

## 13 September 2019

### September

Wednesday 18 Rippledawn Meeting : 3.35pm

Wednesday 25 Travelling Book Fair

- Monday 30

### October

Thursday 3 Individual School Photos

Monday 7 - Rippledawn Residential Visit

Friday 11

Friday 18 Harvest Festival: 2pm - Beckley Church

Friday 25 Last day of Term 1

### November

Tuesday 5 First day of Term 2

Tuesday 12 Parent Evening : 3.40pm onwards

Wednesday 13 Parent Evening : 3.40pm onwards

### December

Thursday 19 Christmas Service: 2pm - Beckley Church

**WELCOME BACK!** We have been really delighted with the excellent start to the new school year.

The children have returned full of excitement, energy and enthusiasm for their learning and have settled into the routines of school very quickly.

The staff would also like to say 'thank you' for your wonderful gifts at the end of the summer term. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.

*Thank You*

**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:

**Drop-off and Pick-up:** Please can I remind all parents about our 'rules' for driving and parking at drop-off and pick-up times.

- Please will you ensure that you do not park across the driveways of any of our local residents, blocking access for them.
- Please do not make three-point turns in the road or by using one of the driveways.
- If you have parked in the small car park in the field, please take great care when turning out of here onto the road.

Thank you.

**Uniform:** We are pleased to see the smart standards of uniform amongst all pupils, but would urge you to make sure that **ALL** items of uniform (including PE kits and shoes) are clearly labelled with your child's name on them; we have already had a number of items being 'lost', without names on them.



**Morning Arrival:** The school gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:55am. We have a policy whereby parents of children in Acorn and Red Maple classes are able to come into the classroom until 8:55am at the start of the day to help settle their child. As 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.

**School Lunches:** Don't forget, over the holidays there has been a small reduction in the cost of a school meal - the current cost is now £2.05 per meal.

**TRAVELLING BOOK CO:** We will once again have a travelling Book Fair in school on :

Wednesday 25 September : 3.30 - 4.00pm

Thursday 26 September : 3.30 - 4.00pm

Friday 27 September : 3.30 - 4.00pm

Monday 30 September : 3.30 - 4.00pm

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 sent home in book bags next week.

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

### BUILDING A 'DREAM TEAM':

As we begin a new school year, I am very keen to create a group made up of pupils, parents, school staff, governors and members of the local community who will act as a forum to explore and shape ideas about any whole school issues that we want to develop as we move forward. This group will be our 'Dream Team', looking to provide a voice for all the groups within the school community. The first issue for the newly formed Dream Team will be to help develop a new vision for the school. What are the qualities you want your child to develop through their time at Beckley? What are the values you want to see that make Beckley a unique school? If you are interested in being involved as a parent representative, can commit time to Dream Team meetings, liaise with other parents to gather views and explain decisions - please speak to Mr Thurston as soon as possible.

**CALLING ALL GARDENERS:** We are so pleased with our new school orchard and vegetable beds developed last year and we are now

looking to build regular opportunities for the children to learn through gardening. We are looking for some parents (or grandparents) interested in volunteering for some gardening with a small group of children every



week. If you can commit to some 'veggie-patch gardening' for an hour every week, please see Mr Thurston. The children have absolutely loved going into our school orchard and working on their class vegetable bed and I am hoping that we can create a team of 'gardeners' who can really support the children with this.

**YEAR 6 CHILDREN:** Please remember that for those children currently in Year 6, applications for secondary school **must be made by 31 October 2019**.



A leaflet is going home in book bags today with details of online applications.

## Community News

### JUBILEE FIELD:

The Parish Council have almost raised sufficient funds for the MUGA in the Jubilee Field. However, in order to get to the final total, they will be holding an auction of donated good/services in October/November. If any parents would like to donate something, eg an hours gardening, babysitting, a cake ..... all donations welcome!

Northiam Bonfire Society has kindly agreed to help sponsor a set of goal posts for the Jubilee Field for use by local children. Beckley needs 5 volunteers to rattle collection buckets on 5 October.

If you are able to help with either of the above, please email Tina Langmead, Chair of the Parish Council: [tina.langmead@BeckleyParishCouncil.org.uk](mailto:tina.langmead@BeckleyParishCouncil.org.uk)

**HORTICULTURAL SHOW:** The Autumn show will take place on Saturday 5 October. We do hope that as many children as possible might send in an entry. This year they are being asked to design/make a fairy garden (max 30cm x 30cm). All entries must be clearly labelled with the child's name and their current school year. The entries will be judged in two categories as follows:

1. Reception, Years 1 & 2
2. Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

All entries should be taken directly to the Village Hall on the day of the show.

**TELEPHONE BOX COMPETITION:** Following the many suggestions, the Parish Council are looking into making the phone box opposite the school into a book swap/information point - this was suggested by Zack, Freddie, Willow, Oliver & Archie.

..... oh, and the village hall is to get a new kitchen in the New Year!!

### MUSIC CLASSES :

**Guitar/Violin:** Monday afternoons  
**Keyboard:** Friday mornings (classes will resume on Friday 27 September)



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

### SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 1

**Football Club:** 3.30-4.15pm

Tuesdays : Years 1 & 2

**Dance Club:**

Tuesdays : 3.30-4.15pm

**Hockey Club:** 3.30-4.15pm

Thursdays : Blue Spruce & Evergreen



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*Our holidays are over and we return to school for a new year. May it be for us all a new start: a chance to surprise ourselves at what we can achieve, a new opportunity to make friends and to make this school a community where everyone can feel at home. A place where we can all work together and support one another to Achieve, Believe, Care.*

*Amen*



### Term Dates 2019-2020

Term	Start	End
1	Thurs 5 September	Fri 25 October
2	Tues 5 November	Fri 20 December
3	Tuesday 7 January	Fri 14 February
4	Mon 24 February	Fri 3 April
5	Mon 20 April	Fri 22 May
6	Tues 2 June	Wed 22 July

**INSET DAYS :** Monday 4 November 2019  
 Monday 6 January 2020  
 Monday 1 June 2020  
 Friday 3 July

**EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY : Friday 8 May**