



BALL BOYS/GIRLS WANTED FOR WEMBLEY

Mr Scott-Evans writes:

Becket Keys Church of England School is proud to have been selected by the English Schools Football Association to be the official ball boys and girls at five of the most prestigious football matches of the English season.

Our students will act as ball boys for the Carling Cup Final, the Johnstone Paint Trophy Final and all the 'play off' Finals for League 2, League 1 and the Championship. The Championship play-off is regarded by many as the most valuable prize in league football with the winners gaining promotion to the Premier League – the most lucrative league in the world.

Mr Fenn (Head of PE) said: "Being selected to represent the FA and help officiate such an event is a real privilege for our school and we know our students are going to be very excited by the news. We are announcing it today in our newsletter and expect a huge rush of interest from everyone."

Students will need to commit to at least two of the finals and we would like a core group who will undertake to act as ball boys/girls for all the games. We will travel on the minibus and are the only school taking part so we will enjoy all the benefits of being part of the Football Association for these very special games.



WE'RE GOING TO WEMBLEY!

Of course, students will need to be trained for the job and Mr Wray has volunteered to help with this. A high degree of physical fitness is required: sprinting, jumping, catching and throwing will all be tested as part of the selection process. Mr Wray will then work with the chosen group to raise their skills further.

However, it is also about character; these ball boys and girls will be under intense scrutiny from the fans, the players and the media. Moreover, they will be representing our school on a very public stage on five very important occasions. So we want to make sure that they always exhibit our two key Christian values of respect and responsibility.

For students who wish to be considered for this exciting opportunity, they need to complete the form on page 7 of this week's newsletter and return it to the school by 23rd January (1:30pm). There will be a box for completed forms in the reception area, but students should, where possible, give their form to their tutor who will offer advice and support.

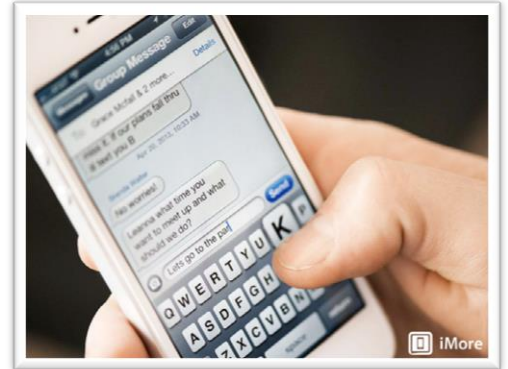
All the forms will be passed to Mr Wray and the other Heads of Year and Assistant Heads of Year who will make recommendations to me about which students should go through to the physical tests stage of the selection process.

More details on page 7!

OTHER NEWS

E-SAFETY, SOCIAL MEDIA & MOBILE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP Monday 19th January, 7pm – The Carey Building

Parents are invited to an evening workshop with Ms Endicott on Monday 19th January to hear about the sorts of ways students are now interacting with each other using mobile technology, social media and the internet. This will be an extended version of the seminar she presented a few weeks ago at our last parent workshop. Feedback on this session was extremely good and parents suggested we repeated it for others to be able to attend and also to make it a longer session; so that is what we are doing. We strongly recommend it to you. You can book your place on line via the parents' evening booking system on our website: www.becketkeys.org.



Year 8 students will speak to Ms Endicott (girls) & Mr Scott-Evans (boys) during the day on Monday in two separate workshops as we present some of the dangers that can be faced and look at ways that young people can keep themselves safe. At the parent workshop we will tell parents about the materials that have been shared with students and give opportunities to discuss how best to offer support at home.

'GOOD AS NEW' SALE

During the Year 8 Parents' Evening on 29th January Friends of Becket Keys will be selling second hand school uniform. If you have any items that your son/daughter has grown out of too quickly that are still in excellent condition, please donate these to the school office so that we can sell the items on. This helps other families and also raises funds for the school.

Georgia Thompson (Year 9) writes about Design & Technology

"In Design & Technology this term we have been making a speaker to attach to an MP3 player or computer.

We started off the term looking at the social impact of electronics on society and the advantages and disadvantages of this. Also, we looked at the different types of components and the materials that they are made of, focusing on the different uses and needs for them. Maths was incorporated into our Design & Technology to work out the value of resistors. We spent the first lesson recapping on 'How to solder'. Then the next two lessons were seen putting this into practice by making our circuit boards.

I am really pleased with my MP3 player speaker and enjoyed putting the different parts together and making it. I'm glad that it finally works and I can use it."



