



BECKLEY BULLETIN

20 November 2020

November

Friday 20 Parent Consultation : Red Maple

December

Friday 4 Christmas Craft Day

Tuesday 8 MUFTI Day

Wednesday 16 School Christmas Lunch

Friday 18 Last day of Term 2

January

Tuesday 5 First day of Term 3

ADVENT CALENDARS FOR

MUMBAI: This week, the children have been reminded about the huge number of things we have at school that we can be thankful for - the equipment and facilities that we can so easily take for granted. Pupils have seen the sharp contrast between

the abundance of things we have at Beckley, compared to a small nursery school in the biggest slum area in Mumbai, India. Just by looking at the front

entrance of our own school and the Jyoti Nursery in Mumbai makes us all realise how great this contrast is! We strongly believe that it is important for the children to understand the importance of gratitude and generosity. On Monday 23 November, the children will be given a traditional advent calendar as a gift from school. We would like you to consider making a donation towards the Jyoti Kendra Nursery in Mumbai - this nursery will become a cause that Beckley School raise money for throughout the year and send out to support the children there. For those who wish to make a donation, we will have a collection box on the front gate at the start of school each day next week. A relatively

small amount of £200 would make a phenomenal impact to the nursery.

We use advent - the build up towards Christmas - to remind ourselves about the 'gift' of Jesus to the world. It would be great to

use this advent season to really consider how we can make a difference to these 2, 3 and 4 year olds in the Jyoti Nursery. Please help to make a difference!



CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS CARDS: Thank you to all those parents who ordered the Cauliflower Christmas cards designed by your child. The orders have raised over £150.00! Cards/mugs etc have now been delivered to the school and can be collected from the office.



CHRISTMAS WRITING COMPETITION:

Children in Years 1-6 have once again been invited by the Rotary Club to participate in a Christmas writing competition. They should write an original Christmas-themed story, unaided and in their own handwriting. The story should be neatly presented on one side of A4 paper, comprising up to 150 words and may be decorated. The judges will be looking for interesting and imaginative stories; quality and range of expression, spelling, grammar and handwriting will also be taken into account, making due allowance for the age of the author. Entries should be handed in to your teacher or the school office by **Thursday, 3 December**. Three stories in each year group will be submitted to the judges. The winners in each year will receive a £20 book token and the runners-up will receive a £15 token.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Christmas lunch will be served on **Wednesday 16 December**. Along with uniforms, we also encourage children to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on this day.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX: The Christmas post box will be out in the school from Tuesday 1 December. This is where children are able to post cards to friends within the school. Cards should be **CLEARLY MARKED** with the 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. Due to the current situation, cards must be posted by **Friday 11 December** at the latest. Cards WILL NOT be collected after this time. This will ensure we have sufficient time to quarantine all the envelopes before distribution on the last day of term.



POPPIES: Thank you for your contributions to the British Legion Poppy Appeal which raised over £138. This went towards a grand total of £1,100.00 raised as a district.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES: Please remember that if we do need to close the school due to inclement weather, or indeed for any other reason, we will of course endeavour to contact everyone via our text messaging service. However, you can also find details of any emergency closures by checking the East Sussex County Council website: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures



The website gives you the opportunity to sign up for email alerts as soon as a decision is taken to close the school. Announcements are also made on local radio stations including BBC Radio Sussex, Heart FM and Arrow FM



PE DAYS: Don't forget, 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:-



- Blue Spruce & Acorns** : Thursday 26 November
Thursday 10 December
- Evergreen & Red Maple** : Thursday 3 December
Thursday 17 December

Messages from the local COMMUNITY



EAST SUSSEX FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE: ... is committed to keeping residents safe - this includes supporting families to reduce the risk of fire in the home, and how to respond to a fire in the unfortunate event that this occurs.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are able to offer virtual Home Safety Visits to families in East Sussex. This includes a telephone risk assessment where we can talk to you about the fire risk in your home, after which we may:

- post you further information leaflets AND / OR
- post you smoke alarms to fit yourself (if you don't have adequate working alarms) OR
- if the risk is high and no one in your home is able to fit a smoke alarm, we will take protective precautions and fit a smoke alarm for you in your home.

If you would like to find out more about a Home Safety Visit, you can either:

- Call us on **0800 177 7069**, or;
- Complete and return a **Home Safety Visit Request Form**, which should be sent to Homefire.Safetyvisits@esfrs.org

You can also contact us on behalf of a friend or relative, but we ask that you get their permission first and let them know that we will ask them a number of questions. A member of our Community Safety Team will then be in contact to arrange a suitable time for a telephone chat. We also have information and tips on keeping safe at home on our website, including leaflets in different languages. Further information can be found at : <https://www.esfrs.org/your-safety/safer-homes/>



MUSIC CLASSES :

- Violin: Monday mornings
- Guitar: Friday afternoons
- Keyboard: Friday mornings



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

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 2020-2021		
Term	Start	End
2	Mon 2 Nov	Fri 18 Dec
3	Tues 5 Jan	Fri 12 Feb
4	Mon 22 Feb	Thurs 1 April
5	Mon 19 April	Fri 28 May
6	Tues 8 June	Fri 23 July
INSET DAYS : Monday 4 January Monday 7 June Monday 5 July		
EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY : Monday 3 May 2021		