



BECKLEY BULLETIN

14 July 2023



July

Thursday 20 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.30am
Last Day of Term

September

Monday 4 First day of Term (Years 1-6 only)
Monday 11 First day (part-time) - Reception

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY : There will be a special assembly led by our Year 6 leavers at 9.30am on Thursday 20 July. Year 6 parents are welcome to join us and stay behind afterwards for tea and cake!



GOODBYES & THANK YOUs: As we arrive at the end of the school year, we have a few 'goodbyes' to make.



Firstly, we say goodbye to Mrs Calderbank, who has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Acorn & Red Maple classes, one day a week. She has been such a wonderful support to the children and, whilst we are sad to see her leave, we are excited for the career opportunities that have opened up in her work as a horticulturalist.



We say a sad 'goodbye' to Mr Wood, who has been a volunteer helper at Beckley for seven years. Mr Wood spent much of his time working with Mrs Barlow, supporting her teach music at the school. Pupils and staff all want to say a huge 'thank you' to him for all the help he has given us during his time. As he moves on to spend more time with his grandchildren, we all wish him well. Please come back to see us!



Finally, we want to add our huge **thankyou** 'thank yous' to those of the BSA, in saying goodbye to Bruni who is stepping down from being the chair of our Beckley School Association. Bruni has been in this role for seven years and we are very aware of the incredible hard work that Bruni and the BSA have done over this time. The funds raised have had an enormous impact on the school, allowing us to buy all sorts of equipment and pay for trips and visits that have significantly enriched the experiences of our pupils. Bruni has been a wonderful figurehead for the BSA and we want to say a massive thank you to her for all that she has done!



CLEARING THE CLOAKROOMS:

All children's possessions need to be cleared from the cloakrooms so that the school can be deep cleaned during the summer holidays. Packed lunch boxes must also go home. Any of these items left behind will be disposed of in the first week of the holidays.



END OF TERM: Please make sure that pupils bring a strong named bag with them **NEXT MONDAY** so they can take their work from this year home with them later in the week.

BACK TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER: Pupils in Years 1-6 return to school on Monday 4 September. Gates open at 8.30am; children to arrive by 8.55am when gates will close. Please make sure that pupils are in the correct school uniform (all with name labels please!). We have an increasing number of children who are currently not wearing correct shoes or correct PE kit.



SCHOOL LUNCH: For children in Years 3-6 the cost of a school lunch is currently £2.60. Lunches should be paid in advance using the Parent Pay system or directly at school on the day. For children currently in Year 2, we will be sending home letters next week with log in codes. Parents who would like to pay on line using the Parent Pay system can use these codes to create an account.



Acorns topic this term has been 'Why Should We Look After Our Planet?' Recently they have been learning about the effects our pollution is having on the animals of the world. They decided they would like to help endangered animals and voted to adopt a tiger through the World Wildlife Fund. Parents donated a can, small bottle and milk bottle at the beginning of term and they turned them into other items (plant holder, elephant toy, and elderflower cordial) that they sold back to them! They raised £41 as a one-off donation and should receive an adoption pack, certificate and cuddly toy soon.



KENCH HILL VISIT - October 2023: Please may we remind parents that the final instalment for the residential visit is due on **Friday 8 September**. Please can parents ensure that all outstanding balances are settled by this date. Many thanks.



PE DAYS: Don't forget, children should come to school on Fridays wearing the correct school PE kit. We also have a rota for classes wearing PE uniform every other Thursday as follows:-

Evergreen & Red Maple : Thursday 7 September

Thursday 21 September

Thursday 5 October

Thursday 19 October

Blue Spruce & Acorns : Thursday 14 September

Thursday 28 September

Thursday 12 October



MUSIC CLASSES :

Guitar: Tuesday mornings

(first session Tuesday 12 September)

Violin: Wednesday mornings

(first session Wednesday 6 September)

Keyboard: Friday mornings

(date of first session in Term 1 to be confirmed)

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



SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 1

Striking & Fielding: 3.30-4.15pm Thursdays :
Year 1 & 2

Fridays : Blue Spruce & Evergreen

A letter will go out shortly with a booking form for these clubs.

Chair of Governors email Address:
chair@thegenesisfederation.co.uk



MESSAGES FROM THE BSA

SUMMER FAIR: The BSA want to say a massive 'THANK YOU' to everyone who gave help and support and came along to make this years Summer Fair a success. (We've already got tips in mind for next year!) The hard work has definitely paid off and, although final bills and payments are still rolling in, we believe we have raised in the region of £3,000 - an amazing amount! In particular we want to thank ALL the wonderful volunteer parents, grandparents and teachers who helped in the lead up and on the day, giving up time to help, we could not do it without you all. We hope the children have enjoyed their BSA supported trips and activities this year, most recently the trip to Canterbury Cathedral which we hope was a wonderful experience for them. Sadly we have farewells to say to lots of Year 6 parents who have all been committed to helping the BSA throughout their time at school, particularly to Bruni who has been Chair of the BSA for 7 years. Thank you for everything (we may still be in touch for the odd favour 😊) Have a wonderful Summer and we look forward to seeing you next year for some more fun and fundraising!



Messages from the Local COMMUNITY



BECKLEY CHURCH FETE: Friends of Beckley Church have asked for volunteers for their Summer event on August Bank Holiday. They need help manning a few game stalls (Bowl for a Gammon, Hoopla, Sledge Hammer Croquet and Throw the Horseshoe). They would also love to have a face painting stall - if anyone is able to help them with that it would be fabulous. If you are able to help at all please contact Kate on 07734 958 129 or email katejmjoyner@gmail.com.

BECKLEY VILLAGE CENTRE: What is the future for Beckley Village Centre? As part of the Rother Village Halls Energy project, the hall has been surveyed with a view to achieving a reduced carbon footprint - reduced reliance on fossil fuels. Grants would be sought to cover costs. But there are wider issues to consider. One hirer contributes almost 50% of annual hiring fees. Their future is uncertain. Fund-raising needs to increase to keep up with repair costs as the building ages. Should we be making major changes now? The Hall Committee would like to involve villagers in a discussion on the future for the building. Even if you are not part of an organisation that uses the hall, or have experience of solar power etc, your views can be helpful in planning the way forward. An open meeting will be held on **Monday 24 July at 7.30** in the Village Centre. For more information email becklevillage@btinternet.com

Term Dates 2023-2024

Term	Start	End
1	Monday 4 Sept*	Friday 20 October
2	Monday 30 October	Friday 15 December
3	Wednesday 3 Jan	Friday 9 February
4	Monday 19 February	Thursday 28 March
5	Monday 15 April	Friday 24 May
6	Mon 3 June	Friday 19 July

INSET DAYS : Friday 1 September 2023
Tuesday 2 January 2024
Friday 28 June 2024
Monday 22 July 2024
Tuesday 23 July 2024

MAY BANK HOLIDAYS : Monday 6 May

*New Reception children will start on Monday 11 September.

Their first week will be as follows:-

Monday 11 September: 9.00-10.30am

Tuesday 12 September: 9.00-11.00am

Wednesday 13 September: 9.00-12.15pm

Thursday 14 September : 9.00-1.15pm (including lunch)

They will start full time on Friday 15 September.

Thank you for this school, for friendships made, for all it has given to us and all we have been able to give to its life. Bless us in these holidays and in the new beginnings that await us next term.

Amen.

