



PAY IT FORWARD

MR SCOTT-EVANS WRITES:

This week our focus in collective worship and tutorial worship has been the concept of ‘pay it forward’. We have shown clips from the well-known film and discussed real life examples of this.

At Harvest Time, we reflect on God’s goodness to us and how we can share with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Students have been thinking of other ways that they can ‘pay it forward’ and trying to put their ideas into action.

Coming up soon will be the ‘Shoe Box Appeal’. For more details about this click on the following links:

[Introduction to the appeal](#)

[How to prepare a shoe box](#)

[What difference can it make?](#)

I do hope that every student will get involved this year.

Andy Scott-Evans
Head Teacher



SHOE BOX APPEAL

STEP BY STEP

- STEP 1: Choose to make a box for a boy or a girl.
- STEP 2: Choose the age group: 2 to 4; 5 to 9 OR 10 to 14.
- STEP 3: Think about what you think they would like to receive.
- STEP 4: Go shopping!
- STEP 5: Wrap up a shoe box and place the items inside.
- STEP 6: Provide a £2.50 donation per shoe box to cover operational costs.

Please bring wrapped shoe boxes into school and give them to your tutor.

We do not have a final collection date yet, but the sooner you get started the better!

The shoe box appeal is a perfect example of ‘pay it forward’ as there is no way for the recipient to pay you back! It is a totally random act of kindness!

OTHER NEWS

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

A reminder that there have been reports of Albanian men approaching school girls in the Havering Area. We strongly encourage girls to travel home together in pairs and groups and not to speak to anyone who may approach them. Parents are encouraged to speak to their daughters about this.

In a similar vein, we continue to be concerned about students using social media sites like Twitter, Facebook and SnapChat. We have been told of two students being approached on Instagram and asked if they would like to be signed up by a modelling agency. We have encouraged these families to take this information to the police. It reminds us of the importance of having regular access to your son/daughters' mobile devices and speaking to them about the conversations they are having.

IS YOUR SON/DAUGHTER CYCLING TO & FROM SCHOOL?

We are often complimented about the behaviour of our students and their uniform. We take great delight in this as the reputation of our school continues to grow. We want Becket Keys Church of England School students to be known across the town for this.

While this continues to be the case, we are concerned to hear from one member of the public recently that they have seen one or two students not behaving safely. Namely:

- Cycling without helmets
- Cycling carelessly on and off the road/path
- Walking into the road without carefully checking for traffic

Please speak to your son/daughter about this and make sure that they are making sensible choices.



YEAR 9 GCSE OPTIONS BRIEFING MEETING

How exciting! We are now at the point when our founding students will be starting to think about selecting their options. In preparation for this Mr Scott-Evans and Ms Endicott will be hosting a [GCSE](#) Options Briefing for parents and students on Tuesday 14th October at 7pm. Parents and students will have a separate briefing session with the opportunity to ask questions and take away information about the process.

As we have always said, our students will be taking a strong core of 7 GCSEs (English Lang, English Lit, Mathematics, Three Sciences and RE). In addition, they will have the opportunity to choose three other GCSEs. We want as many students as possible to get the English Baccalaureate. Therefore, most students will choose in addition to the core: a modern foreign language (Spanish or Mandarin) a humanity (Geography or History) and a creative subject (Music, Art, Drama, Technology, PE). For most students this 10 GCSE approach will be ideal preparation for A-Levels and then later for university. However, we may also examine other routes and opportunities with individual families.

Our careers officer Kirsten Witchells will be available for students/parents to make appointments with. In addition, every student will be meeting with a member of senior staff to discuss their options in the coming weeks. This exciting period really gets underway with next week's meeting and we hope that all parents will make a special effort to get there.

You can book your place on-line using our [parents' evening booking system](#) (see link on front page of [website](#)).

FRIENDS OF BECKET KEYS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A Mandarin presentation at 7pm by Jing Jing Zhao is to be followed by our FOBK AGM. Please book [on line](#) to let us know you are coming. It promises to be an excellent evening.

SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Year 8 Girls' Football V Plume

The Year 8 Girls played during a very wet and windy Thursday afternoon. The girls took a while to get into the game, with three early goals catching us out in defence. However, the girls played much better during the second half, and stuck to their 'man to man' marking. Our best chance of the game came from an excellent throw in from Divine Okwuosa, which allowed Rhiannon Barden to dribble at pace towards goal. However, at the last minute the keeper came and out and the last touch was too far ahead to get a shot. The final result was 3-0 to Plume.



BOYS' FOOTBALL

Year 8 Boys' Football V Ormiston Rivers

The Year 8 Boys' football team were part of a great game against Ormiston Rivers, in which both teams gave their all. Becket Keys came back three times in the game, showing great character and belief. The team adopted a new 3-5-2 formation, and were still getting used to the system 2 minutes in, when Ormiston took the lead. A great cross 5 minutes later was turned home by Nicco Lovelock to get Becket Keys back into the game. After Ormiston scored again, Becket Keys dominated possession and got their reward when Freddie Mattock's free kick went all the way through the Ormiston defence.

When Becket Keys pushed forward, Ormiston took advantage, scoring a long range effort and a break-away goal. Becket Keys did not give up, they kept pushing forward, kept control of the possession and got back into the game again when Tom Johnson curled a fantastic right-footed strike into top corner on his debut. Then Luke Seaward broke down the left yet again, turning his defender inside and out, and when Ormiston could not control his cross the ball landed at the feet of Nicco Lovelock, who smashed it home for his fourth goal of the season (we have only had 3 games)! The team are growing in confidence and are looking to build on this point going forward.

