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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 December 2019

Carol Concert

A large congregation turned out for the service and were welcomed into church to the sound of children playing their instruments. Year 6 pupils confidently led the concert in the nine traditional lessons, punctuated by celebratory carols. The collection for FOBS, who provided the mulled wine and mince pies, totalled over £100.



The Little Blue Star

Our Nativity musical this year was called The Little Blue Star. In the beautiful surroundings of the church, the children's performance captured the wonder of the Nativity story in a truly enchanting and unique way.



Bauble Competition

The children take great pleasure in this and always come up with very creative ideas. It was hard to judge, but this year's winners were:
KS1 – Gabby in Y2
KS2 – Harvey in Y5



Christmas Bazaar

With a *12 Days of Christmas* theme, the Christmas Bazaar was filled with cheer and excitement. Thank you, FOBS, for yet another great event.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day raised £85 for *Save the Children* and lots of fun was had in the process.



Church Workshop

Following the success of their Harvest workshop, the Church organised a Christmas session that took place after school last Friday. The children avidly participated in a range of festive crafts including making Christmas cards. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers from the local community.

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Street Party

Tufted Duck, Little Egret and Lapwing Classes hosted a fantastic traditional street party to mark the conclusion of their current topic of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



The children have learnt about British traditions and made the decorations for this brilliant event.



Curriculum Intent

At Beckley School our Curriculum Intent is:

Each child will start learning – seeking knowledge and developing skills – to prepare them

to make their way and to contribute, to make changes and to thrive

in our changing world of challenge and delight.

In this we aim to...

- Develop foundations and individual enthusiasm for life-long learning.
- Inspire curiosity, confidence and creativity in all children.
- Teach the children with their strengths and interests in mind.
- Create many opportunities to spark interest for all children.
- Encourage a secure and positive attitude towards others and the environment.
- Be ambitious for every child, whatever their prior attainment or need.
- Encourage resilience through understanding the importance of making mistakes, listening and responding to feedback and being open-minded.

One of our core *Behaviours and Attitudes* is our approach to Learning:

We are keen to learn and stretch ourselves. We try hard in all we do including academic subjects, arts, sports, play and our own personal development. We learn to try again.

“An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge”

Proverbs 18:15

A Five Star Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunches are always a favourite event at this time of the year. Kitchen staff produced two delicious feasts, which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



In other news from the kitchen, a recent unannounced visit by the Food Standards Agency resulted in the **top grade** for food hygiene.



Santa Visits Beckley School

The children received a rather special visit from none other than Father Christmas in the last week of term. He visited every class, giving gifts to excited pupils.



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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#foc)

Request from Staff

The Early Years Team have put out a request for any spare clean socks, underwear or pre-loved uniform that you may have lying around at home.

RSE Policy

Thank you to all parents who contributed to the consultation regarding Relationships and Sex Education at our school. Governors carefully considered responses from stakeholders at their recent meeting. The School Nursing Team are in the process of revising the provision they offer to schools in future and we will keep you informed when we know more. Here is the ratified policy:

<https://beckleyschool.com/information/policies-procedures/>

Thank You

We would all like to say a most sincere and heartfelt thank you to Mrs Hotston-Moore, who is retiring after serving as a Teaching Assistant at Beckley for over twenty years, and to Mr Galvanovskis, who is taking a step back from chess club after more than two years of volunteer work. We are most grateful and wish you both well.

Return to School

Staff are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas time.

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski
Headteacher



Important Dates

January

- 6th INSET day – school closed
- 7th Children back to school
- 13th NSPCC assembly
- 16th Swimming Gala
- 20th NSPCC fundraiser
- 22nd FOBS meeting in hall 8pm
- 28th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6
- 31st Schools Concert – Year 4

February

- 7th IMPS visit – Year 6
- 10th Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
- 12th Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
- 14th Break up today at 3.20pm
- HALF TERM 17th – 21st February
- 24th Children back to school

March

- 13th Sports Relief
- 17th Headteacher's Surgery 4-6
- 26th Governing Body meeting

April

- 1st Interim reports published
- 3rd Break up today at 1.20pm
- EASTER 6th – 17th April
- 20th Children back to school
- 27th Class curriculum letters

May

- 8th Bank holiday - school closed
- 11th Year 6 SATs week
- 22nd May Dancing 1.30pm
- 22nd Break up today at 3.20pm

Please note: the information above is accurate at this time, but may be subject to change.