



Extra Curricular Clubs Well Underway

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Becket Keys Church of England School is now running over 45 extra-curricular clubs for its two year groups. Now, more than ever, we really can say that there is something for everyone!

Every teacher is expected to run an extra curricular activity each week and most run several. There are similar expectations for students. We fully expect students to stay at school until at least 4:30pm most nights either attending homework club or one of our other academic, sport, music or interest clubs.

Gate duty at 3:20pm is becoming a fairly redundant role with very few students leaving the school at this time! It is great to see such high levels of participation in these clubs and so many students stretching themselves in different ways at the end of each day.

MUSIC

It is particularly pleasing to see our music provision being so well taken up this year. We have a much larger orchestra and choir this year, with more able singers joining Miss Biebuyck for A Capella on Thursday mornings. Our boys' choir also goes from strength to



strength with Ms Endicott; new songs are being learned and growing numbers attending each week.

SPORT

Furthermore, lots of new sports clubs have started this year and while we have retained many good contacts with local sports clubs, we are now blessed with a 300% increase in our PE staff numbers and so can provide more of these clubs with our own staff as well.

New clubs include: cheerleading, gymnastics and fitness/peak track. All clubs are free of charge and open to all.

Get involved!

IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.”

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Bus Consultation

There is currently a review of the Essex bus services; there is mention in the review of school transport and so some parents might be interested in responding.

Please visit this website to read more:
www.essexhighways.org/Public-Transport/Bus-travel/Bus-Review.aspx

Alternatively, if you want to speak to Essex specifically about school buses, you can contact them here:

www.essex.gov.uk/education-schools/Travel-School/Pages/Travel%20to%20School.aspx

Medical Updates



If any student has experienced a new medical problem or a change to an existing condition over the summer, please contact the office (01277 286600).

If parents/carers request that prescribed medication is held in our Medical Room (for example, an EpiPen or reserve inhaler), it is also particularly important that they have reviewed its shelf-life and kept it up to date.

Please remember that Becket Keys Church of England School is a nut free school; students and staff may not come to school with nut products!

Leave of Absence



Leave of absence at Becket Keys is only granted in **exceptional circumstances**. Exceptional circumstances may include certain medical appointments, family emergencies, highly significant religious/personal events.

With the exception of sudden emergencies, leave of absence applications should be made in writing using the appropriate form (available from the office). Supporting documentation will be required and copies of this should be attached. In the case of parents who have more than one child at the school, a separate application will need to be made for each child. Applications should be made at least ten days in advance.

Expensive Items



Students were issued with lockers this week. These provide a secure place to keep property during the school day. Students may leave property in them over night and over weekends.

However, it should be remembered that bringing expensive items (such as iPhones and Kindles) is not a sensible choice. Such items may be lost or broken in a busy school day and we cannot be responsible for helping parents to replace such items if they are broken or lost.

On the whole, we are delighted with the honesty and trustworthiness of our students; we have a lot more money handed in than we have reported as lost! **In fact, Alfie Arundell-Coote handed in a £20 note today which he found on the playground!**

TRIP TO MADRID?



Year 8 Residential Trip to Spain Proposed

This week we sent a letter to all parents to introduce the idea for a Year 8 residential trip to Madrid. We set out the details of the trip in the letter and are looking for a response from parents in terms of an expression of interest so that we can move forward with the school trip company we are dealing with.

So far over 80 parents have responded with a definite 'YES' which is very helpful. Thank you for this level of commitment.

The governors of the school will make the final decision of whether the trip goes ahead, but initial responses seem extremely positive.

SPORTS NEWS



Rugby match versus Plume School

This week, the Year 8 boys had their first rugby match of the season against Plume School. The boys worked hard but unfortunately Plume took a substantial lead during the first half of the game.

Despite this, the boys showed great character and were more determined and focused during the second half of the match. However, they were unable to comeback after the events of the first half! Alex Savage played particularly well and Tom Middleton made a positive impact on his debut for the school.

Over the next few weeks we have quite a lot of fixtures so students needs to make sure they are checking the website, the TVs around school and asking staff for advanced notice of fixtures.

Parents: you can also expect an email informing you if your son/daughter has been selected to represent the school.



PARENT WORKSHOPS



*Are you convinced your son/daughter is safe on line or when they play X-Box/
Playstation games?*

Do they use social networking sites? Twitter? Facebook?

Do they really know how to use their mobile phone sensibly? Do they hide their BBMs?

*Would you like to see your son/daughter making the most of the homework they are
set?*

Do you want to explore different ways of supporting your child's learning?

Are you ready for tutors to start giving you your child's targets?

**We are holding a parent workshop on all the above issues. This is scheduled for
Tuesday 8th October from 6.30pm to 8:50pm. It is open to all year 7 parents/carers
as well as any year 8 parents/carers who did not attend the workshops offered last
year (or wish to come again!).**

Refreshments will be provided from the Bistro halfway through the evening...

So please let us know if you are coming! office@becketkeys.org

UNIFORM REMINDERS – HAIR

We do not allow students to have coloured hair; even subtle hi-lights are not allowed.

Girls should tie their hair with black, natural, white or purple hair bands and ribbons only.

LOST PROPERTY

The following items are not named. Please contact reception to collect:

- Black material lunch box containing ice pack
- Two tone pink San Disk memory stick
- Black glasses with square design on arms
- 'Sterling' brass padlock
- Small brass padlock with keys
- Silver/gold Rotary gents watch
- One pearl stud earring
- White long sleeved shirt aged 10
- BK grey long sleeved 34" jumper
- Next grey trousers age 11
- Black buckled belt
- Russet coloured cardigan
- Grey/pink Nike right shoe size 3
- Black digital watch (found on Open Evening)
- Black umbrella

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE - contact office (proceeds to school fund)

- 3 x grey jumpers size 30" £5 each
- Purple reversible PE top size 26/28 £5
- Skort size 22/24" £5
- Girls' Blazer size 28" £10
- Kilt size 26" length 19" £10
- Boys' Blazer size 32" £10

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JUNE CHADWICK

A reminder: A special Evensong will be held on **Sunday 29th September at 6pm** with refreshments after the service to celebrate June's final service as parish reader at St Thomas' Church.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

St Thomas' Church will be starting confirmation classes in October on Sunday afternoons. Students who are interested in being confirmed should speak to Mr Scott-Evans or Mrs Sharp to get more information.

HARVEST

Please be generous as you bring your harvest gifts to St Thomas of Canterbury Church, (8am and 10am services), this Sunday (29th). We will donate all non-perishable goods to the local Food Bank.

If you would prefer to offer your home produce and/or something special – cakes, sweets, jams etc – we hope to auction them off and raise funds for Christian Aid.

I look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Services on Sunday.
Fr Colin

Dates for your Diary

- 3rd Oct Final Open Eve for Prospective Families*
- 8th Oct Parent Workshops Evening
- 10th Oct Friends of Becket Keys first meeting at 7:30pm
- 22nd Oct Additional Open Day due to high demand from prospective parents

* We will be asking students to volunteer for this final high profile events where our school will be showing off all that we have to offer here at Becket Keys

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