SPORTS NEWS

Girls' Basketball

Year 7 Girls v St Martin's

The Year 7 basketball had a very competitive game against St Martin's this week, one which had been abandoned due to an injury during play last term. The girls were looking forward to the rematch although numbers were low and a squad of 6 had to be taken as Molly Whymark was injured. It was a really close first quarter, St Martin's took an early lead of 8-2 but the girls settled into the game to bring it back to 8-8 at quarter time. By half time it was 14-12 to St Martin's – still extremely close. However during the third quarter we lost focus when marking and St Martin's gained on their lead, while Becket Keys were unable to score any of their shots. A lack of fitness played a part here, especially as St Martin's had more substitutions. The final score was 34-18 to St Martin's, the first loss of the season for the team. They now need to get focused at training to ensure they win the remainder of their matches to contend for the top spot in the league.

Hockey

U14 Girls V Westcliff High School

A mix of the Year 8s and 9s went to Southend to play in an 11-aside cup match last Thursday. Unfortunately, Westcliff were a lot stronger than us and dominated the match with their team of Year 9 students. We lost the game 10-0 however, the girls are learning from each game that they play.

U13 Girls V Great Baddow

Despite their loss on Thursday, the girls picked themselves up for their friendly with Great Baddow. This game was much more balanced and the girls were able to gain possession and create a lot of scoring opportunities. Great Baddow scored first, then Lauren Pamerter scored for Becket Keys with a great assist from Alice Keely. The final score was a 1-1 draw and Miss Honey was very impressed with the girls' game play and stick work.

U13 A and B V Brentwood

The weather for this match was among the worst the girls had played hockey in. It was very cold and raining throughout. Despite this both the A and B team enjoyed themselves. Having played Brentwood previously they were nervous, but they put in a great effort and the opposition coach complimented them on their improvement from the previous game. The B team got the ball into the D numerous times but couldn't quite manage to get it into the goal. Olivia Horne made some great saves in our goal but the game ended 6-0 to Brentwood. The A team played well and did manage to attack Brentwood's half and came very close to scoring when a shot crept past the far post. However Brentwood are strong in attack, and convincingly won the game.

U14 Boys V Great Baddow 1-0 win

In their first game of the year the boys played in an evenly matched game exceptionally well. It took a while for the team to 'gel' together but eventually they were getting into the right positions to support each other. A lot of game play was in the middle of the team due to the even nature of the game. But towards the end Jacob MacDonnell managed to give the team their first goal ever goal. Ryan Chapman played excellently in goal to keep out any attempts from Great Baddow and to ensure that Becket Keys maintained their lead. Well done boys!

U14 Boys V The Jo Richardson School 4-0 (Essex Cup Game)

Fresh off a win the boys were confident going into this game, especially when they saw the opposition was mainly Year 7 boys. They started off attacking and got a quick goal to take a 1-0 lead. At times it was difficult to create break away opportunities because the ball was often crowded with players. Nevertheless, the boys got around this by spacing out and giving more options to the ball carrier. The game ended with a 4-0 win to Becket Keys in their first 11-aside match, with Jacob MacDonnell scoring twice, and Joel Reeves and Nicco Lovelock also scoring.

MORE SPORTS NEWS

Badminton

Bethany Hancox, Eden Hatch, Georgina Podd, Divine Okwuosa, Cleo Cooke, Maria-Eden Smith-Gonzalez, Rebecca Sharp and Isabella Connelly all travelled in the minibus to St Martin's for the MESSSA badminton rally. After being split into doubles pairs the girls started to compete.

Georgina and Eden worked well together as a team and managed to win a good number of points against strong opposition. They kept calm and the quality of their play improved throughout the event. Divine and Bethany were the next pair. Considering they have never played together they 'gelled' quickly and showed good organisation and communication. This pair put the opposition under a lot of pressure in most points by getting the shuttle over the heads of the opponents, putting them on the back foot. Cleo was paired up with Maria. They also made a good team, who started off slowly in their first match but as the tournament progressed became stronger and stronger, winning their final game against good opposition. Rebecca and Isabella made a good pair with one left hander and one right hander. This worked well when shots were being played out wide but when shots came down the middle it caused confusion early on. As the tournament progressed however, they managed to develop a system where this was no longer a problem. Well done for identifying this early on and adapting your game to improve your performance.

All the PE staff at the event commented on the excellent attitude and the success of our girls in the tournament, particularly our Year 9B team who came second.

Badminton Opportunity

There are opportunities to play badminton at the Brentwood Centre on Wednesday evenings. If you enjoy badminton why not join? Speak to Mr Fenn if you are interested.

Rugby

Congratulations to Tom Walker who successfully trialled for Essex Rugby and will now train on a monthly basis for the u14 squad. If he stays in the squad until u16 level, he may have the opportunity to play in some England grading games!

Rugby Training

As of Wednesday 21st January, rugby training will be back on the grass and therefore students will need to bring appropriate footwear.

