



BECKLEY BULLETIN

27 January 2017

January

Tuesday 31 Year R : Hearing/Vision Tests

February

Thursday 2 Parent Meeting: School Safety 3pm

Friday 10 Yellow Day
Last day of Term 3

March

Friday 3 World Book Day

Wednesday 8 BSA Film Night

Monday 13 Y6 - Safety in Action

Monday 20 Author Visit to KS2

Thursday 23 Victorian School Workshop - Evergreen

Friday 24 MUFTI Day

Thursday 30 Easter Fayre

June

Wednesday 21 Sports Day : 1.30pm
Reserve Date: Thurs 29 June

July

Saturday 1 Summer Fayre

Thursday 13 Year 6 Leavers' Trip



RECEPTION CLASS : Hearing & Vision Screening

You have already been given a letter in the bookbags last term from Kent Community Health regarding the hearing and vision screening. If you do **NOT** wish your child to have the screening then you **MUST OPT OUT BEFORE** the tests take place. The school nurse has been booked to visit Beckley on



Tuesday, 31 January. If you do wish to opt out then you should telephone the number shown on the Kent NHS letter. (It would also be helpful if you could let Mrs Langridge know.)

PARENT MEETING - SCHOOL SAFETY: Thursday 2 February, 3:00pm

We have recently looked at the safety of the school site, in terms of access into the school, and would like to invite parents to a meeting to gather your ideas and views about how we can improve access to the school so that our children are even safer. Please come along if you can.

YELLOW DAY : Friday 10 February - we will once again be showing our support for St Michael's Hospice annual 'Yellow Day'. In addition to the usual school uniform, children can wear something yellow. There will be a collection box in the school office - donations gratefully received.

RIPPLEDOWN VISIT: Year 3/4 children (current Year 2/3) will once again spend a week at the Rippledawn residential centre in October this year. Just a reminder that the permission forms and deposits are due in by Friday 10 February. Many thanks.



WORLD BOOK DAY: Friday 3 March is World Book Day. Children may come to school dressed as a book character; they should also bring to school the book the character is in. If children do not wish to dress up then full school



uniform must be worn.

Please also look out for the £1 tokens which will be sent home in book bags on that day. Tokens are valid until 26 March 2017 and



entitle children to one free £1 World Book Day book or £1 off a book or audio book worth £2.99 or more at all participating outlets (Waterstones, Asda, WHSmith, Morrisons, Sainsbury's & Tesco)

There is also an opportunity to win prizes, including a family holiday to Universal Parks & Resorts. Details can be found on the voucher along with a 'magical' entry number.

REMINDERS.....

UNIFORM

Please make sure that pupils are wearing correct uniform for school - this includes:

- no nail varnish;
- no necklaces, bracelets or rings;
- long hair tied back only with a plain hair band, plain scrunchie or Alice band;
- plain black shoes - no trainers or boots;
- PE kit should be a plain white PE top and plain black PE shorts. (In this cold weather, plain black jogging bottoms and plain PE sweatshirt are also allowed)

PACKED LUNCHES

We have noticed quite a few packed lunches containing food items that do not fit with our 'healthy eating' policy.

Please will you ensure that your child's packed lunch:

- does not contain sweets or bars of chocolate (a chocolate covered biscuit bar is fine [eg: a Penguin bar] - please limit this to no more than 2/3 per week)
- does not contain sugary drinks, including squash (cartons of fruit juice are fine, and we provide water for everyone)

LATENESS

Finally, after 4 months of trying, we received the information needed for us to re-set the school clock - this is now running to the correct time, rather than 4 minutes fast! Please remember that the gate opens at 8:40am. Pupils should be in school and in their classrooms

by 8:55am. Children who arrive after this time will need to report to the school office to sign in and will be marked down as being late to school.

LIBRARY BOOKS : As you may know, the East Sussex Library Service van visits the school twice a year and children are able to choose books to borrow. Unfortunately, quite a large number of these books have been taken home and not returned. Please could we ask you to have a really good look around to see if any of the books are on your shelves. The missing



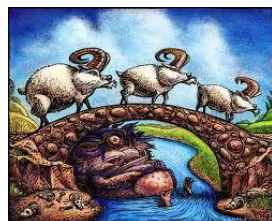
books date back to the previous academic year and beyond so if you have children who left the school in the last couple of years then please look on their shelves too. The largest

proportion of missing books is from Red Maple class last year. All books are in plastic covers, have a sticker with a blue van on the side and an East Sussex Library stamp inside. If you come across any books with Beckley School stamps inside of course please bring them in too!!!!

SAINBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS 2017: We will once again be collecting the Active Kids vouchers which are used to purchase pieces of equipment for the school. The scheme launched last Tuesday and will run until 2 May. We would very much appreciate it if you could donate as many vouchers as possible. There is a collection box just inside the front door by the office.

RAINBOW THEATRE VISIT:

Last week saw the return of the Rainbow Theatre to the school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and many thanks once again to the BSA for enabling us to do this.



DO YOU LIKE TO SING? :

Children in Year 3 - 6 are invited to join a new children's choir - Rye Area Children's Community Choice (RACCC). Sessions will take place at Peasmarsh Memorial Hall on Thursdays from 3.50 - 4.50pm (term time only). Cost will be £4 per child per session. Further details can be found in the school office. There will be two free taster sessions on Thursday 2nd and Thursday 9th February. There are no auditions - children just need to want to join **AND** love singing!

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 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.



MUSIC CLASSES :

Keyboard: Wednesday mornings

Guitar/Violin: Monday afternoons



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

*Bless our little garden.
May it be a safe place for all the little creatures
that creep and scurry through the grasses.
May it be a busy place for all the little creatures
that sip and nibble and munch among the
flowers. May it be a joyful place for all the birds
that sing in the trees.*

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

INSET DAYS : Mon 5 June 2017
Fri 21 July 2017

*Monday 1 May is a Bank Holiday and the school will be closed on that day