

Beckley Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

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Our Christian Value for
this month is...

Unity

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

A very warm welcome to the start of a new school year at Beckley School, particularly to our new families. The children have had three enjoyable and successful days settling into their new classes and routines.

Book Week

Mrs Alexander will be sending out information about the hotly anticipated Book Week shortly, but it is worth noting that you are all invited to the grand opening of the brand new library at 2.45pm on Monday 18th September 2017.

Curriculum Information Evening

You are invited to an informal drop-in information evening between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on Thursday 14th September 2017. Whilst no individual appointments can be made, you will be able to meet your child's teacher and discuss the new topic overview.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a condition which requires any type of support or medication you must inform school in writing. Please complete a form, which is available from Mrs Brown, detailing the exact nature of the condition and the prescribed intervention and or treatment. If your child requires a specific treatment your GP will write a care plan informing the school.

Important Dates

Please note that you can find all of the upcoming events in the 'Important Dates' section at the end of this and each subsequent newsletter.

Newsletters and Class Letters

Regular Newsletters will be sent out via ParentMail to keep you up-to-date with what has been happening in school, as well as providing details of upcoming events. Parents who cannot access e-mails will be supplied with a paper copy upon request.

Cycling Proficiency

Our current provider of cycling proficiency is not able to continue with us this year. If you are interested in being trained by the local authority to provide cycling proficiency lessons to our older children on a voluntary basis, please contact the school office.

Labelling Children's Clothes

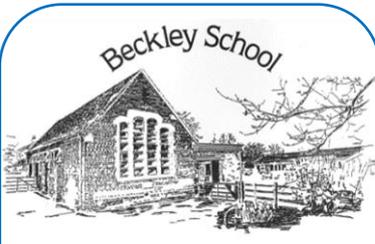
Please ensure your child's clothes are labelled. If your child misplaces their clothes they will be unable to identify them if they are unnamed.

Swimming

This year, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will take part in swimming lessons. We ask for a small voluntary contribution to help with the cost of transport. Hobby Class is swimming this term, with Skylark class taking over after Christmas. Mrs Brown will send out information due course.

Headteacher's Surgery

Headteacher's Surgery sessions are available from 4pm to 6pm on the third Tuesday of each half term, providing an opportunity to not only discuss concerns, but any positive suggestions for the school. Ten minute appointments can be made with Mrs Brown in the school office.



Morning Gate and Lateness

For Safety reasons, children must use the pedestrian entrance by the zig zag path between 8.40am and 9am.

Please only use the main entrance if you are late, after 9am, and report to the school office to ensure that your child is signed in.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their children arrive at school on time.

Lateness can disrupt the learning of others and can result in a pupil feeling greater stress and achieving poorer outcomes.

Please make sure that your child arrives in school by 9am in time for registration.

Staff Availability

Your child's teacher will generally be available at the beginning and end of each day if you wish to speak to them. It is always best to share a concern before it builds and it is better to speak to the class teacher first. If it is important and you need to speak in private, or you need more time they will make an appointment, if that is more appropriate. Should you wish to make an appointment to see a member of staff you can do so by telephoning Mrs Brown in the office.

Lunchbox – Call for Volunteers

We have a great opportunity to work with children's literary event organisers, Bookfeast, in setting up an occasional lunchtime book club. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in helping to run sessions and instil a love of reading in a small group of Key Stage 2 children, please contact the office. There will be up to 7 sessions per long term, training will be provided and the timing of sessions can be flexible to suit your availability.

Parents' Evening

This is our formal evening when staff meet with the parents of every child in their class. Mrs Brown will send out an invitation to make an appointment via ParentMail, offering a choice of times. Parents should select their preference as soon as possible to ensure you receive the time you request.

Harvest Festival

Parents are asked to provide one item of food (tinned or packet please) which their child will carry from school to the church. Our gifts are presented during the service and they are then donated to a local charity. The service for children in Reception – Year 3 will take place at 9.30am, while the service for those pupils in Years 4 – 6 at 2.30pm. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

OPEN MORNING

Friday 29th September

You are warmly invited to our Open Morning!

The school will be open to visitors

between

9.00am and 11.30am

Visitors to the school are welcome to drop in at any time during this period.

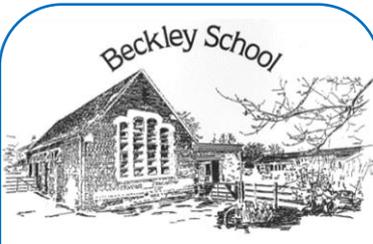
The Headteacher, staff, Governors and children will be on hand to answer questions you may have.

Also, enjoy a coffee and cake in aid of Macmillan.



Donations of nut free cakes for the Coffee Morning would be gratefully received on the morning itself. Thank you for your support with this.

We look forward to seeing 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 comes to the school is welcome to attend the club.

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

It costs £7.00 per child per session. Pupils must be booked into After School Club in advance.

After School Club can be contacted through the school office.

School Clubs

We offer a wide variety of lunchtime and afterschool clubs throughout the year for children across the school. We ask that if the children sign up to a club, they fully commit to for its entire duration, so as to promote perseverance. The number of available places for each club is strictly limited in order to ensure safe staffing ratios. Details for this term's clubs will follow.

Term-Time Holidays

Under the government's rules on term-time absence, you can only allow your child to miss school if:

- He or she is too ill to go in
- You have received advance permission from the school

You must submit a request to the school **before** you arrange for your child to have time away and permission for absence can only be granted in **exceptional circumstances**.

Making sure your child attends school as much as possible means:

- Your child will have the same education and opportunities as everyone else in the class
- You will not need to worry about catching up on work, or that your child might fall behind because of missing an important lesson
- Your child will not miss out on activities at the start and end of term, which are often fun and a chance to develop friendships

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher

Important Dates

September

- 14th Curriculum information evening 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 18th – 22nd BOOK WEEK
- 25th – 29th PGL Year 6 residential
- 26th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 29th Open Morning 9 – 11.30am
- 29th MacMillan Coffee Morning

October

- 2nd School photographs
- 2nd Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 4th Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 11th Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents 4.30pm
- 12th Harvest Services in Church Reception – Year 3 at 9.30am Years 4 – 6 at 2.30pm
- 20th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 23rd – 27th HALF TERM
- 30th Children back to school

November

- 9th Year 6 SATs information evening – 3.30pm
- 14th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 17th Children in Need

December

- 5th Carol Service in Church 6pm Years 4 – 6
- 6th Nativity in Church at 2.15pm Reception – Year 3
- 11th Pantomime in school hall
- 13th Christmas lunch Rec – Year 3
- 14th Christmas lunch Years 4 – 6
- 14th Full Governing Body meeting
- 15th Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th Break up today at 1.20pm

January

- 4th Children back to school
- 16th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

February

- 6th Safer Internet Day
- 9th Coffee morning 9 – 11am
- 9th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 12th – 16th HALF TERM
- 19th Children back to school