

Beckley Church of England Primary School School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

Caring

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*

Health and Safety Inspection

Earlier this week Mr Bingham from Oxford County Council visited the school to undertake our annual Health and Safety inspection. We were able to demonstrate “exemplary excellence” in key areas and were given no major improvement actions. With our high standards maintained, I must thank all of the staff, particularly Mrs White and Mrs Brown, for their unrelenting attention and vigilance in this critical area, central to school life.

Fire Service Visit

Tufted Duck, Little Egret and Lapwing Classes received a visit from the Fire and Rescue Service. Pupils relished the opportunity to explore the fire engine and learn about fire safety issues.



Wear Purple for JIA

‘Wear Purple for JIA’ is a campaign started by two mums in 2015 to raise much needed awareness and funds for children and young people living with Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA). An autoimmune disease affecting the joints, there are an estimated 12,000 children and young people living with JIA in the UK. We are asking children to come to school on Friday 8th June wearing purple, bringing a suggested donation of £1.

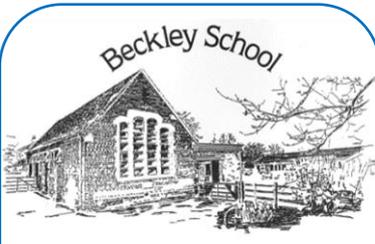
Yoga

The children are thoroughly enjoying their Yoga sessions, which we are funding using the Sports Premium grant. Little Egret and Lapwing Classes will have their turn after half term.



May Day Celebrations

Our May Day celebrations will begin with a coffee afternoon, run by FOBS, starting at 1.30pm on Friday 25th May. Parents, friends, neighbours and anyone from the local community are warmly invited. Donations towards FOBS would be gratefully received. Please send any donations of *NUT FREE* cakes on the day – thank you. At 2pm the school Orchestra will entertain us. This will be followed by the arrival of the May King and Queen and dances from children in each class. Pupils may come to school on Friday 25th May in smart clothes (no logos or jeans please), rather than their school uniform, wearing footwear suitable for dancing in. If you are able to donate flowers and/or greenery for the decoration, please do so on the morning itself. Thank 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.

Staffing Update

Following an extensive recruitment process, I am delighted to report that we have appointed Miss Hannah Higson as a Class Teacher to start in September. The position became available in order to accommodate flexible working requests from existing staff. Like all schools, we are not yet in the position to be able to say where teachers will be placed in September, but will let you know in due course.

Sports Day

We have allocated two dates for the children's favourite event of the year to avoid disappointment because of the weather (please see important dates). We will aim for the first date. Sports Day will take place in the morning and the children will sit together, competing for their house.

Starting on the pitch at 9.30am, there will be a number of events of varying difficulty. Every child will take part and be encouraged to do their best. The sporting events will be followed by a family picnic lunch on the field, to which parents are very welcome to attend. The bell will go at 1pm when children will line up and return to classrooms for afternoon lessons. Normal end-of-day routines apply.

FOBS have kindly offered to provide a free ice lolly for each child in school, for after their lunch. Please let the office know if you would *not* like your child to receive one.

A reminder of the house colours for t-shirts that can be worn on the day:

Oak – **Green** Willow – **Blue**
Sycamore – **Red** Beech – **Yellow**

Please be sure that you apply sun cream *before* school (as we are unable to do this) and send children with sun hats and water bottles. Thank you.

Bank Holiday

A reminder that as Monday 7th May is a Bank Holiday, school will be closed.

SATs Week

Our Year 6 pupils will be undertaking their statutory assessments (SATs) during the week beginning Monday 14th May. They are well prepared and we wish them all the very best of luck. We would like Year 6 children to be at school by 8.15am on Monday – Thursday that week for a free breakfast to help them to prepare for their tests. Thank you to the staff for volunteering to organise this.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher

Important Dates

May

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
8th **Wear Purple for JIA Day**
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
27th Playlink 1
28th Tufted Duck visit to Sutton C
29th Back up Sports Day (*in case of inclement weather on 22nd*)

July

2nd Playlink 2
5th Moving up day
12th Full Governing Body meeting