

Beckley Church of England Primary School School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

Peace

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*

Remembrance

This morning the whole school met together to commemorate Armistice Day. Two minutes of silence and personal reflection was observed by the children and staff alike, as the Church bells sounded at 11am.



Children in Need

A reminder that Friday 17th November sees the return of Children in Need. With a spotacular theme this year, pupils can come to school wearing something spotty, bringing a gift of £1.



FOBS Class Donations

The Friends of Beckley School kindly donated £50 to each class this term. The teachers have decided to spend this in a number of ways including maths problem solving packs and non-fiction texts, for example. On behalf of the staff and children, thank you!

LunchBox

The children in our LunchBox club are really enjoying their latest text, *Danger is Still Everywhere*, by the much-loved author, David O'Doherty.



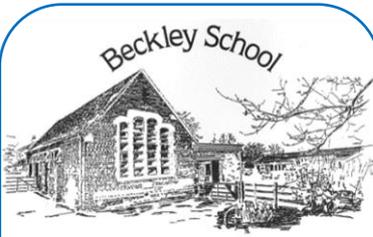
Art Box Project

Beckley CE Primary School has again made a wonderful contribution to the village's Art Box Project, situated in the former phone box in Beckley.



Children in Skylark Class made a variety of pom-pom hedgehogs, and a rather stunning owl, as well as an extra-large hedgehog, constructed solely of natural materials. A huge thank you to Mrs White and Mrs Jones for organising the work and its subsequent display. Please do go and visit the artwork for yourself.





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.

Abingdon Arms

The Abingdon Arms is open every Friday morning at 9am for cake and coffee. This may be of particular interest to some parents, especially those who work from home.

Operation Christmas Child

We are once again proudly supporting Operation Christmas Child. This is a charity that Beckley has supported for many years and we hope that this year that we can send a record number of boxes to children in disadvantaged situations. Last week, visitors from the charity Samaritans Purse talked to the children in assembly and today volunteers are due to meet in the school hall to wrap and pack the boxes, ready for collection. Here is a link to the organisation, with details of the excellent work they do...



www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

Thank you to Mrs Waite for organising the shoe box appeal this year.

Headteacher's Surgery

The next Headteacher's Surgery will take place on Tuesday 14th November between 4pm and 6pm. Ten minute appointments can be made with Mrs Brown in the school office.

Year 6 SATS Information Meeting

Yesterday we held a SATS information meeting for parents of children in Year 6. The meeting provided an opportunity for parents to find out about the assessment process and how pupils could be supported.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher

Important Dates

November

- 14th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 16th Flu nasal spray for Reception – Year 4
- 17th Children in Need
- 28th More Able Writer Workshop
- 30th Big Christmas Sing – School Choir at Oxford Town Hall

December

- 1st Non-uniform day in exchange for gifts for Christmas Fayre
- 5th Little Egret and Lapwing visit to Museum of Natural History
- 5th Carol Service in Church 6pm Years 4 – 6
- 6th Nativity in Church at 2.15pm Reception – Year 3
- 6th Christmas Fayre 3.30pm in the school hall
- 11th Pantomime in school hall for all children
- 12th FOBS Christmas Disco
- 13th Christmas lunch for Reception – 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

- 5th Parent Consultations in the school hall 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 6th Safer Internet Day
- 7th Parent Consultations in the school hall 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- 9th Coffee morning 9 – 11am
- 9th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 12th – 16th HALF TERM
- 19th Children back to school

March

- 2nd Whole school music day
- 6th Height and weight check for Reception and Year 6 pupils
- 6th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 15th Full Governing Body meeting
- 23rd Sports Relief
- 29th Break up today at 1.20pm