

## Beckley Church of England Primary School

# School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

## Friendship

### 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*

### Visit from a War Hero

Last week we received a very special visit from Mr Lyster, a local war hero who has recently been awarded the Legion d'honneur (France's highest honour), for his service during the D-Day battle. Mr Lyster gave a truly inspiring talk to children in assembly, before answering questions. The visit reinforced last term's whole-school work around the value of *Respect* and we thank Mr Lyster for giving so freely of his time. Please find further information about the award at:

[http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/16295983.Oxford\\_war\\_veteran\\_given\\_France\\_39\\_s\\_highest\\_honour\\_for\\_heroics\\_on\\_D-Day/](http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/16295983.Oxford_war_veteran_given_France_39_s_highest_honour_for_heroics_on_D-Day/)



### Harvest Festival (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October)

Parents are asked to provide one item of food (tinned or packet please) which their child will carry from school to the church for the Harvest Service. Our gifts are presented during the service and they are then donated to a local charity. The service for children in Years 4 – 6 will take place at 9.30am, while the service for those pupils in Reception – Year 3 at 2.30pm. Parents are warmly invited to attend. As Reverend Andrew has now left the parish, Licensed Lay-Preacher, Mrs Dye, has kindly agreed to be at these services. Mrs Dye will also be leading bi-weekly collective worship, whilst the Diocese recruit a new vicar.

## OPEN MORNING

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

You are warmly invited to our Open Morning!

The school will be open to visitors between 9.00am and 11.00am

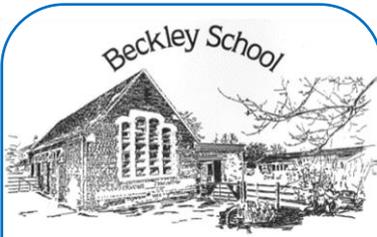
Visitors to the school are welcome to drop in at any time during this period.

The Headteacher, staff, Governors and children will be on hand to answer questions you may have.

Also, enjoy a coffee and cake in aid of Macmillan.



Donations of nut free cakes for the Coffee Morning would be gratefully received on the morning itself. Thank you for your support with this.



## **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.

## **Fire Safety Workshop**

Years 5 and 6 received a visit from Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service earlier this week. Children learnt about fire prevention measures, how to respond upon discovering a fire and the issues associated with prank calls.

## **Curriculum Information Evening**

Thank you to all parents who attended this event at school. Topic overviews and autumn term newsletters for each class can be found on our website.

## **Headteacher's Surgery**

Headteacher's Surgery sessions are available from 4pm to 6pm on the fourth Tuesday of each half term, providing an opportunity to not only discuss concerns, but any positive suggestions for the school. Ten minute appointments can be made via the school office.

## **Swimming**

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 take part in swimming lessons at Beckley School. We ask for a small voluntary contribution to help with the cost of transport. Hobby Class will start on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, with Skylark Class taking over after Christmas. We will send out information shortly.

## **Phonics Workshop**

We will be hosting a phonics workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm. This is particularly important for parents of pupils in Year 1, as the children will be taking their phonics screening check in June 2019. Please sign up via the Parentmail form if you would like to attend this event.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski  
Headteacher

## **Important Dates**

### **September**

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Year 6 residential visit

### **October**

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> **Book Week**

1<sup>st</sup> **Dress up as a book character**

2<sup>nd</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

2<sup>nd</sup> **FOBS AGM in pub 8pm**

5<sup>th</sup> **Open / Coffee morning between 9am and 11am**

8<sup>th</sup> Individual photographs

8<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30

10<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30

16<sup>th</sup> Phonics Workshop for parents of children in

Reception & Year 1 at 3.30pm

19<sup>th</sup> Harvest Service in Church for Skylark and Hobby 9.10am

19<sup>th</sup> Harvest Service in Church for Tufted Duck, Little Egret and Lapwing classes 2.30pm

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

30<sup>th</sup> Children back to school

### **November**

16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – wear spots for a £1 suggested donation

20<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

27<sup>th</sup> Big Christmas Sing visit – KS2 School Choir – early evening

30<sup>th</sup> Flu sprays Reception – Year 5

### **December**

11<sup>th</sup> Carol Service in Church for Years 4, 5 and 6 6pm

12<sup>th</sup> Nativity in Church for Reception & Year 1-3 2.15pm

14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

21<sup>st</sup> Break up today at 1.20pm

### **January**

7<sup>th</sup> INSET – school closed

8<sup>th</sup> Children back to school

29<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

### **February**

15<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 3.20pm

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> HALF TERM

25<sup>th</sup> Children back to school