



# BECKLEY BULLETIN

## 2 December 2016

### December

- Monday 5 Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Craft Day
- Thursday 8 Red Maple/Acorn : ' Out of this World Day'
- Wednesday 14 School Christmas Lunch
- Friday 16 Christmas Service - 2pm at church
- Monday 19 Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 20 Last day of Term 2
- Wednesday 21 INSET Day

### January

- Tuesday 3 INSET Day
- Wednesday 4 First day of Term 3
- Monday 16 Rainbow Theatre Visit to school
- Friday 20 BSA Cake Sale - Blue Spruce
- Monday 23 BSA Film Night



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY:** [Monday 5 December](#) children are invited to wear a 'Christmas' jumper (other school uniform should still be worn).

In return the BSA have asked for children to bring in a 'bottle' of some description for the Christmas Fayre. This can be a bottle of shampoo, shower gel, wine, bubbles etc. These are then used as gifts for the grownups at the Christmas Fair. BSA committee members will collect bottles from the parents in the morning if they are glass or contain alcohol.

### RED MAPLE/ACORN CLASSES:

Don't forget our 'Out of this World' Day on [Thursday, 8 December](#) when we would like the children in Red Maple & Acorn classes to dress up as an astronaut, a character from a space story or even an alien! Children will stay after school until 5.15pm. During this time they will spend time in the woods participating in various activities including stargazing, and making 'planet' biscuits over a fire!



**NATIVITY REHEARSAL:** On the day of the Christmas Service ([Friday 16 December](#)), please could we ask that all children in Acorn and Red Maple classes be dropped at the church between 8.45-8.55am. They will, of course, be walked back to school later in the morning.



**CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** The service will start at 2pm at Beckley Church on [Friday 16 December](#). As in previous years, the BSA have kindly volunteered to serve mince pies and coffee before the service from 1.00pm. **Don't forget that ALL children should be collected directly from the church at 3.30pm.**



**CHRISTMAS FAYRE:** The Fayre will take place on [Monday 19 December](#). Please can children bring their money in a named purse on the day (suggest £5-£10 in loose change); prices will vary from 20p upwards. The children will be taken to the village hall after lunch by the staff. Once there, they can do their own 'serious shopping for Christmas' as there will be gifts for mums, dads, grannies, etc as well as their own hand-made craft items. Parents are invited to join us to buy items at the hall from 3pm and to hear the drawing of the raffle etc.



**Children should be collected from the [village hall](#) no later than 3.30pm.**

**LIBRARY BOOKS:** We have recently been given a list of all the East Sussex County Council books that have been borrowed from the mobile library and not returned. It's quite a long list and some date back for over a year. Please could you spend a little while checking all your child's books at home to see if they have any that need to be returned. Please also check if you have children who left in the last couple of years - they may well have left copies at home too! (Books will have a little blue van sticker on the spine, plus an 'East Sussex' stamp inside the cover).



**SCHOOL UNIFORM:** Some parents are looking for their child's jumper/cardigan which has been clearly labelled. Please check the uniform you have at home to be sure it does belong to your **own** child and not someone else. Don't forget to check the PE bags too! Thank you.

### BOOK BAGS/PACKED LUNCHES:

Please can children leave their bookbags at home on:

- Friday 16 December
- Monday 19 December
- Tuesday 20 December

Please could children having packed lunch on the following days bring their food in a plastic bag so they can dispose of it after lunch:

- Friday 16 December
- Monday 19 December

This will ensure that children will not have to carry bookbags/lunch boxes to the church/village hall.

**CLEARING THE CLOAKROOMS:** Please can everything go home so that Mr Allen, the caretaker, can give the corridors a good clean during the Christmas break. Cloakrooms need to be cleared by [Tuesday 20 December](#).



**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.

**CHILDREN IN NEED :** Shortly after the last newsletter went out, Anneliese, Beatrice, Daisy, Jessica, Josephine & Olivia held a cake sale and raised over £35.00. Other donations also arrived and our final total was £306.00! Well done to everyone!



**MUSIC CLASSES :**

**Keyboard:** Wednesday mornings

**Guitar/Violin:** Thursday mornings

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



**SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 2**

**Spanish:** Year 3-6 Mondays : 3.30-4.15pm

21 / 28 Nov; 5 Dec

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

**Thursday :** 24 Nov; 1 / 8 Dec

**Tuesday :** 22 / 29 Nov; 6 Dec

**Drama Club:** Year 3-6 Fridays : 3.30-4.30pm

4 / 11 / 18 / 25 Nov; 2 Dec

**BSA NEWS:**

**Clothes Collection:** Thank you for supporting the clothes donation last week. This was fairly easy and raised a total of £48.60 so we will look to do this again later in the school year.



**Surviving Christmas:** Don't forget to prepare your Christmas shoe boxes for Surviving Christmas; they will be collected on Friday 16 December. Caroline from Surviving Christmas visited the children last Friday; a leaflet was sent home too.



**Christmas Fayre:**

Just a reminder that the donations bin is in the playground for the Christmas Fayre - all donations gratefully received.



Also Mrs Grice needs some more cardboard rolls for making crackers. In addition, some children have been making brooches to sell at the Fayre - if anyone has a mannequin they could lend to display the brooches, or indeed anything else that might be suitable for the purpose, please you let Mrs Grice know.



If you have bought any raffle tickets please return them in a sealed envelope with the appropriate payment to the office. It would be appreciated if any unused books be returned to the office as soon as possible so they can be sold elsewhere.

Order forms for the Christmas cakes and table decorations will be sent home in book bags next week.

*I Count The Days to Christmas*

*I count the days to Christmas  
as we shop and bake and clean.  
The lights and tinsel sparkle  
and yet deep inside I dream*



*that as we tell the story  
of Lord Jesus and his birth,  
the things of every day will fade  
as heaven comes to earth.*



Term Dates 2016 - 2017		
Term	Start	End
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
<b>INSET DAYS :</b>		
	Wed 21 Dec 2016	Mon 5 June 2017
	Tue 3 Jan 2017	Fri 21 July 2017