

## Beckley Church of England Primary School

# School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

## Respect

### 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*

### Phonics Check Outcome

I am delighted to report that **100%** of our Year 1 children passed the Phonics Screening Check in mid-June. This superb outcome was achieved through much hard work and determination by the pupils and staff alike. A sincere thank you to all our parents who continue to support the children by reading regularly with them at home.

### Sutton Courtenay Visit

Tufted Duck Class visited the brilliant Educational Environmental Centre at Sutton Courtenay to explore the five senses. The children made a potpourri bowl using leaves, flowers and herbs and navigated an outdoor obstacle course whilst wearing a blindfold.



### Homebase Donation

A big thank you to Jason Burke at our local Homebase store, for a generous donation of £30, to go towards plants for our garden area. Thank you also to Mr Dyer for facilitating this gift.

### New Parent Governor

We received one nomination for the vacancy, meaning that Mrs Templeton can join the Governing Body without the need for an election. We welcome Mrs Templeton to the role which will begin in September, upon the completion of Dr Borton's term. The Governors and the school wish to thank Dr Borton, for her devotion and valuable input over many years.

### Save Otmoor Campaign

The government is planning a major new road that could threaten Otmoor, one of the country's unique treasures. Following a brilliant presentation by the RSPB, children were inspired to write poetry and produce artwork in celebration of Otmoor. To see the children's excellent work and for details of the campaign, please visit:

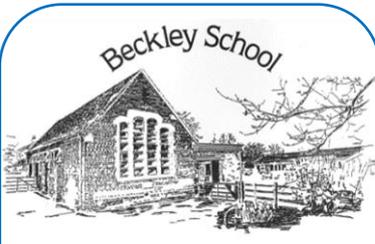
<https://saveotmoor.org/>

### Transition Arrangements

We have hosted three well-received Playlink afternoons for the Reception children joining us in September, with the final session this coming Monday. Pupils in the school enjoyed their moving-up day on Thursday in their new classes. Year 6 pupils going to WPS have spent the last 2 days there.

### Toplink Sports

Year 5 and 6 took part in Wheatley Park's annual 'Toplink' sports event - a fun day of team challenges alongside peers from partnership schools, and of mini tournaments in basketball, rowing, cricket, and tag rugby under the supervision of Wheatley's KS4 and KS5 pupils. A great day was had by all.



## Coming up soon...

### Year 4, 5 and 6 Summer Play

This year's summer play, the Pied Piper of Hamelin, takes place in the school hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Tickets for Year 4, 5, and 6 parents will be available soon to purchase on ParentMail.

### Whole School Otmoor Walk

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July the children and staff will be spending the day on Otmoor. Pupils should come to school in their own clothes.

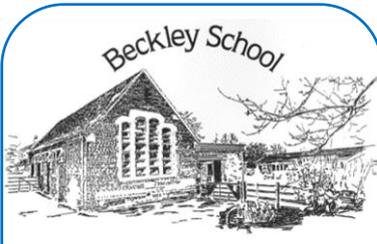
Please make sure that weather suitable clothing, sensible footwear, a hat and sun cream is worn. The children will also need a packed lunch and a water bottle, as we will be having a picnic on the RSPB

## Science Morning Success

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 5 and Year 6 Science Fair last Wednesday morning. The children relished in the opportunity to plan and share scientific demonstrations that were also enjoyed by the rest of the school.

We were very proud of the children for showing such deep knowledge and high interest in their respective investigations.





## **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.

## **Photograph Updates**

Following some wonderful recent school events, such as the May Day Celebration, Sports Day and Science Fair, we have added some new photos to our website. Please see them at:

<https://beckleyschool.com/galleries/>

## **Annual Reports**

Next Friday you will receive your child's annual report. This contains information about attendance, achievements within each subject, targets for improvement for core subjects and general comments. It also includes information about the children's learning behaviours. If you would like to discuss the annual report with your class teacher, please make an appointment via the school office.

## **Online Safety Talk**

Thank you to all those parents who came to the thought-provoking and highly engaging online safety workshop earlier this week. Please find attached an information sheet with some useful links for parents. These links are also available on our website at:

<https://beckleyschool.com/information/safety/>

## **Music Assemblies**

A reminder that we have arranged two music assemblies, to which parents are very warmly invited. The first will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July for children in Years 2 – 4, with the second on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July for children in Years 5 – 6. The assemblies will begin at 9.10am in the hall, with the orchestra performing at the former of the occasions.

## **FOBS News**

FOBS will be running a second hand uniform sale at school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 3.30pm. There will shortly be a ParentMail sign-up form for any children wanting to attend the Film Night on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Book Amnesty**

If you have any school library books or reading books at home, please make sure that they are back in school before the end of term. Thank you.

## **End of Term Arrangements**

We will be finishing for the holidays on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 1.20pm. The school bus will run at the earlier time of 1.20pm. Please note that there is no After School Club provision on this day.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski  
Headteacher

## **Important Dates**

### **July**

- 7<sup>th</sup> FOBS camp
- 8<sup>th</sup> FOBS camp
- 9<sup>th</sup> Playlink 4
- 9<sup>th</sup> FOBS uniform sale
- 12<sup>th</sup> Full Governing Body meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> Music Assembly for Year 2 – 4 pupils at 9.10am in hall
- 13<sup>th</sup> Area Sports 6pm Year 5-6
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Reports to parents
- 16<sup>th</sup> Summer performance 6pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Summer performance 6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> FOBS film night 3.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Music Assembly for Year 5 – 6 pupils at 9.10am in hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Whole School Walk – Otmoor
- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 6 leavers' event on the pitch 1pm – 3pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Assembly 9.10am
- 25<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 1.20pm

### **September**

- 4<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed
- 5<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed
- 6<sup>th</sup> Children back to school

### **October 2018**

- 19<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 3.20pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM
- 29<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed