



Beckley Church of England Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday July 2nd 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The children were delighted to meet their new Headteacher, Miss Wilkie last Thursday. Miss Wilkie attended school to support with the interviews for our new Teaching Assistants, who I am pleased to say we have appointed to start in September.

Mrs Cooper will be part time and Mr Gent will be full time. This provides us with a good allocation of Teaching Assistant support.

Covid

The Delta variant can 'feel more like a bad cold' for younger people (runny nose, sore throat, headache). If your child displays these symptoms please arrange a PCR test. Lateral flow tests are not recommended for children under 11 years.

RLT Parent Survey

Earlier this week I sent a survey to parents from RLT to gather your views of the school. The deadline for completion is 9am on Monday 5th July and I would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing this as your views are important to the school and to RLT. Many thanks for your support.

Annual Reports

Your child's annual report will be distributed next Friday 9th July. Parents wishing to discuss the report are asked to contact their child's teacher to arrange a Google Meet or a phone call.

Wrap Around Care

I am afraid that we will need to increase the prices of both Breakfast Club and After School Club from September. The price for Breakfast Club will increase to £6 and for After School Club it will be £10 per session.

Oxford University Press

If there is a member of our school community, parent, relative, Beckley community, who works for the Education Department at OUP then please do get in touch as you may be able to support us in gaining a good discount for books and educational resources. We are in the process of reviewing our reading books and are looking to make a major purchase and every penny of saving will help.

No More Marking

As you may well know the school takes part in a national writing process called No More Marking. Schools up and down the country submit children's writing which is then marked by teachers using a comparative judgement process. Comparative judgement is a process where judges (ie teachers) compare two responses and decide which is better. Following repeated comparisons, the resulting data is statistically modelled and responses placed on a scale of relative quality. In the past the writing submitted at Beckley School comes out as being very high when compared to other schools in RLT and schools in England. This year's Year 6 submission continued to follow the

trend and Beckley School came top of the table for the Trust with a scaled score of 569 (average for Trust 540, National Average 541) with 91% of pupils achieving the expected standard and 45% achieving greater depth (Nat Av 78% / 21%). This is yet again an excellent achievement for the school and pupils in Year 6.

Term Dates

Please find attached the term dates for 2021 – 2022 which are also on the school website under Parents Information.

Oxfordshire Young Singers run by Oxfordshire County Music Service

Will you be in Yrs 3, 4, 5, or 6 in September?

Do you enjoy singing, performing and want to do more?

Come and join Oxfordshire Young Singers!

We meet on Thursdays in school term times at St Andrew's Primary School, London Road, Headington from 4.30 – 5.30pm .

Come and try it!

Contact Jo Gill jo.gill@oxfordshire.gov.uk or Sue Baker sue.baker@oxfordshire.gov.uk if your child would like to come along.

Wishing you a happy and exciting weekend especially if you are an England football fan (wrong shaped ball for me!)

Kind regards

Katherine Spencer

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