

# Beckley Church of England Primary School

## School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

## Understanding

### 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*

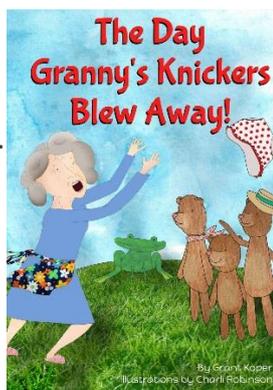
### Sports Hall Athletics

Last week children from Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in the annual Sports Hall Athletics event at Wheatley Park School. All of the pupils worked really hard and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.



### Author Visit

In the next stage of our drive to inspire the pupils, we welcomed author Grant Koper into school. Grant did a very dramatic reading of one of his books, *The Day Granny's Knickers Blew Away!*



You can find out more about Grant's work at: <https://grantkoper.com/author/>

### Schools' Concert

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Year 4 visited the Sheldonian Theatre to attend Oxfordshire's *Schools' Concert*. The children learnt about the different instruments within an orchestra and listened to a range of exciting pieces.

Here is what the pupils thought...

*"I loved listening to the different instruments, especially the drums during the 'How to train your dragon' tunes."* Harvey

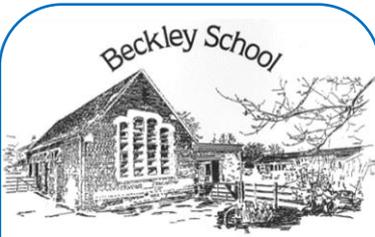
*"When I am older, I want to play musical instruments just as well as the people in the orchestra."* Molly

*"I liked listening to the flutes and singing along with the Greatest Showman songs."* Bethany

### Chess Tournament

On Monday we hosted Windmill Primary's Chess Team for a friendly tournament. The children played brilliantly in a series of close matches, which culminated in final score of 8-6 to our opponents. Thank you to Mr Galvanovskis for organising this wonderful event for the Chess Team.





## **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.

## **Donation to JIA**

A group of 10 Key Stage Two children took it upon themselves to raise funds and awareness for the charity JIA last term, by carol singing their way around the village of Beckley over three evenings. I am delighted to report that **£200** was raised in the process. Thank you, Molly, Natasha (former Beckley pupil), Maya C, Maya D, Yolanda, Rona, Emma, Holly, Tamsin and Maddie (on the trumpet), for your generous support and dedication.



## **Parent Consultations**

The booking form for appointments is now live in ParentMail. Please sign up at your convenience if you have not already done so. The format for the evening will be the same as last year, with children's work available in the hall for parents to view.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski  
Headteacher



**We are supporting  
Safer Internet Day  
5 Feb 2019**

#SaferInternetDay2019  
[www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)

## **Important Dates**

### **February**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.30
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 IMPS visit
- 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**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Height and weight check (Reception and Year 6)
- 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
- 21<sup>st</sup> Full Governing Body meeting

### **April**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Autism Awareness Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 1.20pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> EASTER
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Children back to school

### **May**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bank holiday – school closed
- 13<sup>th</sup> SATs week – Year 6
- 14<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Day celebration – beginning at 1.30pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 3.20pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> HALF TERM

### **June**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET day – school closed
- 4<sup>th</sup> Children back to school
- 4<sup>th</sup> Class photographs
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Wear Purple for JIA Day**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Phonics check week – Year 1
- 21<sup>st</sup> Sports Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Back up Sports Day (*in case of inclement weather on 21<sup>st</sup>*)

### **July**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Full Governing Body Meeting

*Please note: the above dates and details are accurate at this time, but may be subject to change. If this is necessary, we always endeavour to give as much notice as possible.*