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

Our Christian Value in  
focus this term is...

## Peace



### 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

4 December 2020

### Health and Safety

Our annual Health and Safety inspection was undertaken by a Risk Management company last week. The outcome was extremely positive, with the Inspector judging us to be the highest scoring school in the whole Trust – for the second year in a row. My personal thanks go to our wonderful staff, who continue to keep Health and Safety at the forefront of all they do in school.

### Poppy Appeal

I am very pleased to report that pupils at Beckley School collected **£127.94** for this year's Poppy Appeal, helping toward a district total of **£242.08**.



### Christmas Arrangements

The way we mark Christmas in school will of course have to look a little different this year. We are currently preparing videos of virtual celebration, similar to our approach at Harvest time, which will be shared with our families shortly. The deadline for returning decorated baubles is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Jumper Day (in exchange for a suggested donation of £1 for Save the Children) will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas cards should be in pupils' classrooms by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December and the kitchen is preparing a Christmas packed lunch for the children on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The last day of term is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and usual timings apply.

### Moderated Writing Outcomes

At various points during the year, each year group completes a writing task that is sent away for moderation. This gives confidence in our teachers' judgements and helps build collective efficacy. Year 3 were the first cohort to participate this year and, despite most pupils spending a prolonged time away from school in the spring and summer terms, I am delighted to report that **100% of the children achieved the Expected level, with 44% working at Greater Depth**. The average 'writing age' of the 36,610 children who took part was **8 years, 0 months**, with our pupils returning an average writing age of **9 years, 2 months**. Our Year 3 pupils are also the highest performing Year 3 cohort in our academy Trust's 16 primary schools. Congratulations to our Year 3 children!

Best wishes

Mark Szortowski  
Headteacher

### Important Dates

#### December

8<sup>th</sup> Flu immunisations  
11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day  
11<sup>th</sup> Bauble return deadline  
14<sup>th</sup> Christmas card deadline  
16<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> Break up today  
CHRISTMAS 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

#### January

4<sup>th</sup> INSET day – school closed  
5<sup>th</sup> Children back to school