

# Beckley Church of England Primary School

## School Newsletter

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Our Christian Value for  
this month is...

## Patience

### The School Prayer

*This is our school  
Let peace dwell here  
Let the room be full of contentment  
Let love be here  
Love of one another  
Love of mankind  
And love of God  
Let us remember  
That as many hands build a house  
So many hearts make a school*

Dear Parents

As the half term holiday arrives upon us, I would like to offer a personal thank you for the support you have given myself and the staff during the first half term of the school year. We are looking forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### Corn Snake Visit

Last week the children were lucky enough to receive a visit from a corn snake! Tamsin, who was looking after the slithery guest, gave a series of interesting talks to classes on the reptile. Some children were so inspired that they wrote extensive recounts about the unusual experience.



### Fire and Rescue Service Visit

Year 5 and 6 had a visit from the Fire and Rescue Service last week. They explored fire safety in the home, potential causes of fire and the importance of smoke alarms. They listened to and discussed a recording of a child making a hoax 999 call.

### PGL Sharing Assembly

All of children in Year 6 created PowerPoint presentations describing their wonderful adventures during the recent PGL residential visit.

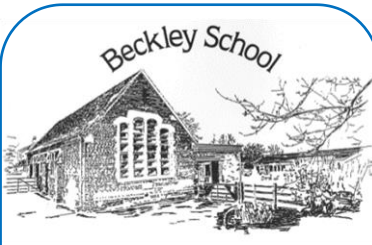


The children then voted for Honey and Marci to show their presentation to the rest of the school, which they did in a very accomplished manner during the following sharing assembly. Before this happened, the whole class helped to edit and improve the presentation. We now know how to belay properly!

### Cold Weather

As the colder weather approaches, we would encourage children to bring hats, gloves, scarfs and warm coats into school. Please ensure that all items are clearly named so that they can be returned to their rightful owners. Thank you.





## **Beckley School After School Club**

Our popular After School Club runs from 3.20pm until 5.30pm every school day.

It provides high quality childcare with a wide range of fun activities and play opportunities for the children.

The club is run by the school and conforms to all of our policies and procedures.

Any child who attends the school is welcome to join the club.

Places are restricted for the children's own safety and to ensure adequate staffing.

It costs £7.00 per child and £3.50 for each sibling. Pupils must be booked into After School Club in advance.

After School Club can be contacted through the school office.

## **School Photographs**

You will have by now received proofs of the recent school photographs. If you wish to purchase any prints, please return the form provided to the school office by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## **After School Club**

Yesterday we sent out a new booking form for After School Club to all families via ParentMail. Where possible, please ensure that you book places in advance, so that we can ensure suitable staffing ratios. This new form is available on our website.

## **Lunch Menu**

We also sent out the new lunch menu to all parents this week. This is now also available on the school website and can be found on the notice board in the main playground.

## **Christmas Dates**

For anyone that missed the dates on the previous newsletter, the Key Stage Two Carol Service is due to take place in the Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The Reception and Key Stage One Nativity will take place in the Church on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm.



## **Lost Property**

We have an increasing amount of lost property in school. If you think your child may have misplaced an item recently, please encourage them to check the lost property box.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski  
Headteacher

## **Important Dates**

### ***October***

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

31<sup>st</sup> Children back to school

### ***November***

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 join Year 3 for ongoing swimming lessons

3<sup>rd</sup> Maths Challenge at St Edward's School

8<sup>th</sup> Maths Challenge at Summer Fields School

11<sup>th</sup> Flu Spray – Y1, Y2 and Y3  
(Please return form by 4.11.16)

14<sup>th</sup> Year 1 and 2 cinema visit

15<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

18<sup>th</sup> Children in Need

29<sup>th</sup> Big Christmas Sing 2016 at Oxford Town Hall (Year 6 and part of Year 5)

### ***December***

6<sup>th</sup> Carol Service for Key Stage 2 in the Church at 6pm

7<sup>th</sup> Nativity for Reception and KS1 in the Church at 2.15pm

12<sup>th</sup> Pantomime in Hall – 1.45pm  
All children from YR – Y6

16<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 1.20pm

### ***January***

3<sup>rd</sup> INSET day – school closed

4<sup>th</sup> Children back to school

17<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

25<sup>th</sup> NSPCC assembly and workshops

### ***February***

8<sup>th</sup> Height and weight checks for Reception and Year 6

10<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 3.20pm

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM

20<sup>th</sup> Children back to school

### ***March***

7<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

24<sup>th</sup> Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

28<sup>th</sup> Class photographs

### ***April***

7<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 1.20pm

24<sup>th</sup> Children back to school