MORE SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY

English Schools Cross Country Cup

On Tuesday, the first cross country event of the year was hosted by the King John School in Benfleet. There were four categories, Junior Girls (Y7&8), Junior Boys (Y7&8), Inter Girls (Y9&10) and Inter Boys (Y9&10). Six students in each category made up a team. Our junior girls were the first to race, and we ended up coming 5th out of 10 schools. Special mention should be given to Grace Burrell who came 6th and Isla Bradley who came 11th. Our junior boys were next to race and they came 7th, with Luke Savage coming 4th. Our inter girls were full of Y9s and they ended up coming 7th too, with Catherine Barker coming 19th. Our inter boys ran well and came 6th with Ryan Gamble as our leading runner.

All students who ran were a credit to the school and the standard of competition was high with many prestigious schools from across the county entering teams. All students who competed on Tuesday are expected to attend the cross country club on Tuesdays at 7.45am in order to train and improve. If students have other commitments please let Mr Fenn know.

House Cross Country

House Cross Country is only a week away! Every student will race and compete against themselves (to gain a new personal best – PB) and others (to gain points for their house). An average score is taken from every competitor in the house and the winning house will be announced in the final newsletter before the October All Saints Holiday. There is still time to go out for a run or two next week to prepare. Mr Fenn is excited to see what time his students from the 0to3km programme can achieve after their fantastic efforts over the last 6 months!



FoBK Mini Notice Board!

Don't forget our AGM!

15th Oct 7pm FoBK Annual General Meeting

Time to pay for the ball!

22nd Nov Stock Brook Manor Autumn Ball

Ordered tickets need to be paid for now otherwise price will rise to £60.

Cheques to 'Friends of Becket Keys; to the school office ASAP.

Any new orders for tickets will be £60.

UNIFORM MATTERS

Please make sure that all uniform is named.

We do our best to help students get their named uniform back, but if there is no name it is impossible to help! Names written in pen (biro) need to be checked regularly as the pen does not last!

NEARLY NEW

We have a small stock of school uniform for sale from the school office. If you have uniform that is in 'as new' condition please use this service to allow another family to benefit!

BELTS

There seems a fashion for belts with large logos on them. These are not appropriate for our school. Please provide your son with a more conservative belt! Ostentatious, branded belts will not be allowed in school.



KILTS

Some girls skirts are still too short. Please check that your daughter's kilt is 'on the knee'! We allow a 3cm leeway above the knee, but that is all.

BAGS

The school uniform policy states that bags must be plain black. Any logo must be small and discrete. Please do not purchase other bags as we will not allow them to be used. The [SmartyPants](#) Becket Keys bag is our preference.

LOST PROPERTY

The following items are in the office: two pairs of glasses, house keys, locker keys, school shoes, trainers, three watches, six water bottles, two asthma inhalers, a leather jacket and several pencil cases.

Any named items are always returned to students. All the above are un-named. We also have a number of items of school uniform which are also unnamed. If you have lost something, please contact the office and claim an unnamed item.

Students should check with PE teachers for items left in the changing rooms as the PE staff usually lock items in their store cupboard.

PLEASE LOOK!

Bethan Peters in 9AC has lost a brand new named jumper. Please check your daughter's clothing. The Peters' family would be most grateful. We have other unnamed knitwear in lost property that may well be yours!



NOTICES

WAR HORSE TRIP

Year 8 [War Horse](#) trip is this week. Students will be back at school at 7pm (and will be allowed to send a text from the coach 15 mins before we return to confirm). Please collect them promptly!

CHARITY NEWS

The committee have chosen [Great Ormond Street Hospital](#) (as our local charity) and [World Vision](#) as our national charity for this year.

We will be having a 'Tempting Tuesday' sale of chocolate krispie cakes on Tuesday 21st October. Cakes will be made by the charity committee and will be 50p each. From 1pm to 1.20 in the playground.

NO PARKING IN SAWYERS HALL LANE!

A reminder that students can only be dropped off for Becket Keys Church of England School before 8:15am. After this the road becomes very dangerous. School is open from 7:45am and we welcome cars dropping off early. But please do not use the road at the most busy time. Dropping off in Doddinghurst Road is a much more sensible choice.

We have been asked by Essex County Council to remind our school community not to park on their part of the site.



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VACANCIES

MUSIC TEACHERS REQUIRED

Our rapidly growing outstanding school is looking to recruit more teachers into the music department

See advert on our website for details:

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

Dates for your Diary

14th Oct	7pm Year 9 GCSE Options Evening
15th Oct	7pm FoBK Annual General Meeting
16th Oct	Year 8 Theatre Trip (Warhorse)
22nd Oct	All Saints Tide Eucharists
27th–31st	All Saints Holiday
3rd Nov	Staff Training Day (no students)
4th Nov	Back to school
11th Nov	Residential Trips Meetings 6pm Y7 Bushcraft 6:45pm Y8 Madrid 7:30pm Y9 Bude
22nd Nov	FoBK Autumn Ball
16th Dec	7pm Brass Band Christmas Carol Concert
18th Dec	FoBK Student Christmas Disco

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