



# BECKLEY BULLETIN

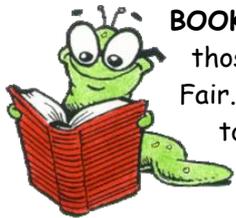
14 October 2016

## October

Tuesday 18 Red Maple Trip to Woodchurch Windmill  
 Friday 21 Last day of Term 1  
 Monday 31 First day of Term 2

## November

Tuesday 1 Nasal Flu Vaccine : Years 1, 2 & 3  
 Friday 4 Acorn/Red Maple : Herstmonceux Trip  
 Friday 18 Children in Need  
 Tuesday 20 Last day of Term 2  
 Wednesday 21 INSET Day



**BOOK FAIR:** Many, many thanks to all those who supported the Travelling Book Fair. The school will now have over £400 to spend on books. Your support is much appreciated.

**ACORN VISIT:** As part of their 'Weather' topic this term, Acorn class visited the Woodchurch windmill to learn about wind power. Unfortunately there was insufficient wind to turn the sails but they climbed all the way to the top and were able to see the modern wind turbines in the distance. Red Maple children will be visiting the windmill next week.

## HERSTMONCEUX SCIENCE

**CENTRE:** Acorn and Red Maple classes will visit the Herstmonceux Science Centre as part of their 'Space' learning journey in Term 2. Details of the trip will be sent home in bookbags early next week.



**POPPY DISPLAY :** We will once again be creating a poppy display in time for Remembrance Day. As you may remember, we had a great response last year. Children are invited to make a poppy to add to the display. The poppy can be a drawing, painting, collage, photograph, or a model made from clay or 'junk' material. It can be any size - so be creative! Poppies should be brought into school on Monday 31 October. As usual, we will also have a box of poppies, bracelets etc from the British Legion which children and parents can purchase.

## HEAD OF SCHOOL PARENT FORUMS:

Every term I would like to hold a coffee morning when parents will have the opportunity to find out about, ask questions, talk through a particular theme that links to the learning going on in school. Examples of focus

themes could include: how to support your children with their maths; understanding pupil assessment; strategies to help develop creative writing; helping children with SATs, and so on. I very much want to give parents the opportunity to suggest themes as well! The first of these mornings will take place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - 9:15 to 10:15am**. The theme will be 'Helping your child with their Handwriting.'

If you would like to find out more, please speak to either Mrs Bettley or myself next week.

Simon Thurston  
Head of School



**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** The proofs for the school photos have been sent home in book bags this week. Anyone wishing to place an order should return the completed envelope to the school office by Monday 31 October

## PUSH - an Opera:

One of our Year 6 pupils, Iris Bolton, has recently been performing in a brand new opera, alongside professional opera singers and musicians! The opera is called 'PUSH' and formed part of the Battle Music Festival. It was based upon the real-life story of Simon Gronowski - a young boy growing up during WW2.



Simon and his family were being taken on a train to a Nazi concentration camp where they would be killed along with thousands of other Jewish families. Simon's mother pushed him off the train in a desperate attempt to save her son. Amazingly, he survived and the opera is based upon his incredible story. Iris was singing with professional singers and musicians and performed the opera at the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill. What an amazing experience!



## GENTLE REMINDERS:

**Uniform:** Now that the weather is turning colder, please will you make sure that your child is coming to school with their school jumper or cardigan, and a coat. Please check that they are labelled with your child's name written clearly in them!



**Arrivals:** Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time. Children should be in their classrooms and starting their early morning work by 8:55am.

**Lunch:** Some of our pupils are struggling to eat their hot meals at lunchtimes because they are not able to use their knife and fork properly, so find it incredibly difficult to cut up their food (including some Y5 and 6 pupils!) Please will you help your child by getting them to practise using their knife and fork correctly at home.

**Travel to School:** We welcome children cycling and scootering to school but please make sure that children get off their vehicles and push them once they are through the school gates.



Thank you 😊

**YEAR 6 CHILDREN:** Please remember that for those children currently in Year 6, applications for secondary school **must be made by 31 October 2016.**



**NEW RECEPTION 2017:** Applications can also now be made for children starting school in September next year. Apply by 15 January 2017.

Applications for both can be made online. Please visit [eastsussex.gov.uk/schools](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/schools)

**SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 1**

**Spanish:** Year 1 & 2 Mondays : 3.30-4.15pm  
19 / 26 Sep; 3 / 10 / 17 Oct

**Multi-Sports:** Year 1-6 Thursday : 3.30-4.15pm  
22 / 29 Sep; 6 / 13 / 20 Oct

**BSA:** BSA meeting on Friday 21 October, 1pm at the Rose & Crown. All welcome to attend - it would be good to see as many of you as possible. We will be discussing Christmas planning.



**Design a Christmas Card Fundraiser:**

The children will once again be creating a design for a Christmas card. The designs will go home in bookbags by Friday next week at the latest. Details of how to

place an order will be on the back on the artwork. Orders must be made on line by 4 November and artwork returned to school by 8 November.

**MICHEL ROUX's HIDDEN KITCHENS:** We have received an email and telephone call from a Channel 4 researcher with regard to a food programme. Please see details below.

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR LOCALS TO TAKE PART IN A MEAL FOR A NEW CHANNEL 4 FOOD PROGRAMME WITH MICHEL ROUX JR!** I'm a researcher on a new Channel 4 food programme, provisionally called 'Michel Roux's Hidden Kitchens'. The programme will focus on Michelin starred TV chef Michel Roux Jr's travels around the country, where he has been visiting hidden restaurants and extraordinary venues to sample their culinary delights.

Inspired by his adventures, Michel will be setting up his own hidden restaurant near Northiam, East Sussex. His 'Oast House Restaurant' will be serving a simple 3 course fixed menu **during the day on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday morning on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October.** (All meals will contain meat and/or fish – we regret that we will not be able to make alterations for specific dietary requirements) We are looking for guests to come to the 'film set' restaurant and we were wondering if any teachers/parents would be interested in being considered? We are really keen to involve local people in the area. The 3 course meal will be provided free of charge, in return for your willingness to contribute to being filmed on the day. Guests will need to make their own way to/from Northiam.

If you are interested, please reply by email to :

[kitty.ure@boomerang.co.uk](mailto:kitty.ure@boomerang.co.uk)

with your **name, age, address and telephone contact information.** (We are trying to get a variety of age groups for each meal)

We will be following up with more details once we have all of your information.

Best  
Kitty Ure

Apologies in advance, if we received a large amount of replies we may not be able to get back to everyone, but will do our best.

Term Dates 2016 - 2017		
Term	Start	End
1	Tues 6 Sept	Fri 21 October
2	Mon 31 October	Tues 20 December
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
INSET DAYS : Wed 21 Dec 2016 Tue 3 Jan 2017 Mon 5 June 2017 Fri 21 July 2017		

We plough the land,  
God sends the rain  
to bring the harvest once again;  
And when the fields  
of wheat turn gold  
then God's great goodness must be told.

Amen

