

Beckley Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

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Our Christian Value for
this month is...

Courage

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*

Maths Challenge

A selection of Year 6 children visited St. Edward's School to compete in a county-wide maths competition. Out of 80 teams, one team came 24th and the other came 7th – this is historically our best ever finish!



Last week our maths teams from Year 4 attended their competition at Summer Field's School. They also performed extremely well, although we are still awaiting the final result.



Tag Rugby Club

Due to the increasingly dark evenings, last week's Tag Rugby session was the final one of this year. Thank you to Mr James for organising and running Tag Rugby, which is thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children who attend. Mr James is keen for the club to restart after February half term.



Headteacher's Surgery

The next Headteacher's Surgery will take place on Tuesday 15th November between 4pm and 6pm. Ten minute appointments can be made with Mrs Brown in the school office.

Children in Need

Next Friday (18th November) we will be raising money for Children in Need in school. One of the younger children in Key Stage One had the idea of all coming to school wearing pyjamas for the day! Please send your child with a suggested donation of £1 on the day.

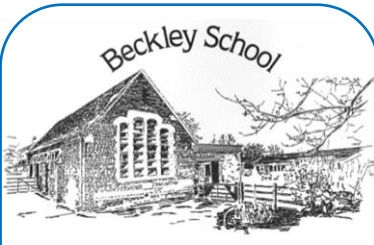


The official national theme for this year is to wear spots, but any pyjamas, slippers, dressing gowns, teddy, etc, would be absolutely fine. Thank you.

Staffing Update

Today we said farewell to two members of staff. Mrs Stuart has accepted a new challenge and Mrs Woodward begins her maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to both Mrs Stuart and Mrs Woodward, who have both given excellent service to Beckley School. We wish them well for the future.





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.

Remembrance Day



Today the whole school met together to commemorate Armistice Day.



Two minutes of silence and personal reflection was observed by pupils and staff as the Church bells struck 11am.

Christmas Lunch

This year Reception and Key Stage One will have their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 13th December. Key Stage Two will enjoy their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December. The booking process for this will be the same as for every school day. Children must have a packed lunch on the day that they are not having Christmas dinner. This can be provided, but must be booked via the office in advance.

FOBS Update

I am delighted to report that FOBS now has a new committee, consisting of:

Liz Buttery	Co-Chair
Liz Campbell	Co-Chair
Rachael Easdale	Treasurer
Sarah Hurst	Secretary

There was a very positive handover meeting on Tuesday evening, at which it was decided to hold the Christmas Fayre following the Nativity on Wednesday 7th December. More information will follow. It was also agreed that FOBS would kindly fund the Pantomime that all children watch in our hall. Thank you to all involved in ensuring the future success of FOBS.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher

Important Dates

November

- 14th Year 1 and 2 cinema visit
- 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
- 7th Christmas Fayre at 3.20pm
- 12th Pantomime in Hall –1.45pm
All children from YR – Y6
- 13th Reception and Key Stage One Christmas lunch
- 14th Key Stage Two Christmas lunch
- 16th Break up today at 1.20pm

January

- 3rd INSET day – school closed
- 4th Children back to school
- 17th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 25th NSPCC assembly and workshops
- 27th Year 3 and 4 visit to the Sheldonian Theatre

February

- 8th Height and weight checks for Reception and Year 6
- 10th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 13th – 17th HALF TERM
- 20th Children back to school

March

- 7th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 24th Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
- 28th Class photographs

April

- 7th Break up today at 1.20pm
- 24th Children back to school

May

- 1st Bank holiday – school closed
- 9th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 26th Break up today at 3.20pm