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### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Thank you for your continuing patience with the constant staff shortages and never-ending illnesses! Hopefully this will all end at some point. We have decided to continue having only outside providers running clubs for the first half term and this is largely due to high levels of staff absence. We hope to get other clubs up and running for the final half term. This does mean there will be fewer places but we will try our best to distribute places fairly.

### **Beacon Centre**

With this newsletter is an Adventure Hour flyer for some free sessions for children aged 2-4 (so this will be perfect for children in Nursery). The information is on the leaflet, but it's a great opportunity with Northcott Theatre. Parents can follow the link on the leaflet to book.

They also have 2 family fun days over Easter – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April (10:00 – 13:00) – parents can expect craft/games/sports and an Easter Egg Hunt. There will also be a free lunch! People can book by visiting The Beacons Centres Facebook Page (there will be a link coming soon) or phone: 01392 204979 and leave a message.

### **PTA**

Thank you to all who bought Mothers' day gifts; the children love picking gifts for their special person and you helped us raise nearly £350!

Don't forget next week is the last week to hand in your 2022 challenge forms and money, we've had a few back already and seen some amazing pictures of cakes etc people have made.

The PTA are meeting on **Thursday 7th April at 3.30** in the field by the outdoor classroom, come along and find out our plans for the summer and the summer fair, as always there will be biscuits and hot drinks. All are welcome to attend.

### **Covid**

I am sure you are aware of the regulation changes regarding testing and there is no longer the need to use lateral flow tests.

From next week, symptoms remain unchanged and if a child tests positive the need to be off for three days with day zero being the day of the test. If they are well after three days, they may return. If your child still has a temperature, they should remain of school.

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### **Parent Autism Awareness programme**

Attending the Autism awareness parent programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting presenting needs.

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

No.	Topic	Programme 2	Programme 3	Programme 4
1	Autism overview	Wed 27 Apr 1-3 p.m	Fri 6 May 10a.m-12	Wed 22 Jun 9.30-11.30
2	Communication	Wed 4 May 1-3 p.m	Fri 13 May 10a.m-12	Wed 29 Jun 9.30-11.30
3	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Wed 11 May 1-3 p.m	Fri 20 May 10a.m-12	Wed 6 Jul 9.30-11.30
4	Sensory	Wed 25 May 1-3 p.m	Fri 27 May 10a.m-12	Wed 13 Jul 9.30-11.30

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To secure a place on any of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

### **Parent Autism Topic based workshops - The Communication & Interaction Team (Babcock LDP)**

These are topic based workshops, and available for parents/carers to choose from based on the priority needs for their child/young person and desired knowledge and further understanding in these topic areas:

Date	Time	Topic	Trainer
Tues 26 Apr	9.30-11.30	Autism – Communication (pre/non verbal – support strategies)	Laura Matthews
Mon 16 May	12.30-2.30	Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies)	Laura O'Shea
Tues 24 May	9.30-11.30	Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Alison Cann
Wed 15 Jun	9.30-11.30	Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Robert Good
Fri 8 Jul	9.30-11.30	Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Paul Lamanna
Thurs 28 Jul	9.30-11.30	Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Kevin Jones

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**Week 3**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>	<b>Main Meal</b>
Cheesy Ham Pasta Bake with Homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread and Peas	Willowbrook Stacker Burger with Potato Wedges and Salad	Roast Chicken, Roast or Creamed Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables with Optional Gravy	Sausage and Bacon with Sauté Potatoes and Baked Beans	Breaded Fish, French Fries and Veggie Sticks
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	<b>Vegetarian Option</b>
Butternut Squash Risotto with Homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread and Peas	Vegetable Lasagne with Courgette Pasta, Potato Wedges and Salad	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake, Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables	Roasted Root Vegetables and Vegan Pesto Pasta Bake with Focaccia Bread and Salad	Homemade Vegetable Nuggets, French Fries and Veggie Sticks
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With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>	<b>Dessert</b>
Peach Slice	Sticky Toffee Slice	Fresh Fruit	Banana and Blueberry Muffins	Cookie