

# Beckley Church of England Primary School

## School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

## Patience

### 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*

### 25 Years of Service Celebrated

Last week staff and governors held a special celebratory event after school to mark Mrs White's **25 years of service** to Beckley. Mrs White is an integral member of our team, whose absolute devotion and unwavering commitment are second to none. Thank you, Mrs White, for all you do.



### Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came to our Phonics Workshop earlier this week. Parents had the opportunity to find out how phonics is taught, about the different stages of development and were shown examples of activities and resources that we use in school. Please find some useful links on our website: <https://beckleyschool.com/links-documents/>

### Circus Skills Workshops

FOBS have kindly agreed to fund a very special Christmas treat for all of the children: a day of circus skills! In the last week of the term each class will have the opportunity to participate in an array of exciting activities.

### Harvest Celebration

Thank you to everyone who provided gifts and attended this morning's service. It was great to see so many people in the Church and I am sure that this afternoon's service will be just as enjoyable. A special thank you goes to Gina Robson, who has kindly agreed to transport the donated gifts to the local Foodbank, where they will be gratefully received.

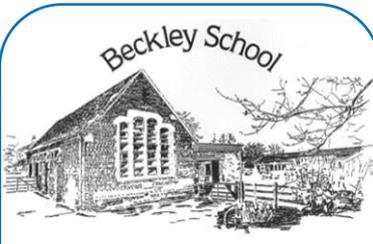
### Bikeability

We were delighted to be able to offer our Year 5 pupils the opportunity to participate in the highly acclaimed Bikeability scheme, with the full cost being covered through a grant. Similar to Cycling Proficiency, Bikeability is predominantly about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. The training has given our children skills and confidence they need for all kinds of cycling.



### Cold Weather

As the colder weather approaches, we would encourage children to bring hats, gloves, scarfs and warm coats to school. Please ensure that all items brought in from home are clearly named so that they can be returned to their rightful owners. 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**

I am delighted to make public Mrs Cockhill's exciting news that she is expecting a baby in the New Year. We wish Mrs Cockhill the very best of luck and will update you with our plans for who will be teaching Skylark Class during her maternity leave when the arrangements have been made.

## **Lockdown Procedure**

The safety and security of our children and staff is a top priority for Beckley School. One of our procedures covers Lockdown. During a Lockdown, classroom doors are secured and the children remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building. Children are kept inside the school when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our children to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill.

Please be assured that staff at our school, spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with the children prior to running a drill. We also take time after a drill to remind them that it was only a practise and that there was no actual danger.

## **Back to School**

Staff have an INSET day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, so school will reopen for children on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and very pleasant half-term break.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski  
Headteacher

## **Important Dates**

### ***October***

- 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***

- 8<sup>th</sup> FOBS meeting in the school hall at 8pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Children in Need – wear spots for a £1 suggested donation
- 27<sup>th</sup> Big Christmas Sing visit – KS2 School Choir – evening event
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Year 6 SATS information meeting for parents 3.30pm**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Non-uniform day in exchange for raffle donations for FOBS
- 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
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre 3.30-4.30pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Full Governing Body meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Circus Skills workshops for all children – funded by FOBS
- 18<sup>th</sup> Rec-Year 3 Christmas lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 4, 5, 6 Christmas lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> FOBS Christmas Disco 3.30pm
- 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***

- 5<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30
- 13<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30
- 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

### ***March***

- 13<sup>th</sup> Drama workshops for pupils in Reception – Year 3
- 15<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> Junior Citizens – Year 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm