



# Harvest Festival

Becket Keys Church of England School has been asking the school community to give generously to our harvest appeal this year.

Each form has a shopping list of items which it is trying to collect for the local Food Bank (more details on page 3).

We would like to thank parents in advance for their support in this appeal.

We have also been challenging the students to consider the wider principles of a spiritual harvest and the importance of serving others this week. In line with our Christian Gospel values our priorities are clear: To love God and love others as you love yourself.

Collective worship and tutorial worship times have focussed on these ideas this week and students have risen to the challenge of thinking how to apply these principles in their daily lives. Our students are 'rich' in so many ways and they have so much to offer to their community.



## Friends Of Becket Keys

We held our inaugural Annual General Meeting for the Friends of Becket Keys this week. Our constitution was agreed and members of the committee elected.

We also began to plan the events for the year which will include: A Christmas Party Night, A Parents' Quiz Night, A Family Quiz, A Parents' Spring Ball and The Patronal Festival Summer BBQ.

More details about all of these events will be coming out over the next few weeks. If you are interested in supporting the school in these events please contact us: [FOBK@becketkeys.org](mailto:FOBK@becketkeys.org).

We strongly believe in the importance of close links between parents and school and I am convinced that FOBK will serve as a crucial bridge in this regard.

There are two more spaces on the committee if anyone would like to get slightly more involved.

My thanks to all those who have already 'signed up' to serving our school in this way and those who came to our inaugural meeting.

Here's to many years of fundraising ahead!

Mr Scott-Evans  
Head Teacher



## SPORTS NEWS

This week has been a very busy week for the PE Department at Becket Keys!

We have had three girls' football matches, one boys' football fixture and two rugby games, not forgetting the three netball matches that are taking place this afternoon!

It has been a pleasure to see so many of our students representing the school in these ways.

This week our students have showing their competitive spirit during our first house competition of the year! Y8 students were motivated to try and beat their previous time and position and showed great determination - watch out for some results in the next newsletter! We would also like say thank you to the volunteers that have helped us to marshal the event.

## BOYS' FOOTBALL



### Y8 Football vs Sandon School

In a reversal of Friday's fixture, Becket Keys went into half time 2-0 down. With a few changes at half time and some excellent play from several individuals, particularly George Chubb, we managed to pull the game back. The game finished 3-2. We are now top of the league. Despite winning our first 2 games, we are not without fault. As a team we need to focus on getting our training right so that we are more prepared for game situations.

### Y8 Football vs Brentwood County High School

Becket Keys played their first game on the Becket Keys playing fields. We managed to go in at half time 4-0 up. BCHS got more into the game in the second half and the final 5 minutes were tense but Becket Keys held on to win 5-4. Brandon Wood was always a threat going forward and Billy Brown was outstanding in central defence.

## GIRLS' FOOTBALL



The girls made their debut this week, with year 7 and 8 playing against St Martin's on Monday. Unfortunately both teams lost, however many of these girls had never played together before and they showed great effort and determination throughout the game, despite never gaining the lead. Hannah McCarthy made some excellent saves against some challenging shots which encouraged the whole team to pull together and keep working hard! The year 7 girls also had a match on Tuesday against St John Payne. They narrowly lost 2-0 but had made good progress compared to the Monday match and had periods of promising play! Isabella Whyte played particularly well, performing some great tackles and encouraging the team to burst forward!

