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

Our Christian Value in  
focus this term is...

## Responsibility

### 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

18 October 2019

### Parent Consultations

Thank you all for the great turn out to this term's parent consultations. Staff have been very positive about the productive and useful dialogue.

### Bikeability Update

Two instructors returned to Beckley last Friday. I am pleased to report that 7 more Year 5 pupils achieved the Level 2 qualification, for which they had to show that they could ride safely and responsibly along the road, identifying and responding to hazards.

### Phonics Workshop

This week's Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Reception and Year 1 was extremely well attended. Materials from meeting and useful links can be found on our website: <https://beckleyschool.com/curriculum-provision/phonics/>

### Operation Christmas Child

Back by popular demand, there will be a Shoe Box collection for Samaritan's Purse International Relief Project in November. We will be packing boxes in the school hall on Friday 15th November at 3.30pm. Volunteers to help with this are most welcome. For further information please visit: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

### Harvest Festival

A reminder that next week we have our Harvest services in the church. Please see *Important Dates* for details. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Lockdown Procedure

The safety and security of our children and staff is a top priority for Beckley School. One of our procedures covers Lockdown. During a Lockdown, classroom doors are secured and the children remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building. Children are kept inside the school when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our children to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a Lockdown drill. Please rest assured that staff at our school spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with the children prior to running a drill. We also take time after a drill to remind them that it was only a practise and that there was no actual danger.

### End of Term Arrangements

As Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET day for staff, term ends on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 3.20pm. After School Club will run as usual on the last day. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes

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

Mark Szortowski  
Headteacher

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**Mini-Beast Workshop**

Last Friday evening the Church hosted an inspiring Mini-Beast Workshop in preparation for their Harvest Festival on the Sunday.

Butterflies, bumblebees, caterpillars, ladybirds and spiders were all lovingly created for the service.

Thank you to everyone who came to this great event and to the superb volunteers from the Church who organised it. There are now plans in the pipeline for a Christmas workshop in Church!



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### **Wraparound Care**

We provide high quality wraparound care with a wide range of fun activities and play opportunities for the children.

Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am and After School Club runs until 5.30pm.

The clubs are run by school and conform to all of our policies and procedures.

Any child who comes to Beckley school is welcome to attend wraparound care.

Places are restricted for the children's safety and to ensure adequate staffing.

Bookings for both Breakfast Club and After School Club should be made via *Bookwhen*. Places must be booked in advance, by the day before at the latest.

Please use this link:

[https://bookwhen.com/beckleyschool#foc  
us=ev-s8o4-  
20190723080000](https://bookwhen.com/beckleyschool#focus=ev-s8o4-20190723080000)

### **EXTREME READING**

Please find below a small selection of entries from this year's Extreme Reading competition. There were some remarkably creative ideas!



*KS1 Winner - Esme, Runner-up - Harry*



*KS2 Winner - Guy, Runner-up - Fran*



### **Important Dates**

#### **October**

- 24<sup>th</sup> Harvest service at 9.15am for pupils in Rec - Year 3
- 24<sup>th</sup> Harvest service at 2.30pm for pupils in Years 4 - 6
- 24<sup>th</sup> Break up today at 3.20pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> INSET day - school closed
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> HALF TERM

#### **November**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Children back to school
- 4<sup>th</sup> Years 4, 5 and 6 to visit Hindu Mandir, Neasden
- 5<sup>th</sup> Years 1, 2 and 3 to visit Christ Church Cathedral
- 6<sup>th</sup> FOBS meeting 8pm, school
- 14<sup>th</sup> Vision screening for Reception children
- 15<sup>th</sup> Flu immunisations
- 15<sup>th</sup> Children in Need (£1 donation for Big Quiz entry)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Shoe Box packing 3.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Headteacher surgery 4-6
- 21<sup>st</sup> SATs meeting for Year 6 parents 3.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Just One Tree (£1 donation to come in non-uniform)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Big Christmas Sing at Oxford Town Hall

#### **December**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Whole-school visit to the Playhouse Theatre to see *Beauty and the Beast*
- 10<sup>th</sup> Carol Service in Church for Skylarks and Hobbies 6pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nativity in Church for Tufted Ducks, Little Egrets and Lapwings 2.15pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre 3.30-4.30
- 12<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting