



# BECKLEY BULLETIN

## 19 October

## 2023



### October

Friday 20 Harvest Festival 2.30pm - Beckley Church

Monday 30 First day of Term 2

### November

Tuesday 7 BSA Meeting : 7pm at the Rose & Crown

Friday 17 Non-Uniform Day (parent gifts)

Wednesday 29 Non-Uniform Day (bring a bottle)

BSA Film Night

### December

Thursday 7 BSA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13 School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15 Christmas Service 2.00pm: Beckley Church

### June

Thursday 27 Sports Day: 1.30pm start

(Reserve Date: Thursday 4 July)

### July

Tuesday 2 Year 6 Leavers' Trip



above could almost be mistaken for an iconic photo of yesteryear - can you guess which one? See end of Newsletter for the answer!

**FANTASTIC BOLLO MUSIC:** Last week Year 6 had the opportunity to participate in a wonderful music project. A team of

musicians from The Gambia and Zimbabwe came to the school for two days to introduce them to traditional music from The Gambia. Pupils discovered how 'Bollo' music (meaning 'freedom music') has been a strong part of traditional Gambian culture for centuries, linking traditions and culture with spiritual beliefs. The musicians helped our pupils to learn and play Bollo music, mixing African drums with the solo instruments that some the children are currently learning to play - guitars and keyboards. The two-day workshop culminated in a performance to parents and the school, with pupils even performing solo improvisations within the context of a Bollo song! The children really enjoyed the experience and learning about how music can be so different in other cultures, but also how it can bring joy and freedom to people all over the world!



### HARVEST FESTIVAL:

**Beckley Church - Friday**

**20 October.** The service starts at **2.30pm** and will finish around 3.15pm. Parents are welcome to join us.

**Children should be collected directly from the church after the service, between 3.15-3.30pm.**

Donations for the service can be brought into school. Contributions will be given to the local food bank.



**WILD BEACH SCHOOL:** Children once again had the opportunity to participate in the Wild Beach School. This time it was the turn of Year 1. Children thoroughly enjoyed time on Mondays this term at Rye Nature Reserve and for the most part had fabulous weather! The project is run by Sussex Wildlife Trust and made

possible because of National Lottery Heritage funding. The children had opportunities to have hands on experiences that helped them become more aware of the coastal environment and gain a greater understanding of beach safety. They learned about the tides, sea safety, rock pooling, where

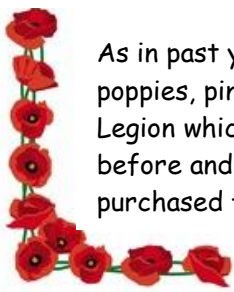
litter comes from, made a 'beach-in-a-box', created art on the beach and much more.

On their final session they celebrated, after litter picking, with hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows! Thank you to Linda who volunteered to come along with us each Monday and helped make this such a rewarding experience. The picture showing the children on the wall



**POPPY DISPLAY:** As you know, we are once again creating a poppy display in time for Remembrance Day. We do hope as many children as possible will create a piece for the art display. Artwork must be 2D - for example a collage, card relief, drawing, painting, print, photograph, fabric work and so on. It is always good to have a few large pieces too. Remember, the background is part of the overall picture as well! Other than that - be creative! Please bring in your designs after half term.

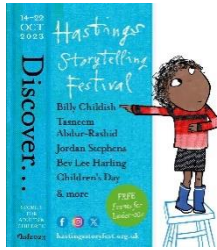




As in past years, we will also have a box of poppies, pins, bracelets etc from the British Legion which children and parents can purchase before and after school. These can be purchased from next term.

### HASTINGS STORYTELLING

**FESTIVAL:** Don't forget the Story Telling Festival at the Stade in Hastings this **Sunday, 22 October**. Free activities from **12 noon** and a parade from **2.30pm**. Blue Spruce & Acorns helped Radiator Arts decorate a cart so please come along and join Miss Bolton in the fabulous parade!



**SCHOOL LUNCH:** A new menu will be in place when children return after half term. This menu will run until Easter next year. Details are going home in bookbags today.

### \*\* FINAL REMINDER \*\*

**YEAR 6 CHILDREN:** Please remember that for those children currently in Year 6, applications for secondary school **must be made by 31 October 2023**.



**NEW RECEPTION:** Beckley School will be open for visits from potential new Reception parents on the following dates:



- Wednesday 8 November : 9.30am
- Thursday 9 November : 1.30pm or 2.30pm
- Friday 10 November : 9.30am or 11.00am
- Wednesday 15 November : 9.30am or 11.00am
- Thursday 16 November : 1.30pm or 2.30pm
- Friday 17 November : 1.30pm or 2.30pm

Please call the office to make an appointment

Applications for children starting school in September next year should be made online **by 15 January 2024**. Please visit: [eastsussex.gov.uk/schools](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/schools)



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

- Blue Spruce & Acorns:** Thursday 2 November  
Thursday 16 November  
Thursday 30 November  
Thursday 14 December
- Evergreen & Red Maple:** Thursday 9 November  
Thursday 23 November  
Thursday 7 December

### MUSIC CLASSES :

- Guitar:** Tuesday mornings
- Violin:** Wednesday mornings
- Keyboard:** Friday mornings



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

### SPORTS CLUBS: Term 2

- Archery:** 3.30-4.15pm  
Thursdays : Blue Spruce & Evergreen
- Hockey:** 3.30-4.15pm  
Fridays : Red Maple

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*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*



### 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 :** Tuesday 2 January 2024

Monday 24 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

**MAY BANK HOLIDAY :** Monday 6 May

*... and the answer is ...!*

