



BECKLEY BULLETIN

25 September 2020

October

Thursday 8 BSA - AGM Video Meeting: 7.30pm (provisional date)

Friday 23 Last day of Term 1

November

Monday 2 First day of Term 2

Wednesday 4 YR: Vision Screening

Monday 16 Flu Immunisations

December

Friday 18 Last day of Term 2

FLU VACCINATIONS: This year the NHS are offering the nasal spray flu vaccine to all primary school children. The vaccinations will take place at Beckley School on Monday 16 November. A letter has been sent home today with the consent form. ALL forms (regardless of whether or not your child will have the vaccination) should be completed and returned to the office by Tuesday 6 October; they will be collected by the school nursing team.



BREAKFAST CLUB: We have been delighted with the success of our new breakfast club before school every morning. About 15 pupils are coming along regularly, enjoying cereal, toast and fruit juice. We do have a few remaining spaces for anyone interested. Breakfast club starts at 8:00am then at 8:40am pupils go straight to their classrooms. We are happy to take enquiries from parents who might only want their child attending breakfast club on certain days of the week; we simply ask that you make a regular commitment to these days. For more details, please contact Mrs Langridge in the school office.

NEW SCHOOL VISION AND SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS:

Some of you may remember that last year we developed a new school vision and mission statement. This term we have begun to introduce these to the pupils, so that our



vision becomes familiar to everyone. The full school vision statement can be seen on the school website, but our key phrase is 'Let your light shine.' This biblical quote sums up our core values for everyone who makes up the Beckley School family - to recognise and celebrate the 'good' in each other and to show kindness in what we say, what we think and what we do.

At the start of this week we held our first virtual whole school celebration. It was really good and very important for all the classes to join together on the screens and celebrate with each other. We will be holding our school celebrations and handing out 'Shining Light Awards' in this way each week.



KEEPING WARM: Now that the weather is turning colder, please will you make sure that your child is coming to school with their school jumper or cardigan, and a coat (hoodies/track suit tops are not acceptable - other than the designated PE days). 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!



RECEPTION/YEAR 6: VISION/HEALTH SCREENING



The School Health Team will be here on Wednesday 4 November to see children in Reception and run the Vision Screening programme. The Health Team will also be running the National Child Measurement Programme for children in Reception and Year 6 - this screening will not be taking place until 2021.

Emails were sent to you on Monday with further details of both these programmes. Please be aware, all children in Reception and Year 6 will automatically be screened unless parents contact the Health Team to opt out (details of how to do this are given in the emails).

UNIFORM: We already have a sizable collection of lost property uniform from the start of the term, after only two full weeks. Most of the lost uniform looks brand new, but has no name on it. Please check that ALL items of school uniform and PE uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

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 was sent home last week with details of online applications.



SCHOOL PHOTOS: I hope to have all the details to send to you regarding the school photos in the next 7-10 days. You will be given a log-in code and then be able to go on-line to place your orders.



MUSIC CLASSES :

Violin: Monday mornings ; classes to resume on Monday 5 October

Keyboard: Friday mornings

Guitar/Violin: Friday afternoons

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



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

MESSAGE FROM THE BSA: It looks like this school year will be a little different! However, the BSA is still here and making plans to keep fundraising going and to keep you all involved with plans for 20/21.

For those of you new to the school, the Beckley School Association (BSA) is here to fundraise for all the 'special little extras' for the children. The most recent purchases include Bikeability for Years 5 & 6, a contribution to the markings on the school playground and colouring pencils for each class.

With current social distancing guidelines, things will be different but we do hope to be able to do some things. Our Treasurer has indicated that last school year, with the loss of the Easter and Summer Fairs, Film Nights, Ice Cream Fridays and other fundraising events, we missed out on potential earnings of c. £4,000. However we still have items to spend money on and are therefore looking at new and innovative ways that we can achieve that this year. Hopefully we will be able to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to the children so please bear with us; we will let you know when we have online meetings that you can all participate in (including the AGM). We would be really grateful for any parent support, particularly fundraising ideas. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or ideas that you might have - speak to your class rep or email:

beckleyschoolbsa@gmail.com

AGM video meeting (date time and format details tbc)
Thursday 8th Oct at 7.30pm (pencilled in)

COMMUNITY News

Covid-19 transmission rates are rising, even in this area - albeit far below the countries hotspots - so PLEASE proceed with caution. The virus has not gone away and everyone should still maintain social distancing. This rise suggests that a lot of people will not adhere to the rules of two metres where possible and one metre if not. As the virus is still out there, the volunteers will still be there for you to use. The volunteers are led by dispatchers who will then instruct a suitable volunteer,

Claire : Shopping, dog walking gardening, phone tree and other tasks

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For those who are able to, online shopping and deliveries should be the first port of call.

Please look after yourselves and your families and also those of your neighbours who may have nobody and cannot access technology. There are a lot of elderly and vulnerable residents in our village and many who are compromised health wise - so please help us to help them; if you are worried about someone, contact one of the dispatchers on the numbers mentioned above

It's important to use the RMA dispatcher team and volunteers as they have all been checked and accredited.



*Thank you, dear God, for our harvest garden.
Thank you for the seeds and the soil,
for the sun and the rain,
for the roots and the leaves and the ripening fruits.
As you have blessed us with harvest gifts, dear God,
May we bless others by sharing them.
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