



St Breock Primary School

Welcome to
Beacons
(Foundation Stage 1)
Autumn 2020

Learning, Love & Laughter

Child's Name:

Welcome to Beacons

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Head of School

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Welcome to St Breock Primary School

You and your family are very welcome and we hope that this is the start or continuation of a relationship which lasts for many years. This booklet has been put together to help make your child's first days at school a happy experience and to help them settle in as quickly as possible.

Our School

St Breock is a welcoming and friendly environment in which individual children are nurtured and encouraged to grow with confidence, preparing them for their path ahead. We strive to create a foundation for learning, which is embedded for life. Health and wellbeing is of utmost importance and we seek to develop this so children are able to reach their full potential.

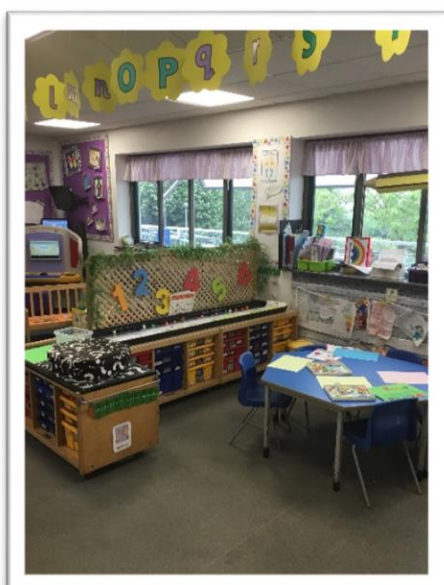
Learning, Love and Laughter is our school motto and is at the core of everything we do. We have developed a Toolkit for Learning, Love and Laughter, which uses the Olympic Values of; determination, respect, inspiration, courage, excellence, friendship and equality as characteristics of a good learner. We ensure the children are able to use this as a language for learning, which builds resilience and independence.



Our Classroom

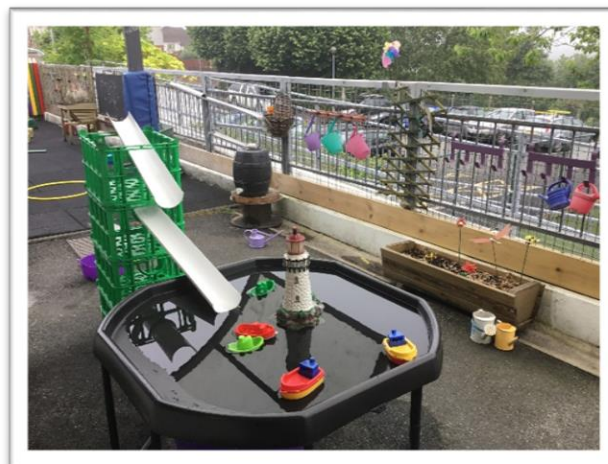
We have lots of areas to explore inside

Home Corner
Creative area
Mark Making
Maths area
Playdough
Construction
Small World
Reading corner



We have lots of areas to explore outside

**Sand
Water
Bigger construction toys
Games
Chalk
Kitchen
Bikes**



What you need to know about

Autumn Term 2020

All children will start on the same day at 8.45 am. Please enter via the Beacons gate, which is just beyond the main entrance.

Morning sessions are 8.45-11.45am and afternoon sessions 12.45-3.45pm (12.45-2.45pm on Fridays). If you wish for your child to stay all day they will have an additional hour of care over lunchtime.



Please be aware that sessions finish at
2.45pm
EVERY FRIDAY
For staff planning and training.

Uniform

We do not expect children in Beacons to wear uniform, that is your choice. Many children do choose to do so. Our school uniform is bright and smart. Purple sweatshirts with the school logo (available to order via the link on our school website), white polo shirts, navy blue trousers or shorts for the boys and navy blue skirts or pinafores for the girls. Girls can, of course, wear trousers if they want to. Girls may wear gingham dresses in the Summer months. Black shoes and white or navy socks. Navy or purple tights may be worn under skirts or dresses.

It is very important that all clothing is named for very obvious reasons. A laundry marker will do the job admirably, sew-in name tapes can be ordered from “Vivienne’s” in the town or online as well as other name stickers. It is absolutely essential that **ALL** items of clothing are clearly named.



PE Bag

The children will have a kit bag in school provided by us and hung in the cloakroom on their peg. Please could you provide to go in it:

- A pair of plimsoles to change into on arrival
- A pair of shorts/leggings
- A T-shirt
- A full change of clothes just in case

Your child will bring this kit home every half term so that it can be washed. Can you please check to see if their trainers still fit them as their feet grow at an alarming rate....as you know!

Food

When your child starts Beacons, you will find they are quite tired and hungry at the end of their session. This is quite natural and to be expected.

As part of our programme for Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will provide the children with a mid-morning snack. We consider the development of healthy eating habits to be of paramount importance and therefore children will be offered water to drink and fruit to eat.

