

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*

Year 6 Residential

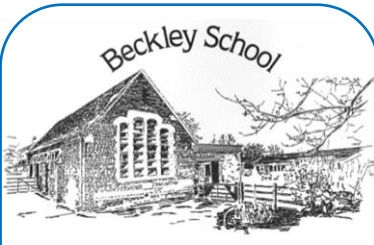
We were really proud of the courage and resilience, shown by Year 6 in abundance, during their week-long residential to Swindon. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, with many of them staying away from home for the first time. I would like to give my personal thanks to Mrs White, Mrs Alexander and Mr Dyer, for their exceptional care and dedication.



Book Week

This much-loved annual event at our school certainly did not disappoint. Highlights included dressing up as a favourite book character, the book fair, the inter-house readathon, book swap, extreme reading competition, parents reading with children in all classes and the return of the popular *stop, drop and read* initiative.





Phonics Workshop

A reminder that we are holding a phonics workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 on Tuesday 16th 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 for this event.

Harvest Service at Beckley Church

On Sunday 7th October at 9.45am, children are invited to a special harvest service in Beckley Church, to which they can bring animals they have made from fruit and vegetables.

Parent Consultations

This term's consultations take place on Monday and Wednesday next week. If you have not already, please sign up for an appointment via Parentmail.

Coffee and Open Morning

We were delighted to see so many people at the Coffee and Open Morning today, including several prospective parents for September 2019! Thank you to everyone who came or donated a cake for the event, which raised **£150** for Macmillan.



Thank you to FOBS

Although FOBS is writing to you separately, I would like to offer them my sincere thanks on behalf of the school, for their recent donation of £2000 towards the HDTVs that were installed in every classroom last year.

Update from Governing Body

We wanted to let you know the latest in our plans to join the River Learning Trust: the school has heard this week that the Department for Education has granted an Academy Order for us to convert in April 2019. This should give us enough time to sort out remaining administrative and legal tasks. It will be good for the school to become part of this well-established trust and to benefit from professional support at all levels. We will continue to keep you fully informed as we proceed.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher

Important Dates

October

- 8th Individual photographs
- 8th Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30
- 10th Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30
- 16th Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Reception – Year 1 at 3.30pm
- 19th Harvest Service in Church for Skylark and Hobby 9.10am
- 19th Harvest Service in Church for Tufted Duck, Little Egret and Lapwing classes 2.30pm
- 19th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 22nd – 26th HALF TERM
- 29th INSET day – school closed
- 30th Children back to school

November

- 16th Children in Need – wear spots for a £1 suggested donation
- 27th Big Christmas Sing visit – KS2 School Choir – early evening
- 30th Non-uniform day in exchange for raffle donations for FOBS
- 30th Flu sprays Reception – Year 5

December

- 11th Carol Service in Church for Years 4, 5 and 6 6pm
- 12th Nativity in Church for Reception & Year 1-3 2.15pm
- 12th Christmas Fayre 3.30-4.30pm
- 13th Full Governing Body meeting
- 14th Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th FOBS Christmas Disco 3.30pm
- 21st Break up today at 1.20pm

January

- 7th INSET – school closed
- 8th Children back to school
- 29th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm

February

- 5th Safer Internet Day
- 15th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 18th – 22nd HALF TERM
- 25th Children back to school

March

- 13th Drama workshops for pupils in Reception – Year 3
- 15th Red Nose Day
- 15th Junior Citizens – Year 6