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"Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one
another" *Ephesians 4:32*

Our Christian Value in
focus this term is...

Kindness

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*



Beckley Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

5 April 2019

Academy Conversion

On 1st April we were delighted to become an academy with the River Learning Trust (RLT). Mr James, Chief Executive Officer, attended a special assembly on Monday, along with our Chair of Governors, Ms Kelly, and introduced himself to the children and staff. Although we were very well-prepared for the conversion, please be patient with us if any glitches in our systems present themselves (none are anticipated). I would like to extend a personal thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Hicks in the office, for their unwavering patience and determined efforts behind the scenes. Information about the River Learning Trust can be found on the school website.

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Values in Focus

Our Christian values underpin all aspects of school life, and provide clarity of purpose for all members of the school community. Adults and children are encouraged to think about what kind of people we want to be and what kind of world we want to live in. In order to ensure a deep and meaningful exploration of the values, we have amalgamated them into a two-year cycle, and will focus on one in detail every term, beginning with our core value of **kindness**:

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forgiving one another" *Ephesians 4:32*

A New Arrival

I am delighted to be able to report that Daniel Oliver Cockhill has been born safely. He weighed a healthy 9lbs 4oz. Many congratulations to Mrs Cockhill! We all look forward to meeting him soon.



FOBS Update

This week's Easter egg hunt certainly did not disappoint! Excited pupils from across the school eagerly searched the playing field for illusive ceramic eggs that were converted into tasty treats upon their successful retrieval.



The Lego Competition in the village hall last weekend was also hugely successful. An entertaining and highly creative afternoon was had by all.

Thank you, FOBS, from all at

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Contact Information

Please note that we have a new office e-mail address and website domain:
office@beckleyschool.org / www.beckleyschool.org

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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.



Autism Awareness Week

The aim of this week has been to raise awareness about diversity, respecting and celebrating similarities and differences. Richard Maguire, Senior Consultant for Autism Oxford UK, led an assembly in which he enhanced our understanding of autism. Pupils also undertook a range of classed-based activities. A key message from the week was, "we are all the same, we are all different and we should all be kind to everyone."

Road Safety Scheme

With an increased volume of traffic, the safety of children on our roads has never been more important and so it is vital that pupils learn how to be safe pedestrians and road users.

Oxfordshire County Council have published a child pedestrian road safety scheme called *Footsteps*, aimed at parents. You can find it here: <https://beckleyschool.com/information/safety/>

Scarlet Fever

Although we have had **no** reported cases, Public Health England has warned of an increase in the rise of scarlet fever. Usually a mild illness, it is infectious. Parents are advised to be on the lookout for symptoms, which include a sore throat, headache and fever with a characteristic fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. If signs of scarlet fever are suspected, please contact your GP.

Easter Celebration

Children, staff and our Open The Book Team met in Church this morning for a special service to mark Easter. Mrs Dye led the worship which included an array of songs, readings and prayers.

End of Term

Today we break up at 1.20pm. The school bus will run at this time and there is no After School Club today. School reopens on Tuesday 23rd April. Please let me take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to wish you all a happy Easter.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Szortowski'.

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher



Important Dates

April

- 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 to the National History Museum in Oxford

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 School 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*)