



# BECKLEY BULLETIN

## 16 September 2016

### September

- Thursday 22 Anglo Saxon Workshop
- Saturday 24 Beckley Horticultural Show - Village Hall  
- Vegetable/Fruit People!
- Wednesday 28 Travelling Book Fair  
- Monday 3 Oct
- Friday 30 Individual School Photos

### October

- Tuesday 4 School Nurse : YR & 6 - Weights & Heights
- Monday 10 - Rippledawn Residential Trip  
Friday 14
- Friday 21 Last day of Term 1
- Monday 31 First day of Term 2

**WELCOME:** It's the start of a new school year, which is always an exciting and busy time for children, parents and staff as we get used to the changes in our routines after the summer break.

For me, the first two weeks have been such a positive time - thank you for making me feel welcome as I start in my role as Head of School. It has been a real pleasure to wander in and out of classrooms and see how well the children have settled into their learning.

There is a tremendous sense of calm and purpose throughout the school - a big thank you must go to the teaching and support staff who have worked so hard to ensure that we have all had such a smooth start to the school year!

I have enjoyed meeting many of you at the two drop-in coffee mornings this week. I will be putting several dates into the school calendar throughout the year to hold similar style parent 'forums', which I hope will prove useful. However, if at any time you would like to talk with me, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will happily arrange a time to meet with you.

I am excited about our year ahead and really looking forward to seeing the school go from strength to strength.

Simon Thurston  
Head of School

**GENTLE REMINDERS:** As we start the new school year, there are one or two points about routines and procedures that might be useful for everyone to be reminded about:

- Parking before and after school - please will you ensure that you do not park across the driveways of



- any of our local residents, blocking access for them.
- The school gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:55am.
- We have a policy whereby parents of children in Acorns and Red Maple are able to come into the classroom until 8.55am at the start of the day to help settle their child. As the children get older and move into Blue Spruce and Evergreen we believe it is important that they are developing their sense of independence; we ask that parents say goodbye to their Y3, 4, 5 & 6 children at the school gate.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school with them on days when they have PE (Acorns - Wednesday; Red Maple - Tuesday and Thursday; Blue Spruce - Monday and Friday; Evergreen - Wednesday and Friday)

### SPECIAL DELIVERY!!!

Two of our staff are leaving to have babies!

Mrs Forman, who has been supporting the children in Acorns, will finish today and Miss Piper, who has most recently worked in Evergreen, will finish on Friday 23 September. They have been an invaluable support to Beckley and we will really miss them. I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Forman and Miss Piper our very best wishes as they look forward to time spent with their new babies and enjoy becoming mums for the first time! We look forward to welcoming them back in due course!



**ANGLO-SAXON WORKSHOP:** All children will participate in an Anglo-Saxon workshop on Thursday 22 September. Many thanks to Mrs Langmead who secured a grant to cover 50% of the cost and also to the BSA who are covering the other 50%.



**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** We have arranged for a photographer to come to the school on Friday, 30 September to take individual photos of the children. She will take two photos of each child - one head & shoulders and one crop - just to give you more choice.

Siblings within the school will also have a photo taken together. However, if you would like a photo of your child with any younger siblings who are not yet at school, the photographer will be in the school hall from 0830 - 0850 and will be happy to take those photos then.



**TRAVELLING BOOK CO:** We will once again have a travelling Book Fair in school from 3.30-3.45pm on :



Wednesday 28 September  
Thursday 29 September  
Friday 30 September  
Monday 3 October

Each class will be given the opportunity to have a look at the books and parents are also encouraged to come along and support the event. We, as a school, benefit hugely as commission from sales at the fair allow us to buy books for the classroom and library. Additional details will be in book bags shortly.

If any parents would like to help run this event please speak to Mrs Langridge in the office.

**BECKLEY HORTICULTURAL**

**SHOW :** Saturday, 24 September.

Once again all the children are being given the opportunity to create a 'vegetable/fruit man' for the show - you can be as creative

as you like!  
We do hope that as

many parents as possible will help and encourage their children to participate. Please bring your named entry (including age) to school on **Friday 23 September** for us to share and celebrate! All the entrants will be on display at the



Horticultural Show in the Village Hall on Saturday, 24 September. It would be wonderful to see as many creations as possible.

**YEAR 6 CHILDREN :** Please remember that for those children currently in Year 6, applications for secondary school **must be made by 31 October 2016.** A leaflet was sent home in in book bags earlier this week with details of online applications.



**MUSIC CLASSES :**

**Keyboard:** Wednesday mornings  
Each Wednesday this term  
**Guitar/Violin:** Thursday mornings  
No sessions on 22 Sep & 6 Oct



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

**SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 1**

**Spanish:** Year 1 & 2 Mondays : 3.30-4.15pm  
19 / 26 Sep; 3 / 10 / 17 Oct

**Multi-Sports:** Year 1-6 Thursday : 3.30-4.15pm  
22 / 29 Sep; 6 / 13 / 20 Oct

**Drama Club:** Year 3-6 Fridays : 3.30-4.30pm  
23 / 30 Sep; 7 / 14 Oct

**BUDDY BENCH :** We now have a lovely 'Buddy Bench' in the playground. Children who feel they have no-one to play with can sit on the bench so others can be



aware they are feeling alone and then invite them to join with whatever they are doing. Many thanks to the Year 6 children who left in July for giving this gift to the school.

**BSA NEWS:**

The BSA will hold their AGM at some point in October. Dates and further details of other planned events will follow shortly. The BSA do hope that as many parents as possible will offer their support over the coming year.

They also hope to arrange a meet up over coffee for all new parents to the school in the next week or two so you can have the opportunity to learn about all the wonderful contributions that the BSA make to Beckley school and all the great event they organise to enable them to do this.

**A New Me**

I've taken off the old me  
and thrown it all away;  
I'm going to be the new me  
as from this very day.

Based on Colossians 3:9



Term Dates 2016 - 2017		
Term	Start	End
1	Tues 6 Sept	Fri 21 October
2	Mon 31 October	Wed 21 December
3	Tues 3 January	Fri 10 February
4	Mon 20 February	Fri 31 March
5	Tues 18 April	Fri 26 May
6	Mon 5 June	Fri 21 July
<b>INSET DAYS :</b> Mon 5 Sept Other dates to follow		