## BOYS' RUGBY

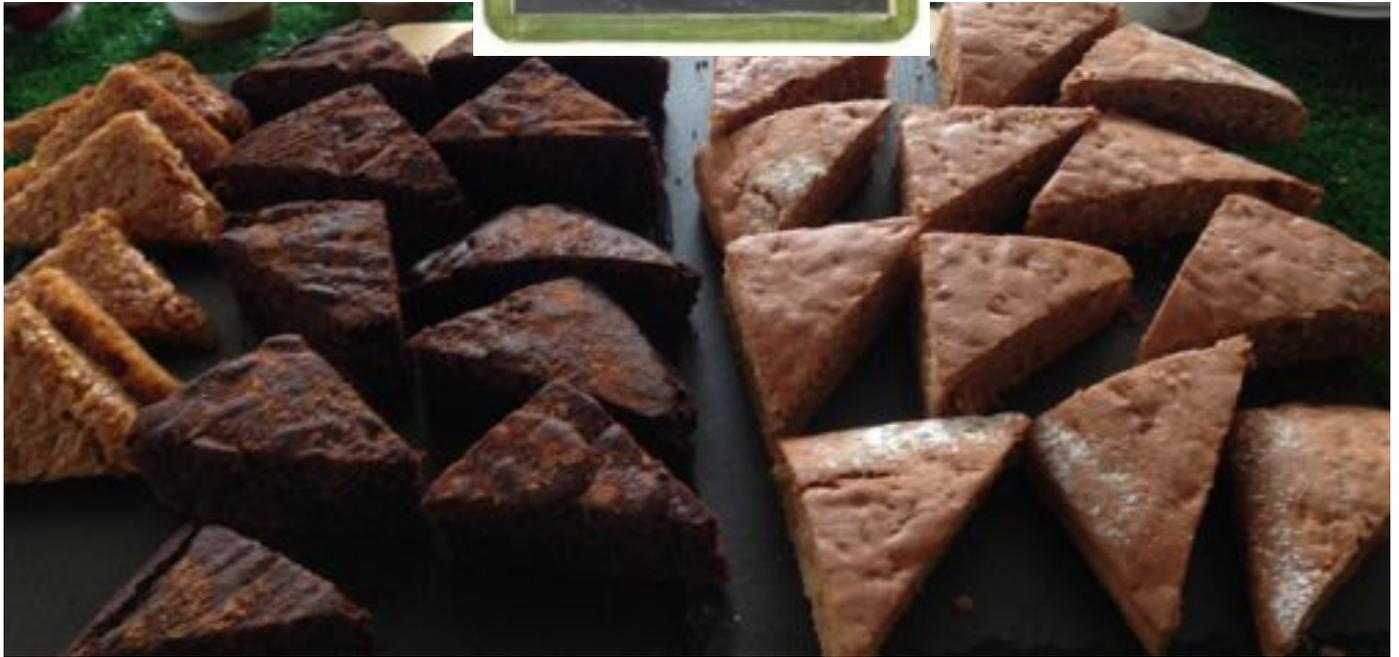


### Y8 Rugby vs St John Payne

Playing our first ever rugby game at home with our brand new rugby posts was exciting! Unfortunately, we lost the game 17-0, however, this score doesn't reflect the way we played. Excellent work from Alex Savage, Oscar Warriner and Malakai Brann in and around the contact area helped our team to steal and secure possession. The ball was in the opponents end for the whole of the second half, but excellent tackling and defence from their team prevented us from scoring a try.

### Y7 Rugby vs St John Payne

Many year 7's played their first ever rugby game on Tuesday, which was a great learning curve for the team. We won the game 5-0 thanks to a try from a great run by Harrison Powell. The team were required to defend our try-line for the majority of the first half, but excellent defence prevented St John Payne from scoring a try. In the second half, we were able to gain more territory and possession. Luke Savage made some great breaks and Muiyiwa Are made the pass of the game. Josh Watson also deserves mention for an outstanding try-saving tackle in the last 30 seconds of the match.



*Thanks to all the staff and parents who attended our first parent workshops of the year. We were pleased to see so many of you there.*

*With so much positive feedback, we will be putting on other workshops like this later in the year.*

*The next important parents' event will be a parents' evening after half term; we will write to you about this soon. At this meeting you will be able to meet with your son/daughter's tutor to discuss progress so far, targets for the year and so on.*

# HARVEST APPEAL

Becket Keys Harvest Appeal Week  
7th - 14th October 2013

Supporting



**Brentwood Foodbank**  
feeding people in crisis

Shopping list:

Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Sugar (500g)  
Fruit juice (carton)  
SOUP  
Pasta sauces  
Sponge pudding (tinned)  
Tomatoes (tinned)  
Cereals  
Rice pudding (tinned)  
Tea bags/instant coffee  
Instant mash potato  
Rice/pasta  
Tinned meat/fish  
Tinned vegetables  
Tinned fruit  
Jam  
Biscuits or snack bar

13 million people live below the poverty line in the UK. Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. Rising costs of food and fuel combined with static income, high unemployment and changes to benefits are causing more and more people to come to Foodbanks for help. Foodbanks help prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

Students have been invited to bring in items from a shopping list to donate to Brentwood Foodbank this Harvest. Their donations will help to provide three days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

A simple box of food makes a big difference. Lots of little actions of kindness by our school community will make a big difference to our wider community.

Harvest celebrations help us to be thankful for the food we enjoy. They also encourage giving and generosity which is inspiring, challenging and practical. It unites our actions with our attitude.



*They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over (Luke 9:17)*

## Prayers for Harvest Festival

**God of abundance**, all good things come from you.

The world, full of life, reflects your glory and sings your praise.

You call us all to share fairly the bounty of your creation, and the gifts you give us.

But so many people in this world of plenty do not have enough to eat.

And so we ask you, God of all, to create in us a desire to make all things new.

So that through your goodness all those in need may eat and be satisfied.

AMEN.

**God of love** we give you thanks for your gifts in creation, for our world, and the heavens which tell of your glory, for our land, its beauty and its resources.

We give praise that once again your promise has been fulfilled and the seedtime and harvest have not ceased.

We pray for all those who make decisions about the resources of the earth and ask that we may all use your gifts responsibly and with thought for others.

AMEN.

**LOST PROPERTY**

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

- 1 Nike trainer
- 4 pencil cases
- 1 silver padlock
- 1 pair of Clark's grey trainers
- 1 grey Gap fleece
- 1 wrestling Annual
- 1 black lunchbox
- 1 Gideon Bible
- A pack of HSBC receipts & car park vouchers
- 2 locker keys found near 'Faces Kids Club'

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

- Grey jumper size 28" £5
- Purple reversible PE top size 26/28 £5
- Skort size 22/24" £5
- Girls' Blazer size 28" £10
- Boys' Blazer size 32" £10



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**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

St Thomas' Church will be starting confirmation classes on 15th October and subsequent Sunday afternoons 5pm. Anyone who is interested can just turn up or speak to Fr Guy or Fr Colin at the Church.

**LOCKERS**

Students may access their lockers before school from 8:10am, during breaktime and for the first and last 10 minutes of lunch. If your son/daughter would like a locker please complete a form from the office. They are free of charge.

**Dates for your Diary**

- 22nd Oct Additional Open Morning due to high demand from prospective parents
- 28th–1st Oct HALF TERM HOLIDAY
- 4th Nov INSET Day – no school today!
- 12th Nov Residential Trips Meetings (Eve) More details to follow

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