

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*



Safer Internet Day

This year's campaign was designed to empower young people to take control of their digital lives and consider how consent works in an online context.

In an interactive assembly, children explored how young people ask for, give and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data. The children showed a keen awareness for how to keep personal data safe and know that if they are ever concerned about anything online to speak to a trusted adult. Classwork across the school throughout the day reinforced these important key messages.

Some useful links to further information regarding online safety for parents, carers and children can be found on our school website:

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



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IMPS Visit

Year 6 pupils visited the John Radcliffe Hospital to participate in the Injury Minimization Programme for Schools initiative, otherwise known as IMPS. The children whole-heartedly engaged with the activities, which included learning how to do CPR and how to put somebody into the recovery position whilst being fully aware of surrounding dangers. Pupils also learnt about road safety and explored equipment used in Accident and Emergency departments.

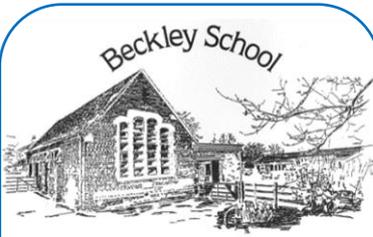


Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who came to these earlier this week. They were very well attended and provided parents with the opportunity to look at their children's work with teaching staff, celebrating successes and discussing areas for future development.

Big Garden Birdwatch

The RSPB led yet another brilliant assembly on Wednesday morning, followed by an engaging workshop in Skylark Class. The deadline for submitting results to the Big Garden Birdwatch is Sunday 17th February.



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

Following an extensive recruitment process, I am delighted to report that we have appointed Mr Philip Bailey to cover Mrs Cockhill's maternity leave after February half term. Mr Bailey has been in school this week getting to know staff and pupils and is excited to be joining the team. After half term Mrs Cockhill will support Mr Bailey for a handover period of one week.

Today we say a fond farewell and thank you to Miss Clarke, a great Lunchtime Supervisor and Teaching Assistant in Lapwing Class. Everyone at Beckley School wishes Miss Clarke all the very best of luck for the future.

New Parent Governor

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

Choir Performance

The School Choir has been avidly preparing for a special performance in our weekly *Sharing and Celebration* assembly on Friday 8th March at 9.10am. Everyone is very welcome to come along and watch.

Final Thoughts...

We are making solid progress towards becoming an academy with the River Learning Trust and are on course to convert on Monday 1st April 2019. School reopens after the coming holiday on Monday 25th February. Have a safe and enjoyable half term.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski, Headteacher

Important Dates

February

- 15th Break up today at 3.20pm
- 18th – 22nd HALF TERM
- 25th Children back to school
- 27th Vision screening – Reception

March

- 1st **FOBS quiz night**
- 8th **Choir performing in assembly at 9.10am (all parents/carers are welcome to attend)**
- 11th Height and weight check (Reception and Year 6)
- 13th Drama workshops for pupils in Reception – Year 3
- 15th Red Nose Day
- 15th Junior Citizens – Year 6
- 19th Visit to Botanic Gardens and Pitt Rivers – Years 4 and 5
- 19th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6pm
- 21st Full Governing Body meeting
- 23rd **FOBS Lego competition**

April

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

May

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

June

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

July

- 11th Full Governing Body Meeting
- 24th Break up today at 1.20pm