

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*

BOOK WEEK SPECIAL

Book Week was a highly anticipated week-long series of rich and engaging events that did not disappoint. A wide range of activities had a very real impact on the children, reinforcing their enjoyment of stories and reading. Here is a small selection of photos...



Dressing up as characters from our favourite books, sharing the stories



The Book Swap that saw unwanted books finding brand new homes



Parents and visitors became immersed in reading to children in each class



The Book Fair earned £412 commission towards new reading books for school



Winners...

1st place – Shane
In the dentist chair

2nd place – Molly
On the shed roof

3rd place – John
In the bath

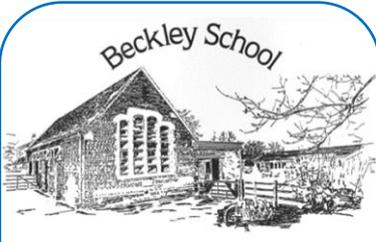
Two winners of the 'Extreme Reading' photo challenge with their entries



Special lessons were aimed at encouraging creativity around stories

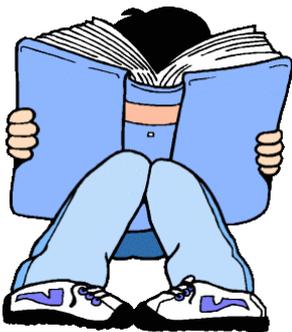


An Inter-House Readathon encouraged children to read lots – Oak House won



Thank you to all of our staff, parents, visitors and children who contributed towards making Book Week such an enjoyable and impactful achievement.

It was so successful, that we are already looking forward to next year's Book Week.



IN OTHER NEWS...

Open Morning

Last week we also hosted an Open Morning in celebration of a successful start the new school year. It was particularly wonderful to welcome visitors from the local community, who were keen to take tours of the school to see the staff and children at work.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

In conjunction with the Open Day, we held a Coffee Morning in the hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Children in Year 6 were delighted to be a part of the morning, serving cakes, collecting donations and clearing tables.



Thank you to everybody who came to support the occasion and for your kind donations. Thanks to your generosity, £211.82 was raised for Macmillan.



The Friends of Beckley School

AGM

A reminder that The Friends of Beckley School (FOBS) would like to invite you to their AGM on Wednesday 12th October.

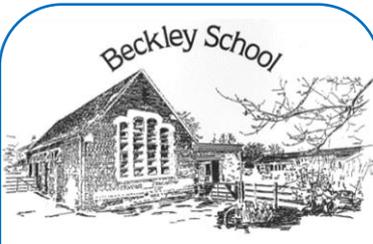
The meeting will be held at school and will begin at 3.30pm.

We will be offering free child care in one of the classrooms for the duration of the meeting, so as to encourage as many parents as possible to attend.

Peter McCool (FOBS Chair) and Katy Smith (FOBS Treasurer) have given excellent service, but are now wishing to stand down from their respective roles.

Therefore, for FOBS to thrive, it is important, that there is strong support at the meeting and that these key roles are filled.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.



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.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those who attended this week's parents' evenings. We have already had some positive feedback from parents on the new, more efficient online booking system and on the revised format of the evening.

Chess Club

If there are any parent volunteers who are interested in running a regular Chess Club, please contact the office.

Operation Christmas Child

We will again this year be taking part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project. For families new to the school, this initiative aims to deliver shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to children in need around the globe.



If you wish to participate, please bring shoebox gifts into school between Monday 7th November and Friday 11th November. To find out more visit www.operationchristmaschild.org Forms are available from the office.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all parents and carers who provided gifts and attended one or both of the services that we held in Church today, as part of our celebration of Harvest. It was great to see so many parents in the Church and I am sure you will agree that the children really rose to the occasion. A special thanks goes to Gina Robson, who kindly transported the donated food gifts to the local Foodbank, where they were very gratefully received.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher

Important Dates

October

- 11th Fire and Rescue Service visit to school (Year 5 – Year 6)
- 12th FOBS AGM 3.30pm at school
All are welcome to attend
- 17th Photographs – for individuals, siblings and families
- 21st Break up today at 3.20pm
- 24th – 28th HALF TERM

November

- 3rd Year 4 join Year 3 for ongoing swimming lessons
- 3rd Year 6 Maths Challenge at St Edward's School
- 8th Year 4 Maths Challenge at Summer Fields School
- 15th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 18th Children in Need
- 29th Big Christmas Sing 2016 at Oxford Town Hall (Year 6 and part of Year 5)

December

- 6th **Carol Service for Key Stage 2 in the Church at 6pm**
- 7th **Nativity for Reception and KS1 in the Church at 2.15pm**
- 12th Pantomime in Hall –1.45pm
All children from YR – Y6
- 16th Break up today at 1.20pm

January

- 3rd INSET day – school closed
- 4th Children back to school
- 17th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

February

- 10th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 13th – 17th HALF TERM

March

- 7th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 24th Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)

April

- 7th Break up today at 1.20pm

May

- 9th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 26th Break up today at 3.20pm