If your child is staying all day or just for lunch, they are able to either bring a packed lunch or have a school lunch. This is payable via Parent Pay, which we will help you set up once your child has started with us. The children have their lunch in the School Hall. Beacons children come into the hall first when it is quiet and are seated before any other children come in. We find the children really enjoy being part of this element of school life.

Water Bottles

Please can your child bring a named water bottle with them to school every day. Children will keep these above their pegs and be encouraged to drink water throughout the day.

Welly Boots

Please provide a pair of wellington boots for your child, which will stay at school. We regularly explore the larger field area, the growing area and the Wild Woods. During these sessions we participate in many different curricular activities to extend and challenge our learning in a unique and different way. Please clearly write your child's name on these.



The Practicalities

The First Day

On the first day at school, please help your child find his or her peg in the cloakroom. Your child's name and picture will be above their peg. Please help them to change their shoes and engage in the activities on offer.

Don't Worry!

If your child is upset, come in with him or her, but try to leave as quickly as you can. They really do recover much faster when you are out of sight! We promise that should your child continue to be distressed, we will ring you. **Please keep us up to date with current telephone numbers and mobile numbers.** It is essential we have the correct information to enable us to contact you in an emergency.

Books

All the children in the Beacons will be given one of these bags. For these we charge £4.00.

Parking

You may not be aware that we do not allow parents to park on school site at any time. I would appreciate if you would adhere to this for the safety of all pedestrians, especially the children. Thank you.

We have in place a one-way system for all parents so that cars may drive up Tremarren Road but NOT DOWN enabling us to relieve the bottle neck outside school and at the entrance to Dunveth Road. Simply put, if you are leaving school please do not drive down Tremarren Road but drive up through Talmena Avenue.

Please also pass this on to other family members if they collect your child.

Further on, when your child is settled into the school routine, we do provide a 'drop off' service where parents can drive into the school entrance where a member of staff waits for children and supervises them being escorted to their class.

The School Office

Our office is staffed by Mrs Paula Barton and Mrs Sam Caddel. Together they will be able to help you with all kinds of things such as uniform, free school meals forms and other useful information. You can contact them throughout the day; they are the source of all knowledge here.

Show and Tell

This takes place every Friday. Please encourage your child to bring in and talk about something that is special to them. This is one of many ways which supports and develops speaking and listening skills. Please leave toys at home for the rest of the week if you can, however we do have a safe box for children to pop their toys in on arrival if they are desperate to bring something with them.



Keeping in Touch

Newsletters are sent out to parents electronically a few times each term and are numbered termly. In addition, we send out a short weekly bulletin. These letters are intended to keep you up to date with everything that is happening in school throughout the terms. If you feel you have missed one, a paper copy is displayed on our outside noticeboard at the front of the school. You will be able to tell easily due to the numbering system! Please read them carefully and make a note of important dates and deadlines.

Alternatively, you could visit our school website to access the latest newsletter and lots more information about the school:

This is our main source of communication with you, so it is vital we have your most up to date email address and mobile phone details.

Apps/Websites

You will need access to the following;

Arbor App - for updating details and receiving messages

The school website - for information, news and links to learning.

Tapestry App or website - for celebrating your child's learning at home and school. The link to register for this is below;

<https://forms.microsoft.com/FormsPro/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rVOWGVbBBUq60whMGjC2GNQzh8GyMTBDIM8-H3wZjiVUNIIXOU5LMjJZWFBKVzEyWVRGTUILWkgxOC4u>

The Parent Pay website - for paying for school equipment and trips as we do not have cash in school.

The School's Facebook, Instagram and/or Twitter pages - to keep up to date with all that is going on

If you are new to the school, we are able to support you with setting these things up once your child is enrolled with us.

Health

Please do not let your child make the decision about attendance. Adults **must** take that responsibility. Being at home with Mum or Dad is the best place for a child who does not feel well. Some children will protest to return to school, but you know your child and will be able to judge the best course of action to take. Here are some guidelines to help you:

- * No child should attend with a temperature.
- * Gastric upsets need 48 hours for recovery **after** the last bout of diarrhoea or sickness. If children return to school too early they bring infection with them and their resistance is low.
- * Conjunctivitis is extremely contagious and should be treated before the child returns to school.
- * Children on antibiotics should really be at home unless the doctor advises otherwise.
- * Whilst we can administer prescribed medicines in school, please note that parents must complete and sign an information sheet detailing dosage (available upon request in the classroom). Administering of non-prescribed medicines (e.g. Calpol) is at the discretion of the Head of School.
- * The school should be notified of any infectious illness, so other parents can be warned.
- * If you find your child has head lice, please report the case to school and keep your child at home until you have treated the whole family. Advice can be obtained from the School Nurse Team on 01208 256808.
- * Parents whose children suffer from asthma will be asked to complete an asthma plan. Children will have free access to their own inhaler but be supervised in its use.
- * It is a school policy to contact parents if a child is unwell at school.
- * Please inform us by phone between 8.30 and 9.00am on 01208 815900 if your child is not well enough to attend school.



Early Years Foundation Stage

Specific Areas

Our Foundation 1 class, St Breock Beacons, and the Foundation 2 class form the *Early Years Foundation Stage* (Key Stage One begins in Year One). We work towards the Early Learning Goals, which are organised into the seven areas of learning shown above.

