, read up about [PEGI ratings](#) which offer age ratings for different games. The PEGI icons also explain the content that is to be expected in different games.
3. Some games may offer children the chance to chat with other players by voice and text. Ask them who they are playing with and find out if they are talking to other players. If chat is available, look at the type of language that is used by other players and remind your children never to share personal information with people they only know online. If your child ever encounters problems with other players, make sure they know how to use the [blocking and reporting tools](#).
4. If you are worried about your child playing online games, look out for the many [parental controls options](#) that exist. Depending on the console, these controls can allow you to disable the internet browser, or the chat function in the game. They can also put in place time limits so you can monitor your child's gaming usage.
5. It is always a good idea to speak to your child about boundaries when using the internet. A [family agreement](#) can outline how much screen time is permitted a day, as well as ensuring your child promises to tell you if anything worrying or upsetting happens while playing online games.

## PTA News

### Whole School Non-Uniform Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

In preparation for our Festive Evening, which takes place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, we would like to invite all children to come into school in non-uniform on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Rather than a cash donation, we are asking that all children bring in the following items to be used for the Festive Evening:

EYFS (Reception/Nursery – a gift for a girl

Class 1 (yr 1 & 2) – a gift for a boy

Class 2 (yr 3 & 4) – an adult gift

We would be very, very grateful for as many items as families could donate.  
Thank you in advance

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## Diary Dates

*Please note that new dates are shown in italics*

<i>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</i>	<i>Whole School PTA donation non-uniform day</i>
<i>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>School Garden Session 1.30pm – 3.00pm</i>
<i>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Beaufront Festive Evening - 5.00pm – 7.00pm</i>
<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Whole School Christmas Lunch</i>
<i>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>‘Save the Children’ Christmas Jumper Day</i>
<i>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>School Garden Session 1.30pm – 3.00pm</i>
<i>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Production – Final Dress rehearsal – 2.00pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Community Christmas Production – 10.00am</i>
<i>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Production – 2.00pm &amp; 6.00pm</i>
<i>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</i>	<i>Beaufront Big Breakfast morning</i>
<i>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</i>	<i>School closes for Christmas Break</i>

### 2019

<i>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</i>	<i>School reopens for Spring Term</i>
<i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<i>School closes for Spring Half Term</i>
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<i>Teacher Training Day</i>
<i>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</i>	<i>School reopens</i>
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>‘Red Nose Day’</i>
<i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr</i>	<i>School closes for Easter Break</i>
<i>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr</i>	<i>School reopens for Summer Term</i>
<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday</i>
<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>School closes for Summer Half Term</i>
<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>	<i>School reopens</i>
<i>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</i>	<i>Whole School Mid-Summer Sponsored walk – further details to follow</i>
<i>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Beaufront Summer Fair – further details to follow</i>
<i>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Sports Day &amp; family BBQ – further details to follow</i>
<i>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>School closes for Summer Break</i>
<i>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept</i>	<i>Teacher Training Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</i>	<i>School opens for Autumn Term</i>