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Successful learning in a happy environment

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End of the School Year

We are now at the end of the school year 2021-22. This has been the first year that children have been in school full-time since 2018-19. Our Year 3 children have had their first full year in the Primary setting after their Early Years education. It has been great for us all to be 'back to normal' as far as possible and we are still vigilant about the threat of Covid in the country. We hope that everyone stays safe and enjoys the summer holidays. We say good luck to all our Year 6 children as they move on to High School and also goodbye to two members of Bewcastle staff. Miss Moscrop and Mr Miller are both leaving the school and we wish them all the best for the future whilst thanking them for their hard work here at Bewcastle School. We hope that they will come back to visit us soon. Good luck to them! We will see everyone else back at Bewcastle School for the start of the 2022-23 academic year on Wednesday September 7th.

Swimming Kit

Please can all children bring in their swimming kit on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are going to try and squeeze in another swim session. Y6 children will be joining pupils from WBS in the pool tomorrow.

PE Kit

Due to the current weather conditions predicted, for the next couple of days children are welcome to come to school in their PE kits or any light weight comfortable clothing. Please can we ask that you apply sun cream first thing in a morning and bring it in to school so they can then re-apply when needed. Please can all children bring in a suitable hat to wear whilst outside too.

School Clothing Grants

You may be aware that school clothing grants have recently been increased to £50 for Primary children and £100 for Secondary children. **To access these clothing grants, families must apply for free school meals.** We are raising awareness of this because applications have dropped since the introduction of the Infant universal free school meal offer – we know that some families are missing out on the clothing grants they are entitled to.

All details and online application form can be found at

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/childrenservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

Fellfoot Forward Summer Events

Family Bug Hunt and Pooter Making – 1-3pm Tuesday 26th July at Into the Woods near Glassonby

Celebrate the start of the summer holidays by joining Fellfoot Forward on a hunt for minibeasts, butterflies, bees and, all things crawly and small. We'll make pooters (bug catching pots) from jam jars and use these to collect samples and have a go at identifying them together. We'll create a list of everything we've found and talk about the importance of invertebrate conservation in the Fellfoot Forward scheme area, including in your own gardens and have a go at some other bug friendly activities. Fellfoot Forward will provide all other equipment but please bring a clean glass jar with lid with you if possible. Booking essential as places limited. Please book [here](#).

Save the date – Fellfoot Forward family picnic and play days with Stomping Ground CIC, 12:30-3:30pm each day

[10th August – Melmerby Village Green](#)

[11th August – Lazonby Community Park](#)

[17th August – Ainstable Millennium Green](#)

[18th August – Cumwhitton Play Park](#)

Families are invited to join Fellfoot Forward at our picnic and play sessions hosted by Stomping Ground CIC for child-led fun in the summer holidays. There will be a wide range of activities including hapazome leaf printing, mini raft building, tool crafts, bug hunting and much more. Bring a picnic blanket and some lunch and come and enjoy the afternoon with us. These events are run on a drop-in basis and families can stay for as little or as long as they like. Every child is entitled to a free packed lunch if pre-booked through the website. Please let us know of any dietary requirements when booking. There will be a free return minibus from Brampton to Melmerby on the 10th, and to Cumwhitton on the 18th. Please keep an eye on the website for details

or [contact us](#) to book. These events are made possible with funding from Brampton Area Action Group and the Peoples Postcode Lottery.

Talkin Tarn Adventure Opportunities

Darren Morgan at Talkin adventure has been in contact to say:

I am letting you know about some fully funded holiday clubs that we are running at Talkin Tarn over the summer holidays. These holiday clubs have been arranged by Brampton Area Action Group, with funding from the Postcode Lottery. We are hoping to provide an opportunity for those on low incomes to enjoy some fantastic activities and gain some new experiences. The events are open to all local children between the ages of 9-14 years.

Talkin Adventures Holiday Club

Brampton Area Action Group have arranged a number of FULLY FUNDED holiday clubs with us at Talkin Adventures, with a grant from the Postcode Lottery. These days are aimed at those on low incomes but are open to all so that nobody misses out. Please visit www.independentadventure.co.uk/clubs to book your places. These days are suitable for ages 9-14 and are fully funded. Drop off is from 9:30 and collection by 3:30. The day is fully supervised and will include two adventure activities - lunch is provided. You will just need to bring a change of clothes, towel, spare shoes, and a water bottle. Booking is essential, and please be considerate when booking places as these events are very popular and the activities will be repeated. Let us know as soon as possible if you become unable to attend as there will be a waiting list.

Holiday Activities in Carlisle during the summer

For a whole host of summer 2022 activities in and around Carlisle, you can find information on the school website at: https://www.warwickbridge.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/1453/Holiday_Activity_Leaflet_Carlisle_-_Summer_2022.pdf/

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

Cumbria libraries are encouraging children aged 4 to 12 to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge again this year, with this year's theme being Gadgeteers, 'discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around us'.

For more details, click the link: [+ Summer Reading Challenge 2022](#)

Goodbye from Mr Ashton (for now!)

My time as Executive Head at Bewcastle School will come to an end this week. I have enjoyed my time working with everyone immensely and felt honoured to have been the Head Teacher at this marvellous school. The staff and pupils are truly amazing with every one of them having a wealth of talents to contribute to the development of the school. Thank you for making me very welcome indeed. Bewcastle is a unique school with a whole host of wonderful attributes. I look forward to returning to Bewcastle as I will be working with Mr Dixon during his first year of headship. I will not be in the school as often as before, but will be visiting throughout the school year.

Once again, all the best for the summer holidays. Stay safe and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Mark Ashton