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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Children & Families,

We wish everyone a happy and safe half-term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th June.

Staffing News

We are extremely sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Sharon Doran today. Mrs. Doran has worked in our School Office for 20 years. She has always been a calm and extremely professional presence in our School. She is one of the kind voices you will have spoken to on the phone or one of the friendly faces you will have encountered at the Office window. For staff, she is the same: completely reliable, caring and always doing whatever she can for the benefit of our children. We wish her every happiness in her new job (which she knows will come with much fewer laughs).

Our lovely Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Louise Jenkins will be retiring this summer! We will be making a great fuss of her before she leaves, but in the meantime, I would like to let you know that our new Deputy Headteacher from September will be Mrs. Hayley Hodgson. Mrs. Hodgson teaches at Monkwearay Junior School. She currently works part-time which means we have been able to have her teaching in Year 3 on Thursdays and Fridays. She is therefore already becoming a full part of the team!

Year 3 Swimming

All Year 3 pupils will be going swimming on Mondays and Thursdays next half term. This will run from the first week back (Monday 5th June) for 5 weeks until Thursday 6th July. They will get a half-hour session each time. Check email/Class Dojo for further information.

Multiplication Tables Check

Our Year 4 pupils will be doing a statutory government test of their times table knowledge soon. This is a short online test. They have already completed a practice run. Teachers have withdrawn some children where they felt they would struggle performing in a time-limited way.

Sunny Weather

The present good weather is set to continue through and after the holidays. Please apply sun cream before school. Children can also wear sun hats and caps.



Walking hand in hand in the footsteps of Christ. We are His hands; We are His feet.

Information repeated from previous newsletters

Park Play

We have been approached by Park Play to see if our School would be able to host a Park Play event every Saturday morning. Similar to Park Run, this is an initiative to get us together as a community and enjoy all the benefits of being active. Park Play would require three people to organise and run sessions. Funding is available to offer this as a paid role. Having three people available means that no one needs to commit to every session (the sessions run every week of the year). All training and equipment is supplied.

See copy of flyer below with further details about Play Leaders. At this stage, we would be grateful if you could spread the word about this to anyone who might be interested. Anyone who is interested can contact School on admin@st-beghs.cumbria.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

Catherine Mallard

PlayLeaders

A PlayLeader is exactly that – the leader of the play.

They are there rain or shine on a Saturday morning to set up, bring the buzz and facilitate their community coming together to be healthy and happy.



What do they do?

PlayLeaders are the backbone of a ParkPlay. They do all sorts, including:

- Set up ParkPlay on a Saturday morning
- Lead each part of ParkPlay
- Welcome each ParkPlayer with a smile, get to know them and help them
- build relationships with other ParkPlayers
- Do the things that keep everyone safe
- Be part of our national PlayLeader community



Who makes a good PlayLeader?

PlayLeaders come from all walks of life: pediatric nurses to community liaison officers and from full time mums to security guards. But all PlayLeaders are:

- Connected to their community
- On the front foot and willing to take the initiative
- A people person through and through
- Empathetic towards everyone they meet
- There to conduct everyone's play, not coach or teach them
- Positive, inspiring and energetic people



What they gain

If you're looking to give back to your community, inspire those around you to be healthier and happier, develop your leadership skills, meet and play with new people in your area, be more active yourself, or connect to a national movement that's growing all the time, then being a PlayLeader is for you.

But don't just take our word from it - **hear what our PlayLeaders have to say!**