



BECKLEY

BULLETIN

4 November 2016

November

- Friday 4 Acorn/Red Maple : Herstmonceux Trip
- Friday 11 Evergreen Cake Sale
- Tuesday 8 Parent Forum : 9.15 - 10.15am
- Tuesday 15 Parent/Teacher Consultations
- Wednesday 16 Parent/Teacher Consultations
- Friday 18 Children in Need
- Friday 25 BSA Rags Collection Day
- Wednesday 30 BSA Film Night

December

- Wednesday 14 School Christmas Lunch
- Monday 19 Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 20 Last day of Term 2
- Wednesday 21 INSET Day

SIAMS Report Success : As a Church of England school we have an inspection from the Diocese of Chichester once every 5 years. The inspection looks at how effectively we are incorporating a Christian ethos into all aspects of school life. Many of you will be aware that we recently had our SIAMS Inspection and I am delighted to tell you that we were judged as being a 'hot GOOD' in every area. We have now received our official inspection report from the Diocese and this is available to read as a link on our web-site. (If you would rather have a paper copy, please let us know!). In order to aim for 'Outstanding', we have already begun to introduce a number of new things that demonstrate a greater diversity and breadth of Christian worship within our collective worship. This includes some new songs and different approaches to worship that engage the pupils through music, actions and the use of multi-media resources. If you are interested to find out more, I will be happy to meet with you.

ATTENDANCE: This year, we have set a target for our whole school attendance of 97.5% - a slight increase on last year's overall figure. Please remember that 90% attendance sounds quite good, but actually equates to your child missing one am/pm session every week; 80% equates to one day of absence every week!

PARENT FORUM: On Tuesday 8 November we will be holding our first parent forum which will be focusing on how you can support your child as they develop their handwriting. This will be a very practical session run by Julie Bettley who will be showing parents lots of resources and ideas. We will be supplying a pack of materials and resources to those who attend. If you are interested please let the office staff know as soon

as possible so that resources packs can be made up beforehand.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS: Parent Consultation Sessions have been organised for the evenings of 15 and 16 November. These sessions will provide you with an opportunity to speak one to one with your child's class teacher. Letters were sent out in bookbags earlier this week for you to indicate which time slot would suit you best.



CHILDREN IN NEED: Friday, 18 November

As part of Children in Need Day we are encouraging children to 'show their spots!' Full school uniform should be worn but it would be great if children could also wear something 'spotty' - a spotty wig, face, scarf, gloves, waistcoat, cardigan, t-shirt etc! (Children wearing a spotty t-shirt can of course wear this instead of their usual polo shirt.) A minimum donation of £1 is suggested for those children participating.

SHOW YOUR SPOTS. LET'S RAISE LOTS!

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS: Data collection sheets were sent home in bookbags a few weeks ago. If you have not yet checked and returned the forms, please can you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

HATS & COATS: Please can you ensure that children come to school with their hats, gloves & coats. Children will be outside during playtimes unless it is raining. It would also be helpful, and much easier for the children, if coats could have quite a big loop to hang them up with.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH: The school Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 14 December. A note will go home in bookbags shortly to find out numbers of children who will have the lunch on that day.



DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES: Please may we remind you that dogs are NOT permitted anywhere on the school premises. They must remain on the pavement outside the railings. Thank you for your cooperation.

SICKNESS BUGS: Please be aware that the latest advice from Public Health England is that children suffering from sickness should NOT return to school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.



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

Applications can be made online. Please visit eastsussex.gov.uk/schools

MUSIC CLASSES :

Keyboard: Wednesday mornings
Each Wednesday this term

Guitar/Violin: Thursday mornings



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

SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 2

Spanish:

Year 3-6 Mondays (* & a Wednesday!): 3.30-4.15pm
9* / 14 / 21 / 28 Nov; 5 Dec

Sports Club: Year 3-6 3.30-4.15pm

Thursday: 3 / 10 / 17 / 24 Nov; 1 / 8 Dec

Tuesday: 8 / 15 / 22 / 29 Nov; 6 Dec

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

4 / 11 / 18 / 25 Nov; 2 Dec

Messages from BSA:

Friday 25 November - rags collection day (see calendar of events for more info)

Christmas cards ordering - a letter was sent home in bookbags earlier this week. Apologies for the mix up - we had hoped this system would allow you to make online payments, thus reducing the work for the BSA and also allowing for family discounts. So sorry!

BSA Calendar of events to follow in book bags!

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
INSET DAYS : Wed 21 Dec 2016 Tue 3 Jan 2017 Mon 5 June 2017 Fri 21 July 2017		

