



# BECKLEY BULLETIN

## 11 January 2017

### January

- Thursday 12 Red Maple/Acorn : Chatham Dockyard
- Friday 13 Rippledawn Meeting : 3pm
- Monday 16 Rainbow Theatre
- Friday 20 BSA Cake Sale - Blue Spruce
- Monday 23 BSA Film Night
- Tuesday 24 Parent Forum : 2.30pm
- Tuesday 31 Year R : Hearing/Vision Tests

### February

- Friday 10 Last day of Term 3

### March

- Friday 3 World Book Day
- Monday 20 Author Visit to KS2
- Thurs 30 Easter Fayre

### July

- Saturday 1 Summer Fayre
- Thursday 13 Year 6 Leavers' Trip

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to school! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thanks from all the staff for the wonderful gifts/cards we received from children and parents during the Christmas period. We wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2017.

**CHATHAM HISTORIC DOCKYARD:** As part of their learning journey, Red Maple and Acorn classes will visit Chatham Dockyard on Thursday 12 January. During



the visit children will attend the following workshops:- Grace Darling - Shipwrecks & Rescues; Make a Skipping Rope; Pirates Ahoy!

**RIPPLEDOWN - OCTOBER 2017:** We are currently in the process of organising the Rippledawn residential trip for Blue Spruce class. This will take place in October of the next academic year and so will be for children currently in Years 2 & 3. A letter has been sent home in book bags with initial details but don't forget that Mrs Grice will be holding a meeting on Friday 13 January in the school hall at 3pm. This will be a meeting to provide more information and to give

parents and children an opportunity to ask questions. Children who have previously attended the trip will also be there to talk about their experiences



### RAINBOW THEATRE VISIT :

Monday 16 January sees the return of the Rainbow Theatre Group to Beckley School. During the morning the whole school will enjoy a production of 'Fairy Tales'. In the afternoon, children in Blue Spruce & Evergreen classes will join a 'Victorian children' themed workshop.

Many thanks to the BSA who have kindly agreed to fund the visit once again - we are sure it will prove just as successful and enjoyable as in the past few years.



### SCHOOL LUNCH: Thursday 19 & Friday 20 January

Please be aware that the menu for the above two days has been swapped. The main courses on offer will therefore be as follows:-



*Thursday 19 January : Fish Goujons or Veggie Burger in a Bun*

*Friday 20 January : Chinese Chicken Noodles or Macaroni Cheese*

As usual, baked potatoes will also be available.

### PARENT FORUM: Tuesday 24 January 2:30pm

Our next Parent Forum will be held on 24 January. This is an opportunity for parents to meet together and talk with each other and myself over a cuppa! For this forum, I would like ideas from you as to what themes you would like to talk through. If you have a particular idea, please let either myself or the school office know by Friday 20 January. I will take two or three of these suggestions and we will talk through these at the forum.

Many thanks, Mr Thurston.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** For a number of years the Parish Council has used an accountant to carry out their internal audit and instead of paying him for his services they have made a donation to the charity of his



choice. This time was his final year as their auditor and so he asked the Parish Council to decide themselves where the donation should be made.

At the Council meeting in October, councillors agreed to make the donation to Beckley school. They have given us £200 on the understanding that the children decide how this money is spent. We are extremely grateful for the contribution and will let you know what the children have decided in due course!



**EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES:**

Please remember that if we do need to close the school due to inclement weather, or indeed for any other reason, we will of course endeavour to contact everyone via our text messaging service. However, you can

also find out details of any emergency closures by checking the East Sussex County Council website : [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures) The website also gives you the opportunity to sign up for email alerts as soon as a decision is taken to close the school. Announcements are also made on local radio stations including BBC Radio Sussex, Heart FM and Arrow FM.

**SAINBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS 2017:** We will once again be collecting the Active Kids vouchers. The scheme will launch on Tuesday 25 January so please do collect as many vouchers as you can - there will be a collection box in the entrance area shortly.

**FINAL REMINDER!!!**

**NEW RECEPTION 2017 :** Applications for children starting school in September 2017 **MUST BE** made by 15 January. Applications can be made online. Please visit [eastsussex.gov.uk/schools](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/schools)

**MUSIC CLASSES :**



**Keyboard:** Wednesday mornings  
First session Term 3: Wed 11 Jan  
**Guitar/Violin:** Thursday mornings  
First session Term 3: Thurs 12 Jan

*Please can parents ensure that children take their instruments home at the end of the day.*

**SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 3**

**Spanish:** Year 1-2 Mondays : 3.30-4.15pm

9 / 18\* / 30 Jan; 6 Feb (\*Wednesday!)

**Sports:** Year 3-6 : Thursdays : 3.30-4.15pm

5 / 12 / 19 / 26 Jan; 2 / 9 Feb

**Needlecraft:** Years 3-6 : Thursdays : lunchtimes

**BSA News :**

**Christmas Fayre:** Many thanks to all those who helped make the Christmas Fayre such a success. The BSA raised £700.00

**BSA Shed Key:** The spare BSA shed key from the school office is missing. If you remember borrowing it around the time of the Christmas Fair, please can you check pockets etc and return it asap. Many thanks.

**Easter Fayre:** We will shortly start planning for the Easter Fayre and will have a meeting in due course. Details to follow soon.

**LIVING MY LIFE CAREULLY**


*Dear God.*

*Help me to walk carefully so I do not crush the flowers I see along my way.*

*Help me to talk carefully so I do not crush the people I meet along my way.*

*Help me to listen carefully so I do not crush your voice speaking to me along my way*

*Amen*



Term Dates 2016 - 2017		
Term	Start	End
3	Wed 4 January	Fri 10 February
4	Mon 20 February	Fri 31 March
5	Tues 18 April	Fri 26 May*
6	Tues 6 June	Thurs 20 July
<b>INSET DAYS :</b> Mon 5 June 2017 Fri 21 July 2017		
<b>*Monday 1 May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed on that day</b>		