
Beaufront First School
Friday 7th September 2018
Newsletter
School News

We would like to welcome all our families back to school and look forward to the Autumn Term

Before and After School Provision

Our new Before and After School Provision is now ‘up and running’.

If you would still like your child to attend sessions, please complete a ‘booking’ form, which are available from the school office, as soon as possible.

Please note that payment will be requested every 4 weeks by school invoice, rather than in advance. The charge for sessions will be £5.00 per hour and will be broken down into 15 minute blocks (£1.25 per block).

Due to the cost of staffing the sessions from 8.00am to 6.00pm, we would be grateful if parents could give 24 hours notice if their child is not able to attend the sessions which have been ‘booked. Otherwise a charge for the session will be made.

‘One-off’ sessions must be booked at least 24 hours in advance and will depend on availability of places.

Whole School Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for all the children (**except Reception children**) will begin again on Tuesday 11th September. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit into school **every Tuesday**. This should include a swimming costume/trunks (no bikini or shorts please!), towel and goggles (optional).

Children in Reception class will begin swimming lessons after Autumn half term on Tuesday 6th November.

School Information

A reminder that a copy of all information sent out from the school office will be in a blue file located outside the school office window. If you think you may have missed a letter/any information, please feel free to check the file.

PE lessons

Children will continue to take part in PE sessions on Monday and Friday each week. Therefore can all children come into school in PE kit every Monday and Friday (unless otherwise informed).

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 to inform 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 during the school day, for example if your child becomes poorly.

Beaufront and District Fruit and Vegetable Association Exhibition 2018

The annual 'Apple Show' will take place on **Saturday 15th September** here at school. The show is open to all our families and you should have received information in bookbags earlier this week. Please try to come if you can.

School Meals

Please note that from 1st September 2018, the cost of a school meal for those children in Year 3 and 4 will be £2.45 per meal. Payment will be requested at the beginning of every half term. Please note that parents may pay for lunches weekly, fortnightly or monthly if they wish. If parents choose to pay termly, please ensure that payment is received in school within the first two weeks of the half term.

For those children attending nursery sessions, the cost of lunch will be £2.00 per meal. Parents of children in nursery who have taken lunch will be invoiced approximately every 4 weeks.

All cheques should be made payable to 'Northumberland County Council'

If your child has any special dietary needs, please inform us in writing of the requirements as soon as possible. We highly recommend our excellent school lunches but your child can bring a packed lunch from home instead if you wish. Please let us know if you are likely to do this.

Absence due to illness

If your child will not be attending school due to illness, please ensure that you ring school **before 9.30am** each day to inform staff. You may leave a message stating child's name, nature of illness and duration of absence if known.

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.

Morning and Entry to School Procedures

We would like to remind all parents of the following procedures.

- All adults must accompany their child/children into the school yard (If your child is attending 'Before School' club, please come to the front door).
 - Please ensure that the school gate is closed after entry of each person or group.
 - Staff will be on the school yard from 8.50am with the school 'Message book'. Any messages for staff should be written in the book. Fran will then pass the messages on to staff at the beginning of the day.
 - Any children who wish to play on the climbing frame can only do so if their parents (or a nominated adult) are standing beside the climbing frame and actively supervising their child.
 - The bell to indicate the beginning of the school day will be rung at 8.55am. Children should then line up with their year groups on the school yard. As part of our children's learning journey, we would like them to be independent and parents can help by encouraging their child to line up and come into school with their year group by themselves. It would be also be helpful if parents encouraged children to carry their own bags and coats.
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We do of course understand that some of our Nursery/Reception children may need some support from parents at this stage with lining up and coming into school and we are happy to support this.

- If adults need to leave reply slips/payments for Fran, please post them in the letterbox.
- **All adults must enter school via the front door only.** If you are planning to stay in order to help in school (i.e. if going beyond the front lobby), please sign the visitor's book and pick up a visitor/helpers badge. This is because as part of our ongoing responsibility and commitment to safeguarding, we must know who is in the building at all times.
- Any pupil arriving after 8.55am must enter school via the front door and report to Mrs Booth. After 9.00am, it will be necessary to award a late mark.
- In very rainy weather or if the yard is dangerous due to snow/ice, please enter the school via the front door **from 8.50am where you will be met by the member of staff on duty.** Before this time, staff are very busy preparing for the school day.

Parking around School

Whilst we understand that parking around school at pick up/drop off times is sometimes difficult, can we remind all parents to please park sensibly and safely and with due regard to other road users. We have been informed by Northumberland County Council that the proposed new road markings outside school and additional 'hardstanding' along the verge near school should be completed in this financial year – before April 2019. We will keep you informed of progress.

- We plan to create a disabled parking space immediately next to the school gate. Initially, the space will be indicated by cones (we are expecting NCC to provide more permanent markings in due course) Can parents please ensure that they do not take this space up at 'drop off' and 'pick up' times, even for a short time.
 - Do not park on or across corners, or right up to the junctions with the Birkey Burn road (the road to the west of School) or the entrance to Beaufront Woodhead (the access road to the east of School). Doing so impairs visibility for those attempting to emerge from the junctions, and obstructs the passage of the bus along the road. It is dangerous and contrary to the Highway Code. Please do remember that the Hexham Schools bus and the service bus pass along the roads around school as well as tractors and lorries.
 - Do not block or encroach upon the access entrance to Beaufront Woodhead – the houses next door to school
 - Park carefully along the Birkey Burn road. There must be sufficient room for the bus and other traffic to pass along in safety and for parents to walk their children safely into school.
 - Do not park in or across the gateway to any field at any time or opposite the junction to Birkey Burn Road. This causes great annoyance and inconvenience to our farmer neighbours and obstructs visibility and the movement of traffic .
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- Do not park across the entrance to the School or on the road opposite school. It must always be clear for emergency access.
- Thank you for your co-operation

Diary Dates

Please note that new dates are shown in italics

Friday 7th September	PTA Welcome BBQ
Tuesday 11th July	Swimming lessons begin for all children (except Reception Class)
Saturday 15th September	Beaufront and District Fruit and Vegetable Association Show
<i>Wednesday 26th September</i>	<i>Class 1 visit to St Mary's Lighthouse – details to follow</i>
<i>Thursday 27th September</i>	<i>Nursery/Reception – Apple picking in Oakwood – details to follow</i>
Friday 26th October	School closes for Autumn Half Term
Monday 5th November	School reopens
Tuesday 6th November	Swimming lessons begin for the whole school
Friday 21st December	School closes for Christmas Break

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Monday 7th January	School reopens for Spring Term
Friday 15th February	School closes for Spring Half Term
Monday 25th February	School reopens
Friday 5th April	School closes for Easter Break
Tuesday 23rd April	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 19th July	School closes for Summer Break