



# BECKLEY BULLETIN

## 5 January 2024



**SCHOOL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:** As you know, we believe it is really important to celebrate success in every form at Beckley so we hold our School Celebration assembly each week. We are aware that not all parents and families can attend on a Monday and so this term we are moving our assembly to **Friday afternoons, starting at 2:45pm.**

We hope that this will enable some additional parents to attend when their child is being given an award.

### February

Friday 9 Last day of Term 3  
Monday 19 First day of Term 4

### March

Thursday 7 World Book Day  
Tuesday 26 BSA Easter Fair  
Wednesday 27 Sussex Cross-Country Finals  
Thursday 28 Easter Service: Beckley Church 2.15pm  
Last day of Term 4

### May

Monday 13 Year 6 SATs week  
Monday 20 - Bikeability : Year 5  
Thursday 23

### June

Thursday 27 Sports Day : 1.30pm start  
(Reserve Date: Thursday 4 July)

### July

Tuesday 2 Year 6 Leavers' Trip  
Saturday 6 BSA Summer Fair

### CHANGE TO SCHOOL LUNCH MENU :

Please be aware that the menu choices for the main meal and vegetarian options on **Thursday & Friday 18/19 January** have been swapped. Choices will be as follows:



**Thursday 18 January**  
Fish Fingers & Chips  
Quorn Dippers & Chips (v)

**Friday 19 January**  
Chicken & Vegetable Korma  
Vegetarian Cottage Pie (v)

As always there will be the usual choices of Jacket Potato or Tomato & Basil pasta and children on special diet menus will also have their days swapped.

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Thursday 18 January is national School Census Day when Local Authorities collect a variety of information electronically from each school, including the number of children taking the Universal Infant Free School Meal; numbers determine our funding. We do hope that the change of menu option will encourage as many children in Red Maple and Acorn classes as possible to have school lunch on that particular Thursday, rather than bringing in a packed lunch. The census will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding that will be allocated to our school for UIFSM for a whole year.



Welcome to 2024! It has been lovely to see all our pupils back in school after the Christmas holiday. This term the school value we are focusing on is 'kindness' and we are encouraging children to show real kindness towards others, through their words, actions and behaviour. It is important that pupils at Beckley become increasingly aware of the opportunities we all have on a daily basis to act kindly to the people we are with - families, neighbours, other pupils and adults at school, even complete strangers. We want our pupils to be intentional about this and 'look for opportunities' to show kindness to others. We would ask that you reinforce this message with your children at home too. Every pupil has been given our 'Random Acts of Kindness at Beckley' sheet, with a variety of ideas for different settings at school and at home. It would be great if you talked about these ideas and asked them every morning, 'How are you going to show kindness today?'



In the spirit of being kind towards others, we would all like to say a huge 'thank you' for all

the wonderful gifts/cards we received from the children and parents during the Christmas period - your kindness is very much appreciated. We wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2024!

**EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES:** Please be aware that if we need to close the school due to inclement weather, or indeed for any other reason, we will of course endeavour to contact everyone. We will post the information on our school website and you can also find out details of any emergency closures by checking the East Sussex County Council website: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/schoolclosures)

The ESCC website also 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, Arrow FM, Heart FM and Bright 1064.





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

**NEW RECEPTION:** Applications for children starting school in September next year should be made online **by 15 January 2024**. Please visit: [eastsussex.gov.uk/schools](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/schools)



**HATS & COATS:** Please can you ensure that children come to school with their hats, gloves & coats. 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!**



**PE DAYS :** Don't forget, children should come to school on Fridays wearing the correct school PE kit. The rota for classes wearing PE uniform every other Thursday is as follows:-

- Blue Spruce & Acorns :** Thursday 11 January  
Thursday 25 January  
Thursday 8 February
- Evergreen & Red Maple :** Thursday 18 January  
Thursday 1 February

### MUSIC CLASSES :

**Guitar:** Tuesday mornings

**Violin:** Wednesday mornings

**Keyboard:** Friday mornings

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



### SPORTS CLUBS: Term 3

**Archery:** 3.30-4.15pm

Thursdays : Red Maple

**Fencing :** 3.30-4.15pm

Fridays : Blue Spruce & Evergreen



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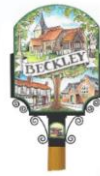
## MESSAGES FROM BSA



A huge 'thank you' to all the children, parents, friends and staff for the incredible hard work and help making the Christmas activities and events so special last term. It was fantastic to see so many new faces joining in. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of our wonderful helpers - thank you!



**TOTAL FUNDS RAISED a whopping £1,684.30!**



## Messages from the Local COMMUNITY

**A FREE CHILDREN'S SINGING CLUB:** All children (Year R to Year 9+) are invited to join a **FREE Children's Singing Club** taking place every Monday, 4-5pm, at the Rye Creative Centre (free car parking on this site). The club is **free** as it is sponsored by The Fairlight Arts Trust and The Music Well. The club is run on behalf of



"The Music Well", a Rye-based Charity who are committed to the importance of music for the mental health and well-being of everyone.

Mrs Marian Ham is the Singing Club Teacher (a semi-retired Head Teacher and part-time music and piano teacher). The Singing Club is great fun; it is fully inclusive and therefore open to any child who would like to sing with us. The club performs at local venues, in the community and at very special Music Well concerts; however, no child has to perform at events if they would rather not – attendance at the club is still warmly welcomed for everyone. We sing a wide range of songs each week - children can sing solos if they wish, we sing in harmony and, most of all, we love singing together! For further information please contact Marian by email: [dmham128@btinternet.com](mailto:dmham128@btinternet.com)



*Help us to do our part to bring peace in the world and happiness to all people.*

### LIVING MY LIFE CAREFULLY

*God our Father, Creator of the world,  
please help us to love one another.*

*Make nations friendly with other nations;  
make all of us love one another like brothers  
and sisters.*

*Help us to do our part to bring peace in the world  
and happiness to all people.*

Amen



### Term Dates 2023-2024

Term	Start	End
3	Wednesday 3 Jan	Friday 9 February
4	Monday 19 February	Thursday 28 March
5	Monday 15 April	Friday 24 May
6	Mon 3 June	Friday 19 July

**INSET DAYS :** Monday 24 June  
Monday 22 July  
Tuesday 23 July

**MAY BANK HOLIDAY :** Monday 6 May