

Beckley Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

Tolerance

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*

Big Christmas Sing

The School Choir, comprising of 23 pupils from Years 4 to 6, performed brilliantly in Oxford Town Hall as part of this year's Big Christmas Sing event. Highlights included singing as part of a massed choir and performing *It's a Magical Time of the Year* for the 700 strong audience. All funds raised went to the charity Christian Aid.



Museum Visit

Little Egret Class and Lapwing Class joined forces to visit the Museum of Natural History in Oxford earlier this week. The children enjoyed exploring the plethora of interesting exhibits and learning about classification as part of their current topic of animals.

Food Hygiene Rating

Following a surprise inspection by The Food Standards Agency, our Food Hygiene Rating was raised from 4 stars to 5 stars - the highest rating possible.



Christmas Celebrations

This week we have been treated to several festive events, including the Carol Service and Nativity in the Church and the Christmas Fayre at school. Thank you to everyone who came to support the pupils and school. A big thank you must go to the FOBS team for organising the Fayre.

Staffing Update

Our Cleaner and Caretaker, Mr Deeley, is retiring at the end of this term. Sincere thanks goes to Mr Deeley, for his dedication to Beckley, and we wish him a long and happy retirement. The company Regency Cleaning Services, who come highly recommended by numerous schools in our partnership, will take over the role from January.

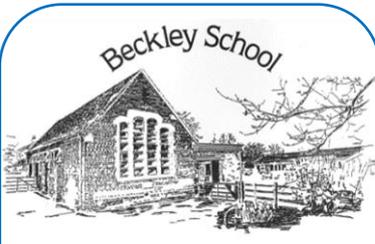
Able Writer Workshops

Last week, a team of six more able writers from Years 5 and 6 attended New Marston School to take part in a special day of writing workshops. The children worked with renowned science fiction author Colin Parsons.



Interim Reports

On Wednesday next week, your child will bring home an Interim Report. We are trialling this to provide information about effort and attainment against age-related expectations in key areas, combined with individual next steps for improvement. The aim of these Interim Reports is to provide more regular feedback to parents and to help you to support your child as effectively as possible at home. The reports are deliberately succinct, in order that the time staff spend on them does not detract from their interactions with the children. The more detailed annual report will still be published in the summer term.



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.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day this year takes place on Friday 15th December. Children are welcome to wear a festive jumper to school, bringing a suggested donation of £1 for the charity Save the Children.

New School Website

You may have noticed that we have launched a fantastic new website. The address remains the same as usual, www.beckleyschool.com, but some of the many improvements include clearer information presented in a more logical way, details of recent posts, a new calendar of events and a gallery of stunning photographs. For all the hard work and time that has gone into the site, thanks go to Mrs Brown.



Christmas Lunch

A reminder that children in Reception to Year 3 will have their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December and that Year 4 to Year 6 pupils will enjoy their lunch on Thursday 14th December. The booking process will be the same as for every school day. Children should have a packed lunch on the day that they are not having Christmas lunch, which can be provided, but must be pre-booked.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher



Important Dates

December

- 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
- 11th Eye test for Reception pupils
- 16th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 26th Schools Concert – Year 4
- 30th IMPS visit to JR – Year 6

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
- 28th FOBS Easter egg hunt
- 29th Break up today at 1.20pm

April

- 16th INSET day – school closed
- 17th Children back to school

End of Term Arrangements

The last day of term is Tuesday 19th December. Please note that we finish at 1.20pm and that there is no After School Club provision on this day. The school bus will depart at 1.20pm.