



BECKLEY BULLETIN

22 November 2019

November

Tuesday 26 Year 6: Height & Weight
Reception: Height/Weight/Vision

December

Friday 6 BSA Film Night
Friday 13 MUFTI Day for Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 18 School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 BSA Christmas Fayre - Village Hall
Friday 20 Christmas Service: 2pm - Beckley Church
Last day of Term 2

RECEPTION/YEAR 6: HEALTH SCREENING



The School Health Team will be here on **Tuesday 26 November** to see children in Reception and Year 6: Heights and Weights for both; Reception children will also have Vision screening. Please be aware, all children in Reception and Year 6 **will automatically be screened** unless parents contacted the Health Team to opt out (details of how to do this were given in the letters sent home to you several weeks ago).

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM: Last week, I wrote to everyone about the importance of pupils being dressed appropriately for the colder winter months - having school jumpers, warm coats and not wearing shorts. Some parents have asked for clarification about the uniform for girls who are wearing skirts or dresses. These are perfectly acceptable to wear, but girls should then be dressed in dark grey tights as well, during the winter period. Thank you. Mr Thurston

CHRISTMAS WRITING COMPETITION:

Don't forget, the closing date for the Rotary Club Christmas Writing Competition is **Thursday 28 November**. The competition is open to children in Years 1-6.



HASTINGS & ROTHER SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY:



Well done to all the children who ran in the cross-country event last week - especially given how muddy and slippery it was! Huge congratulations to Florence who has qualified to run in the Sussex County Finals next April - this is the first time ever that Beckley has had a child compete at this level!



POPPIES: Thank you for your contributions to the British Legion Poppy Appeal which raised over £100. This went towards a grand total of £1,500.00 raised as a village.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX: The Christmas post box will be out in the school foyer from Monday 2 December. This is where children are able to post their cards to friends within the school. Cards should be **CLEARLY MARKED** with child's **FULL name and CLASS**. Please **DO NOT** add any treats/sweets etc to the envelopes. The cards will be distributed to all the children at the end of term.



MUFTI DAY: Children are invited to wear MUFTI on **Friday 13 December**. In return the BSA have asked for children to bring in a 'bottle' of some description, ie a bottle of shampoo, shower gel, wine, bubbles etc. These are then used as gifts for the grown-ups at the Christmas Fair. BSA committee members will collect bottles from parents at the school gates in the morning if they are glass or contain alcohol.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 18 December**. A note is going home in bookbags today to find out numbers of children who will have the lunch on that day. Along with their uniforms, we also encourage children to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on this day.

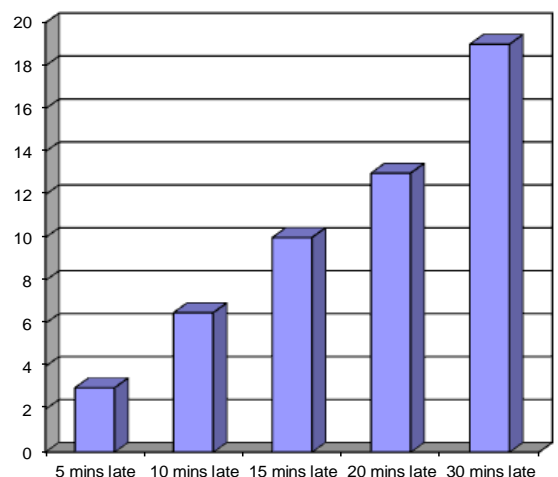


LATE ARRIVAL, IE AFTER THE GATE CLOSES AT 8.55am:

Please may we take this opportunity to remind parents that school starts with registration at 8.55am. Children arriving at school after this time will be marked as late. Arriving late for school not only disrupts your child's learning but has the potential to disrupt the learning of other children in the class. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.



- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- 15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year



■ = Days lost

VILLAGE News

MUSIC CLASSES :

Guitar/Violin: Monday afternoons

Keyboard: Friday mornings

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



SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 2

Tennis Club: 3.30-4.15pm

Tuesdays : Blue Spruce & Evergreen

Thursdays : Years 1 & 2

*Chair of Governors Email Address:
chair@thegenesisfederation.co.uk*

BSA NEWS: Volunteers needed for:

Craft Evening: *Sunday 15 December*

To help prepare gifts for the Christmas Fayre. Beckley Village Hall - 7pm; festive music, mulled wine and mince pies from the BSA!

Christmas Fayre Preparation: *Wednesday 18 December*

To help set up and prepare for the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 19th. Beckley Village Hall at 7pm.

Christmas Fayre: *Thursday 19 December*

Helpers needed from 11.30am for a 1.30pm start.

If you are able to help at any (or all!) of the above events, please see your class rep/committee member:

Acorn - Lee Merlin-George

Red Maple - Hannah McGrane

Blue Spruce - Lauren Dobson

Evergreen - Bruni Llovet, Hannah Featherstone

Committee: Bruni Llovet, Michael Cole,

Madelyn Sells & Hannah McGrane



For those of you who support the village recycling scheme - empty crisp packets, bread bags and dental products - you will be delighted to know that the scheme has earned £50 which will be used towards equipment for the new kitchen at the village hall. A huge 'thank you' to everyone involved and keep recycling!

Although we are not yet in 2020, here is a date for your diaries! Friday 8 May will be a Bank Holiday to mark 75 years since VE Day. To mark this occasion, the Parish Council are hiring the village hall for a tea dance and the WI will be providing the tea and cakes! It is hoped that residents will join in by dressing in 1940's style outfits and coming along to enjoy the fun. We are also hoping to have a May Queen and King as well as other activities throughout the day such as maypole dancing and a stoolball match.

VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

AUTUMNAL GLORIES

*For all the rich autumnal glories spread -
The flaming pageant of the ripening woods,
The fiery gorse, the heather-purpled hills;
The rustling leaves that fly before the wind
And lie below the hedgerows whispering;
For meadows silver-white with hoary dew;
The first crisp breath of wonder in the air,
We thank you, Lord*

Amen



Term Dates 2019-2020		
Term	Start	End
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 6 January 2020 Monday 1 June 2020 Friday 3 July 2020		
EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY : Friday 8 May 2020		