



January

Wednesday 22 Parent Forum, 9.15am

February

Monday 3 BSA Film Night

Friday 14 Yellow Day for St Michael's Hospice  
End of Term 3

Monday 24 First day of Term 4

March

Thursday 5 World Book Day

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to school! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holidays and would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thanks from all the staff for the wonderful gifts/cards we received from children and parents during the Christmas period. We wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2020.

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

**NEW RECEPTION 2020:** Applications for children starting school in September 2020 ***MUST BE made by 15 January.*** Applications can be made online. Please visit: [eastsussex.gov.uk/schools](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/schools)

**CHANGE TO MENU :**

**Thursday 16 January**

*Please note that on Thursday 16 January the menu choice has been changed and will be as follows:-*

*Fish Fillet & Chips*

*Sweet Potato & Chickpea Burger & Chips*

*Jacket Potato with Baked Beans*

*Served with Peas and Baked Beans*

*Jelly & Vanilla Ice Cream*

*or*

*Fresh Fruit*

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*Consequently the menu on Friday 17 January will be that shown on the Chartwell menu for Thursday 16 January!*

**PARENT FORUM:** On Wednesday 22 January Mr Thurston is holding a Parent Forum at 9:15am in the school hall. This will be an opportunity to talk about the following:

- Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing in school - how do we support pupils who might be worried or anxious about school?
- Clubs and After School activities - alternatives to sports clubs

**ROAD SAFETY WEEK:** Next week will be a Road Safety Week for the school. Pupils will be exploring some of the issues around road safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and we hope to raise awareness of some key issues within Beckley and outside the school.

As part of this week, our Police Community Support Officer, PC Julie Pearce-Martin will be coming into school on Thursday afternoon to work with the children. She will be taking our School council onto Main Street, and looking at speed awareness, parking and turning issues outside the school.



Please do ensure that you are NOT:

- Making 3-point turns on the road outside the school
- Mounting the kerb, when parking
- Parking across, or very close to resident driveways

All of these situations have been seen by staff within our first week back at school this term!

It would also be very much appreciated if you would reduce your speed to 20mph maximum when approaching the school for pick-up or drop-off.

**STORMONT AWARDS 2019:** As part of their initiative to build stronger links with local schools, the trustees of the Rye Art Gallery Trust invited us to participate in their annual Stormont Award art competition. They chose the theme "**MONSTER**" and were looking for pupils who demonstrated good technical ability, observation and interpretation alongside strong creativity and originality. All the children were given the opportunity to create a picture at school and twenty drawings were selected to send to the Gallery.



The prize giving ceremony was held at Rye Art Gallery last Saturday and several Beckley children were among the prize winners:-

- AJ - Winner*
- Luke - Second Place*
- Darcie - Second Place*
- Freddie F - Highly Commended*
- Huxley - Highly Commended*

Huge congratulations to the children!

A £50 art voucher prize was awarded to the winning pupils; £25 art voucher to the runner up in each category; as we had a winner from the school, we are able to apply for a specialist piece of equipment (up to £200) presented by the Trust.

The weekend also saw the opening of the exhibition of all the chosen works submitted from the various local schools; the exhibition will run for 2 weeks in Gallery 6. If you haven't already done so, then we do hope you will take the opportunity to pop in to the Gallery to see the children's wonderful artwork!



**HATS & COATS:** There are still a few pupils coming to school without coats. Whilst we are having cold and/or wet weather on a regular basis, please make sure that your child brings a coat to school with them. Children will be outside during playtimes unless it is raining. It would also be helpful, and much easier for the children, if coats could have quite a big loop to hang them up with .... and don't forget to ensure they are **CLEARLY labelled!**

## COMMUNITY News

**BETTER BECKLEY PROJECT:** If you or your friends/family shop at Tesco in Hawkhurst, please use your blue tokens to vote for the Better Beckley Project. Hopefully this will help raise a bit more money towards the new tennis court/MUGA which should start taking shape towards the end of this month.

The Co-op in Winchelsea are also supporting the Better Beckley Project but shoppers will need to nominate the cause when you shop there. Again, please encourage your friends and family in the area to do the same.

**VILLAGE CENTRE BOOKINGS:** There is a new website up and running for booking enquiries:

[www.becklevillage.info](http://www.becklevillage.info)

As a result hirers have a new email address to use:  
[becklevillage@btinternet.com](mailto:becklevillage@btinternet.com) or phone 260213

For a month from Friday 7 February, the kitchen is being refurbished and will not be available - even for drinks. Kettles and cups can be found in the Committee Room. The First Aid box will be moved temporarily to the Foyer. The village hall committee apologise for the disruption.

**DEFIBRILLATOR:** A second defibrillator has been installed in the disused telephone box opposite the Rose & Crown. There is a code to unlock it and you can get the code when you ring 999 or from Alice in the pub should you ever need to use it.



*Dear God*

*The 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. And where we can all work together and support one another to*

*Achieve Believe Care*

*Amen*

### MUSIC CLASSES :

Keyboard: Friday mornings

Guitar/Violin: Monday afternoons

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

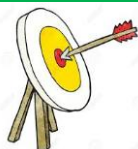


### SCHOOL CLUBS: Term 3

**Archery Club:** 3.30-4.15pm

Tuesdays : Years 1 & 2

Thursdays : Blue Spruce & Evergreen



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### Term Dates 2019-2020

Term	Start	End
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 1 June 2020  
Friday 3 July 2020

**EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY :** Friday 8 May 2020