This feeds into our whole school Personal Development Curriculum and Our Toolkit for Learning, Love & Laughter, which form our school values and expectations.



St Breock Whole School Personal Development Overview

Jigsaw Theme Fundamental British Values Physical Skill – KS2 5 Ways to Wellbeing The equality act	Wk1 Celebrating people who....	Wk2 Celebrating people who....	Wk3 Celebrating people who....	Wk4 Celebrating people who....	Wk5 Celebrating people who....	Wk6 Celebrating people who....
Toolkit for Learning, Love & Laughter. Trauma Informed School Approach. RE Curriculum. PE Curriculum. ICT Curriculum.						
Aut 1 Being Me in My World <i>Musical Respect</i> Passing & Moving Connect	Help Others to feel welcome Asm – My World Respect	Try to make our school community a better place Asm – St Breock Appreciation	Think about everyone's right to learn Asm - Tolokit Consideration	Care about others feelings Asm - Kindness – The Boy, the Mole the Fox and the Horse Regard	Work well with others Courtesy	Choose to follow the learning charter Kind
Class Focus – Toolkit for Learning, Love & Laughter/ Talk Partners - Communication						
Aut 2 Celebrating differences <i>Democracy & Tolerance</i> Attacking & Defending Keep Learning Diversity	Accept that everyone is different Asm – Celebrating Difference Determination	Include others when working and playing Asm - The Great Big Book of Families - To understand what diversity is. Conviction	Know how to help if someone is unhappy Dedication	Try to solve problems Persistence	Try to use kind words Asm -Kindness – The Boy, the Mole the Fox and the Horse Integrity	Know how to give and receive compliments
Class Focus – Diversity in religion, beliefs, lifestyle- visits						
Spr 1 Dreams and Goals <i>Individual Liberty & Rule of Law</i> Flexibility, control & balance Take Notice Choices	Stay motivated when doing something challenging Asm – Dreams & Goals Inspiration	Keep trying even when it is difficult Asm - Dog's don't do ballet – choices – dreams and goals – support Motivation	Work well with a partner or in a group Asm – The Rule of Law Asm KS2 – Holocaust Remembrance Enthusiasm	Have a positive attitude Asm – Take notice to improve our day Energy	Help others to achieve their goals Asm - "What's the bravest thing you have ever said? Asked the boy. Help said the horse. The B, M, F & H Safer Internet Day Vision	Are working hard to achieve their own dreams and goals Asm - "What is over there ? It's the wild don' fear it!" The B, M, F & H
Class Focus – Aspirations – Primary Futures						
Spr 2 Healthy me <i>Strength & technique</i> Be Active	Have made a healthy choice Asm - Lent Excellence	Have eaten a healthy balanced diet Quality	Have been physically active Asm – St Piran Choice	Have tried to keep themselves and others safe Ownership	Know how to be a good friend and enjoy healthy friendships Asm – Marmaduke Agreement	Know how to keep calm and deal with difficult situations
Class Focus – Health & Wellbeing fortnight						
Summer 1 Relationships <i>Striking & Fieiding</i> Connect	Know how to make friends Asm - Relationships Equality & Friendship	Try to solve friendship problems when they occur Asm – Madame Badobedah – friendship Gracious	Help others to feel part of a group Asm – Team St Breock Generous	Show respect in how they treat others Harmony	Know how to help themselves or others when the feel upset or hurt Agreement	Know and show what makes a good relationship
Class Focus – Friendship & relationships						
Summer 2 Changing me <i>Personal best</i> Give Unique	Understand that everyone is unique and special Asm – Changing Me Courage	Can express how they feel when change happens Asm - We're all Wonders Spirit	Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves Tenacity	Understand and respect the changes that they see in other people Asm - "We love you whether you can fly or not". The B, M, F & H Bravery	Know who to ask for help if they are worried about change	Looking forward to change
Class Focus – Moline on						

And Finally ...

This is a very important time for you and your child. Your child is starting on a new adventure which will last for at least twelve more years! It is vitally important these years are happy ones and we do everything possible at St Breock to make the primary years special for your child. In Early Years Education we lay the foundations for the future. Our role is so important and we strive for excellence in the classroom.

You play an enormous part in this adventure. Educating your child involves us all and you can help in so many ways to promote a positive approach to education. We value our very strong links with parents and we know the children benefit as a result.

This may be your first child to start school. It may be the last of many! The emotions will be the same, hoping the children are happy and not upset in any way. You may be more upset than they are on the first day, but it gets better. Honestly! If there are any problems at school, we will always let you know either by phone or by seeing you at the end of the day. So please try not to worry.

Lastly, if you are concerned about anything at all, please come and see us. Talking will allow us to be aware of the problem and we will then be able to do something about it. We know your children are very special to you, they are already or will quickly become very special to us also.

We appreciate this is a lot of information to take in and you will naturally have questions and queries. Please do not hesitate to email us at hello@stbreock.org.uk

We look forward to you becoming part of the St Breock family.

