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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Industrial Action in the Education Sector

There has been a lot of coverage of teachers taking industrial action in the coming weeks. The next date for action is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Bewcastle School will remain **OPEN** throughout these dates, we may operate on reduced staffing and not follow the national curriculum on these planned action dates.

### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everybody who has responded so far, please can we ask if you haven't already completed the survey if you could do so by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please see details below on how to access the questionnaire.

As a governing board our role is to not only ensure successful running of the school is undertaken but to ensure the children receive the best possible start to their education. Our priorities are most certainly focused on the happiness and the success of each child. As such we would like to ask you to complete the following questionnaire. It should only take five minutes but would be a useful tool for us to gauge how well the school is performing not just in the eyes of regulatory bodies such as Ofsted but with the people that are most important to us, you!

If there is anything that the questionnaire brings to light that you wish to discuss further, please feel free to send me an email.

To access the questionnaire please see the below link.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=izGTMEImPE2czcYSH5jioZLCjMQWEF9OmuS60t4F\\_sRURUJLM1M3TUtBVzBVRDBQS0oyN0RHVFlyVi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=izGTMEImPE2czcYSH5jioZLCjMQWEF9OmuS60t4F_sRURUJLM1M3TUtBVzBVRDBQS0oyN0RHVFlyVi4u)

### Bewcastle blasts from the past

Did you or anyone you know go to Bewcastle school in the past? Would you be willing to come in to school to be interviewed by the pupils as we are collecting memories from ex-pupils as part of an upcoming History project about the school through the ages.

If you are willing to come in to be interviewed and share your experiences, please contact the school so we can arrange a suitable time.

### Uniform update

A 2023 uniform order form is being sent home evening. If anyone would like to place an order direct through school (this cheaper than through the BE website), please complete the form and return to school along with payment no later than Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Orders over £65 qualify for free delivery to school, orders under £65 will be charged £4.99. We are trying to do one bulk order to try and avoid delivery costs.

### Non-uniform day

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March it's red nose day, this year instead of raising money for comic relief we will be raising money for our chosen charity for this term, Cancer Research UK. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on this date, however we do ask for £1 donation. All proceeds raised will go to Cancer Research UK.

### Little Learners

Little Learners Dumfries & North Carlisle are coming along to Bewcastle Primary School playgroup to hold a messy play session on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm. Please spread the word as we would love to welcome new and current members to this session.

### Easter Egg Challenge Comp

We have an egg-citing event for your children to take part in this Easter – the traditional, decorate a hard-boiled egg/eggs competition! All you need to do is hard boil an egg and let your child decorate it any way they wish. You can use whatever materials you like. The more creative and colourful the better! You may want to have a theme, or dress your egg up, or just simply decorate it. There are no rules - just ENJOY and HAVE FUN! We look forward to see everyone's creations and ideas. A winner will be chosen from each class and they will receive a chocolatey Easter prize. All decorated eggs need to be in school by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Over the Easter period, children will be taking part in other Easter challenges in school.

### Bewcastle Primary School Water Bottles.

We have a limited amount of Bewcastle School Water bottles (500ml) for sale at the cost of £1.40. These are clear plastic bottles, with a pull style sports cap. If you would like to make a purchase, please complete the below form.

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### Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/bewcastle/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by March 29th, 2023.**

### Online Safety Newsletter

Please see below a link to March's issue of the online safety newsletter.

[https://www.bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/397/Online\\_Safety\\_Newsletter\\_March\\_2023.pdf/](https://www.bewcastle.cumbria.sch.uk/uploads/397/Online_Safety_Newsletter_March_2023.pdf/)

### Cost of Living - Support for Parent/Carers and their families

Cumbria County Council has committed 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the councils 'Ways to Welfare' website.

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp>

### Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A strep

There have been cases of scarlet fever in the local area. Please find a link from the UK Health Security Agency with information regards to scarlet fever and invasive group A strep.

[UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep)

## **Dates for diary**

### **PE**

PE this term will be held on a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday morning delivered by the coaches from GLL. Please can children bring in their PE kit in at the start of the week and leave in school. **On PE days please can all children come to school wearing uniform.**

### **After school clubs**

Multi sports after school club is delivered by GLL on a Wednesday (3.15-4.30pm), this will run up until Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Choir club is delivered by Ms Sutton on a Tuesday (3.15-4.30pm), this will run up until Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### **Bewcastle Warm Spot**

Please see link below for more information on Bewcastle Warm Spot held at Roadhead Hall.

[Parish Council - Bewcastle Primary School](#)

### **Years 3 & 4 Lacrosse Festival**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, William Howard School are holding a Lacrosse festival for children in years 3&4. Limited places are available but we will try to include all children who are interested in taking part.

### **KS1 trip**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, EYFS and KS1 children will be visiting the dinky dinosaur exhibition at the Great North Museum in Newcastle. This trip will be within school hours.