



BECKLEY BULLETIN

11 September 2020

September

Tuesday 22 School Photos

October

Friday 23 Last day of Term 1

November

Monday 2 First day of Term 2

Wednesday 4 School Nurse Visit : YR/Y6

Monday 16 Flu Immunisations

December

Friday 18 Last day of Term 2

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER: This week, we have seen all our children returning to school and welcomed our new pupils into Acorns; I am absolutely delighted at how well the children have settled in. For most they have not been in school since the end of March, so returning to the structure and routine of school and reuniting with a whole class of other children really was a huge step to take. They have all been brilliant! For the staff, seeing the wonderful smiling pupils' faces as they came back to school has certainly made the long hours of planning and preparation worthwhile!

On your behalf, I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who have worked incredibly hard to ensure the children have felt safe, reassured and happy on their return. All the staff have played a major role in our first week running so smoothly and calmly, and I know you are very grateful to them for this.

Thank You

I would also like to say a big 'thank you' to you - our wonderful parents! The staff here all recognise that you have needed

to make changes to your routines at home, in order to adapt to the new drop-off and pick-up times introduced. We really do appreciate your co-operation in these things as we transition back into full reopening. We would also like to thank you for your support and encouragement; for the 'thank-you' messages, cards and gifts for all the staff. You are very kind!

As you would expect, I am regularly reviewing our new systems to make sure the school day runs as smoothly as possible for everyone. I recognise that tweaks and adaptations will be inevitable, and so I thank you in advance of any changes that might need to happen as we seek to establish the best ways forward.

Simon Thurston
Headteacher



SCHOOL PHOTOS: We have arranged for a photographer to come to school on **Tuesday 22 SEPTEMBER** to take individual photos of the children. Siblings within the school will also have a photo taken together. Please ensure your child is wearing their school jumper/cardigan.



DROP-OFF & 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.
- Beckley PreSchool have also asked us to remind you not to fly in the Village Hall car park to turn around, and if possible find somewhere else to turn! Their children will be lining up outside the hall in the car park. It will be taped off but they are quite busy now and naturally wish to avoid any unnecessary accidents.

Thank you.

PE DAYS: Don't forget, ALL children should come to school on Fridays wearing their PE kit. We also have a rota for classes wearing PE uniform every other Thursday as follows:-



Evergreen & Red Maple : Thursday 17 September
Thursday 1 October
Thursday 15 October

Blue Spruce & Acorns : Thursday 24 September
Thursday 8 October
Thursday 22 October





UNIFORM: We are pleased to see the smart standards of uniform amongst 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.

YEAR 6 CHILDREN : Please remember that for those children currently in Year 6, applications for secondary school **must be made by 31 October 2020**. A leaflet is going home today with details of online applications.



BIKEABILITY: Due to the pandemic, our current Year 6 children were not able to participate in the Bikeability Level 2 Cycle training which usually takes place each May for Year 5. We have now booked the sessions for May 2021 and both Year 5 **AND** Year 6 will have the opportunity to attend. Further details of this will follow in the Spring.

TRAVELLING BOOK CO: As many of you will know, we usually have a Book Fair in the school for a week in September. Due to the current circumstances we have postponed this and do hope that this will now take place at the end of April.

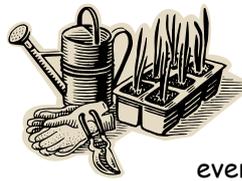


Chair of Governors Email Address:
chair@thegenesisfederation.co.ukk

We have a new Parent Governor this year - Mrs Chrissie Johnston - who has two children at the school

COMMUNITY News

Anniversary of the Battle of Britain: This weekend marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. In September 1940, RAF pilots flying their Spitfires and Hurricanes were successful in a huge battle over the skies above the south of England. The enemy had a much larger number of aircraft and expected to defeat the RAF, paving the way for a full-scale invasion. However, the courage and skill of the RAF pilots meant the plans failed and the invasion of Britain never happened. We remember the bravery and sacrifice of those RAF pilots and the many others killed or wounded in war - look out for the RAF flag flying at the Beckley War Memorial this weekend.



Autumn Show: Beckley Horticultural Society is unable to hold its Autumn Show this year so instead is planning a virtual one. Entry will be open to everyone whether or not they are a Member. With the exception of the children's classes, there will be no judging and no prizes. The Society think it would be nice to share a few images from this year, and have chosen 7 classes that they hope will show what you've been growing over the past few months.

Classes are as follows:-

1. A vegetable person open to pre-school, Keystage 1 and Keystage 2 children. (This will be judged by members of the BHS and 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class will be awarded with a certificate and prize.)
2. Photography Class - "My lockdown"
3. A vase of annuals
4. A vase of perennials
5. A basket of vegetables
6. A bowl of fruit
7. A photograph of something that "brought you joy during lockdown"



Please send a photo of your entry (no bigger than 5mb) to zoe@orchardfarmflowers.co.uk ensuring that it states your name, class entered and school year group if applicable (Class 1 only).

Closing date for photos is 19 September 2020.

Entries can be viewed on the Society's website :

www.beckleyhorticulturalsociety.org

We do hope you find this enjoyable.

Hopefully next year will prove to be less fraught.

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, support one another and 'Let our Lights Shine!'

Amen



Term Dates 2020-2021		
Term	Start	End
1	Mon 7 Sept	Fri 23 Oct
2	Mon 2 Nov	Fri 18 Dec
3	Mon 4 Jan	Fri 12 Feb
4	Mon 22 Feb	Thurs 1 April
5	Mon 19 April	Fri 28 May
6	Mon 7 June	Fri 23 July

INSET DAYS : 3 INSET dates tbc
EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY : Monday 3 May 2021