

Beckley Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

Trust

The School Prayer

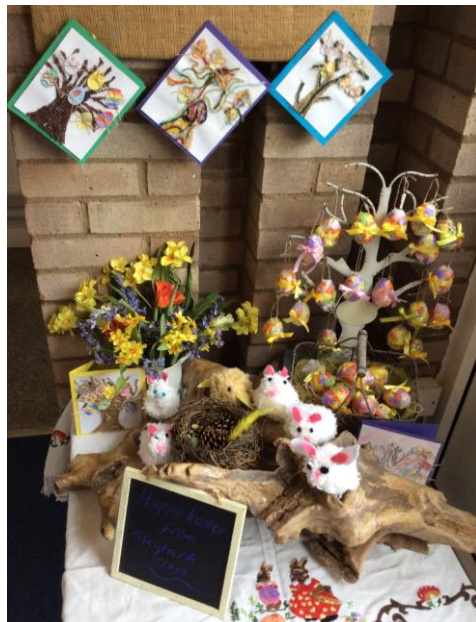
*This is our school
Let peace dwell here
Let the room be full of contentment
Let love be here
Love of one another
Love of mankind
And love of God
Let us remember
That as many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school*

Sports Relief

The children have been taking part in a wide range of sporting activities, interwoven throughout the day, in order to raise funds for Sports Relief. Thank you for your kind donations to this excellent charity.

Easter Display

We are very proud of the creative artwork and displays around school. Mrs White has been working with Skylark Class to create this rather beautiful display in the entrance, which includes Easter cards, bunnies, chicks and eggs. Well worth a look.



Music for Schools Presentation

The postponed demonstration by Music for Schools has been rearranged for Tuesday 27th March at 3.30 pm. If your child is interested in learning a woodwind instrument and is in Years 2, 3, 4 or 5, please do come along to see a demonstration of the flute, clarinet, cornet and saxophone and to find out about the lessons offered.

Start of the School Day

We have decided to modify the arrangements for the start of the school day, with the changes coming into effect on the first day back after the Easter holiday.

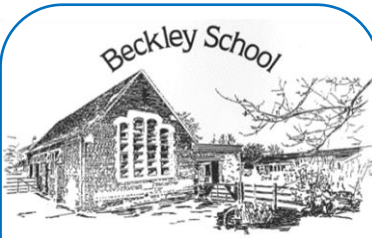
The side gate will be opened by a member of teaching staff at 8.40am as normal. This staff member will be on duty to receive the pupils until 8.55am.

Parents are welcome to accompany their children to the main playground, where they can wait with them and are able to visit the school office if required. A second member of staff will be out in the playground from 8.40am so that parents who wish to drop their children off and go, can do so. At 8.55am the school bell will ring and the children will line up in their classes to enter school, being led in by their respective class teachers. Parents are asked to remain outside.

Parents can then leave through the side gate, which will be locked at 9.00am. Late children will need to be buzzed in through the front gate and report to the office to be signed in.

On particularly wet days, children will be directed straight to their classrooms by the member of staff on the gate.

We are making these alterations to promote independence in our children and to ensure that we fully meet our health and safety and safeguarding responsibilities in providing a safe and secure environment for children, employees and visitors to the school.



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.

Junior Citizens

Earlier this week Year 6 took part in the highly acclaimed Junior Citizens programme, helping pupils know how to keep safe in everyday life. This involved a series of role play scenarios, such as making 999 calls on a mobile. The children were encouraged to make decisions which they may face during a real life emergency.



Interim Reports

The next Interim Report for your child will be sent out on Tuesday 27th March. We have revised the effort statements, so that they now read:

- A = Your child always gives maximum effort
- B = Your child frequently gives good effort
- C = Your child sometimes gives good effort
- D = Your child does not always give enough effort and needs to give more

End of Term

We break up for the Easter break at 1.20pm on Thursday 29th March, with the school bus leaving at the earlier time of 1.20pm. Please note that there is no After School Club Provision on this day. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 17th April.

Outdoor Shoes

Now that the weather is warmer, the children are spending more time on the pitch. Please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor shoes to put on for PE lessons and during lunchtime.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher

Important Dates

March

- 26th Height and weight check for Reception and Year 6 pupils
- 27th Music for Schools presentation 3.30pm Y2-Y5
- 28th FOBS Easter bunny hunt
- 29th Break up today at 1.20pm
- 30th – 13th EASTER

April

- 16th INSET day – school closed
- 17th Children back to school
- 24th FOBS meeting at the pub 8pm

May

- 1st Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 4th Class photographs
- 7th Bank holiday – school closed
- 14th Year 6 SATS week
- 24th New parents meeting 2.30pm
- 25th May Day celebrations
- 25th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 28th – 1st HALF TERM

June

- 4th INSET day – school closed
- 5th INSET day – school closed
- 6th Children back to school
- 11th Year 1 Phonics check week
- 19th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 20th Drama workshops in the school hall – Reception to Y3
- 22nd Sports Day
- 29th Back up Sports Day (*in case of inclement weather on 22nd*)

July

- 12th Full Governing Body meeting
- 13th Music Assembly for Year 2 – 4 pupils at 9.10am in hall
- 13th Annual Reports to parents
- 16th Summer performance 6pm
- 18th Summer performance 6pm
- 20th Music Assembly for Year 5 – 6 pupils at 9.10am in hall
- 25th Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
- 25th Break up today at 1.20pm

September

- 4th INSET day – school closed
- 5th INSET day – school closed
- 6th Children back to school