

Beaufront First School
Friday 5th October 2018
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Garden day reminder

A reminder, that our 'Autumn Harvest Garden Day' will take place on **Thursday 11th October**. As most of the activities will take place outside, **please can parents ensure that all children come into school dressed in warm, waterproof, colourful clothes and please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies in school.**

Parent Teacher Consultations

We will be holding Parent/Teacher Consultations during week beginning Monday 22nd October. It will be an opportunity to discuss how your child is progressing and raise any concerns that you have. We will be sending out appointment times/dates next week.

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.**

Beaufront Autumn Garden Day – Thursday 11th October

Please remember that we will be holding our 'Autumn Garden Day' on Thursday 11th October. Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies in school and comes to school dressed in **in warm, waterproof, colourful clothes.**

Aurora Sports 'Holiday Club'

Mr Clark will be running a 'Holiday Club' on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th October (during the half term break). 'Middle School age' siblings are also welcome to come along as part of the 'sibling offer'. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Clark directly.

Halloween School Lunch – Thursday 25th October

Mrs Hulbert is planning to serve a 'Halloween' themed lunch on Thursday 25th October. If your child currently has a packed lunch from home, they would be very welcome to have a school lunch on that day. The cost will be £2.45. Please let Fran know.



Are you a 'sharent'?

For many children online life begins before birth, when their excited parents-to-be post ultrasound images on social media. A recent report stated that 42% of parents share photos of their children online, with half of these parents posting photos at least once a month (Ofcom, 2017). For parent bloggers the frequency of posting photos is likely to be more.

But before you share, you should give thought to exactly who can see photos and comments featuring your child, and how this online footprint might affect your child in years to come.

What should you consider?

- **Who's looking?** When did you last check your privacy settings?
- **What else are you sharing?** You might be sharing more than what's in the post. As default, many cameras, phones and apps tag posts and photos with 'meta-data' which can include location details and other identifying information.
- **Ownership** Under the terms and conditions of most social networks, when you share a photo you licence the network to use and reproduce your image, and grant it the right to licence it for use by third parties. It could be used for commercial purposes, a point deliberately highlighted by the Danish company [Koppie Koppie](#), which sold mugs featuring freely downloaded pictures of young children.
- **Their digital tattoo** Every publicly accessible image or comment featuring your child contributes to a public image which will follow them into the future.

Your child's right to privacy Psychologist Aric Sigman has expressed concern about the impact on children of the eroding boundaries between private and public online: "Part of the way a child forms their identity involves having private information about themselves that remains private."

Read more about this issue at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Sharing-pictures-of-your-children/>

Diary Dates

Please note that new dates are shown in italics

<i>Thursday 11th Oct</i>	Whole School Autumn Harvest Garden Day
<i>Mon – Thurs 22nd – 25th Oct</i>	Parent/Teacher Consultations.
<i>Wednesday 24th Oct</i>	Beaufront Harvest Festival. Details to follow
Friday 26th Oct	Teacher Training Day
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 16th Nov	'Children in Need'
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
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