



Beckley Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

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Our Value in focus this month is...

Simplicity

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*

New Logo

You will see from the top corner of the newsletter that we have a new school logo. This was led by the children who wished for an updated, more modern logo that better represents us in 2019. It depicts the three sycamore trees on our playing field that pupils love to climb, and was graphically designed by former pupil of the school, Emily Young. Please note that there is no requirement to purchase new uniform with this logo on until you need it. In fact, it is not even available yet!

Behaviour and Attitudes

Underpinned by the Christian Value of **Kindness**, our vision remains to promote and achieve excellence in all areas of school life, within a nurturing and safe environment. To complement this, we have prepared the attached document which shows the core *behaviours and attitudes* we believe will help us achieve this. We have already started using it with the pupils and it has been very well received.

Breakfast Club

I am delighted to report that the trial period of our breakfast club, *Early Birds*, has proved to be both successful and sustainable. As such, we will be continuing to offer the facility of before school care from 8am until further notice. Please book here:

<https://bookwhen.com/beckleyschool#focus=ev-s8o4-20190108080000>

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's fundraising effort, which raised well over £100 for Comic Relief. Your support is greatly appreciated.

New Chromebooks

Sixteen shiny new Chromebooks have arrived in school.



Funded by FOBS, the devices will help staff to more effectively deliver our computing curriculum and will be used across the school. A huge and sincere thank you goes to everyone in FOBS and to all who continue to support their invaluable fundraising activities.

Drama Workshops

Perform Drama visited school to lead a morning workshop with pupils from Reception to Year 3. The children enjoyed joining Super Duper and her loyal assistant Super Ted in their bid to save the planet from global warming. The task was to persuade Bad Bopper, leader of Party Land, that the world was, indeed, a beautiful place and worth protecting for future generations. They were tasked with flying their rocket to the rain forest where they collected specimens of plant and animal life in the hopes that Bad Bopper would then see the wonder of the world around him. They all performed this task magnificently, so much so that BB became a leader of the Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle campaign. Mission accomplished!





Interim Learning Summaries

Staff have been working with an assessment tracking system called Target Tracker. On Wednesday 3rd April your child will bring home an interim summary of their learning. They have been designed to give a snapshot of learning in the core subjects and include details of progress, attainment, recent achievements and things we are working on. A breakdown of attendance is also included.

On the Year 1 – 6 summary, the bar graph shows progress between the end of the previous academic year and now. The 'Bands' labels correlate to age-related expectations. So, for example, a child in Year 3 working within Year 3 expectations will show as being within 'Band 3'. The TA label refers to 'Teacher Assessment'. As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any questions at all.

Junior Citizens

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Oxford's central fire station, where they were presented with a number of challenging, 'true-to-life' scenarios calling for them to make decisions and take action around their own safety and the safety of others. They responded to scenes in the home, at the water-side, at road and rail junctions and when approached by strangers, and each took turns in making their own '999' emergency call. This was an incredibly valuable and memorable trip, and we were very proud of the children's maturity.



Botanic Garden and Pitt Rivers Visit

Earlier this week Years 4 and 5 enjoyed a superb visit to the heart of Oxford. Pupils participated in *hot art* in the tropical and desert glass houses of the stunning Botanical Gardens. According to the children themselves, a memorable highlight involved seeing bananas, oranges, lemons and cacao plants growing. At the Pitt Rivers Museum the children relished in the opportunity to fully explore the incredible array of artefacts on display.



Maths Challenge Afternoon

Three pairs of pupils from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Garsington Primary this week to take part in an afternoon of highly engaging maths activities. The event brought together children from several local schools and encouraged them to work collaboratively on a range of simulating maths problems. Very pleasingly, one of our pairs finished in third place overall!

Best wishes

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Mark Szortowski
Headteacher



Important Dates

March

23rd FOBS Lego competition

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April

1st Become an academy with the River Learning Trust

1st Autism Awareness Week

3rd Easter egg hunt – FOBS

5th Break up today at 1.20pm

8th – 22nd EASTER

23rd Children back to school

29th FOBS meeting in hall 8pm

30th Little Egret and Lapwing
Classes to visit the National History Museum

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