

## 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*

### Book Week

We have enjoyed a fabulous week, celebrating all things books and reading. Highlights have included the opening of the new library, book fair, launch of the Lunchbox club, inter-house readathon, book swap, parents reading with children in classes and the stop, drop and read initiative. To round off the week in style, staff and children enjoyed dressing up as characters from their favourite books.

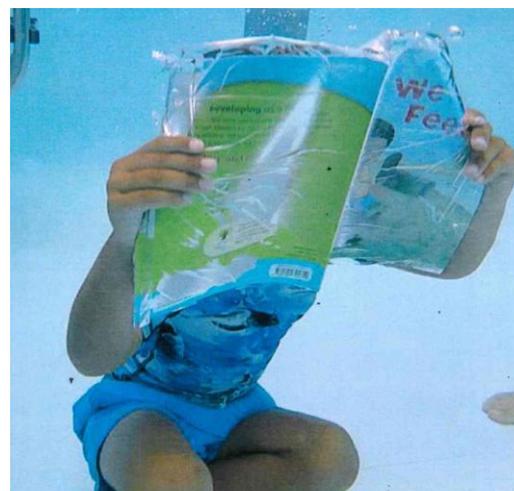


### Phonics Workshop

We will be hosting a phonics workshop for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30pm. This is particularly important for parents of pupils in Year 1, as the children will be taking their phonics screening check in June 2018. Please sign up via the Parentmail form if you would like to attend this event.

### Extreme Reading

Congratulations to Myles, Ross and Maisy, for winning the Extreme Reading competition. There were a lot of very strong entries this year, a display of which is in the new library.



### Wheatley Park School Visit

I am pleased to confirm that Mr Martin, Headteacher at WPS, will be visiting our school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Mr Martin will give a presentation to parents of children in Year 5 and 6, which will be followed by a question and answer session. Please sign up via the Parentmail form if you intend to come to this event, so that we can make arrangements.

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### Lockdown

The safety and security of our children and staff is a top priority for Beckley School. One of our procedures covers Lockdown.

During a Lockdown, classroom doors are secured and the children remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building. Children are kept inside the school when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate.

Just as we prepare our children to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill. These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills. Please be assured that staff at our school spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with the children prior to running a drill. We also take time after a drill to remind them that it was only a practise and that there was no actual danger.

### **Safeguarding**



### New Library

For those who were unable to attend the grand opening of our new library this week, here are a few photos...



A big thank you to FOBS, for the new books, shelving and seating and to the parents who kindly painted the room last term. A huge thank you and a special mention also goes to ex-Beckley pupil Ellen Brown and Emily Whittingham for painting the stunning murals. They are absolutely brilliant.



It has been just wonderful to see the children enthusiastically using the new library this week and I am sure that having the library back in the heart of the school will help to promote a real love and enjoyment of reading.



## OPEN MORNING

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 termly in advance.

After School Club can be contacted through the school office.

## **Class Information on the Website**

Thank you to everyone who came to the very well-attended information evening for parents last week. You will now have received your child's class timetable, curriculum letter and topic overview via ParentMail. These documents are also available on the school website.

## **Science Assembly**

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed a special science-based assembly led by Bright Sparks. Experiments involved leaf-blowers, toilet rolls, balloons and suction pumps. I am pleased to report that forty children now attend our KS1 and KS2 after school Science Clubs.

## **Parking**

I do understand the challenges associated with parking, but *please* be courteous and responsible when dropping off and collecting children from school. Please may I remind you that children should not be driven to school down Church Street. This is to avoid congestion, reduce the impact on the local community and to make Church Street safer for pedestrians. Thank you for your support.

## **School Council**

Congratulations to our brand new, democratically elected School Council:

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| Year 2 | Alasdair and Erin  |
| Year 3 | Bethany and Maya C |
| Year 4 | Eleanor and Theo   |
| Year 5 | Thomas and Ross    |
| Year 6 | Henry and Wilf     |

The School Council's first task was to help with the opening of the library, which they did with great enthusiasm.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski  
Headteacher

## **Important Dates**

### **September**

- 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> PGL Year 6 residential
- 26<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Open Morning 9 – 11.30am
- 29<sup>th</sup> MacMillan Coffee Morning

### **October**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> School photographs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Consultations  
3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations  
3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Phonics Workshop for Year 1  
parents 4.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> WPS Presentation for Year 5  
and 6 parents – 6pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Harvest Services in Church  
Reception – Year 3 at 9.30am  
Years 4 – 6 at 2.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 3.20pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM
- 30<sup>th</sup> Children back to school

### **November**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs information  
evening – 3.30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need
- 30<sup>th</sup> Big Christmas Sing – Choir

### **December**

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

### **January**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Children back to school
- 16<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

### **February**

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