Cross Country

There will be a cross country race next Friday (23rd) at lunchtime for those who wish to run. The course will be the traditional house cross country run which is 2.2km. There are 3 groups of students who this is targeted for:

1. Those who were injured during house cross country earlier this academic year and have not yet posted a time. It is important to post a cross country time every year as it is a measure of your development in fitness over time. Over 90% of students who ran this year beat their previous time. If you beat your time, it is likely that your PE level will be boosted as a result.
2. Those who have represented the school in cross country and those who wish to in the future. Team selection will be based upon the fastest times posted. There are couple of competitions coming up before Easter. We had good success in these races last year and with more training, we hope to perform even better this year.
3. Those who wish to run because they enjoy it!

EVEN MORE **SPORTS NEWS**

PARK RUN

ParkRun is a FREE 5km semi-competitive run hosted in different parks around the country on Saturday mornings. Anyone can arrive at 8.50am ready for the starting whistle at 9.00am.

Currently there are Parkruns in **Brentwood, Hornchurch, Basildon and Chelmsford** on Saturdays at 9.00am. There is also a Junior Parkrun in Chelmsford on Sundays at 9.30am which is a 2km race.

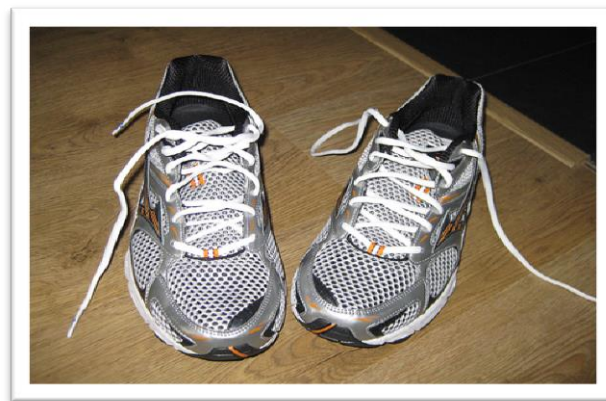
This is a fantastic event to take part in regularly as not only will your fitness improve significantly but your 5km/2km time will get quicker and quicker.

If interested:

1. Visit www.parkrun.org.uk
2. To register, fill in the form with your details
3. Print off the barcodes (you may wish to laminate these)
4. Bring your barcode to the race



As you finish the race, a marshal will give you a finishing barcode. This, along with your personal barcode should then be scanned by another official. You can then go home. A few hours later, you will receive an email with your time, position, whether it was your personal best or not and other interesting facts about your race.



Why not speak to your parents and see if they will take you to a Parkrun with some of your friends and see how you get on?

A great way to start a Saturday or Sunday. You don't need to register to run, you can just turn up!

OLIVER!

HELP REQUIRED FOR OUR MUSICAL PRODUCTION

Oliver – Volunteers Needed

Rehearsals for this year's school production of Oliver are well underway. We have an incredible cast of students but we need some help in the following areas:

Set Designer

We need someone artistic who can help to design/build/paint large set pieces. Could you transform our stage into a Victorian London street?

Props

We have a number of students who are interested in this area, but they will need guidance. Does anyone feel able to find, make or paint props for the musical; everything from red roses to coffins and from wooden bowls to silk handkerchiefs?

Costumes

Whether it's for Oliver, Fagin, Mr Bumble or Nancy, everyone needs a costume. We're looking for volunteers who could find, design or make appropriate costumes for all our actors.

In each area, we will be looking for a leader/co-ordinator who could manage small groups of students as well as those who would simply like to offer their skills and expertise in these areas.

If you are at all interested in any of the above opportunities then please speak to Mr Harries either by phone (01277 286600) or by email (staffenquiry@becketkeys.org).

Thank you.

Mr Harries



WEMBLEY!

FA BALL BOY/GIRL APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the form below and return to your form teacher by **Friday 23rd January (1:30pm)**.
Complete by hand in black or blue ink pen.

Name: _____ Form: _____

PARTICIPATION:

School sports clubs I am currently attending:

Other school clubs I am currently attending:

PRESENTATION:

Tell us about how you wear your school uniform inc coats, bags, jewellery, PE kit etc:

CHARACTER:

Levels of Head Teacher Challenge Completed (tick all that apply):

Level 1

Level 2

Level 3

PERSONALITY:

Complete in 100 words or less.

I would make an excellent ball boy/girl because...

Please tick which dates you are available to attend (You will need to commit to a minimum of 2 dates)

Sunday 1st March 2015 Sunday 22nd March 2015 Saturday 23rd May 2015 Sunday 24th May 2015 Monday 25th May 2015

PARENTAL SUPPORT:

I support my son/daughter in their desire to be a ball boy/girl for these Football Association finals.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTICES

PLEASE TOP UP SCOPAY

Parents are reminded to top up their child's SCOPAY accounts on a regular basis. We do not have an overdraft facility and students can only be provided with a basic lunch if they come without money in their account, the cost of which will need to be reimbursed.

SCHOOL COATS

When the school was established parents made clear that they wanted a smart uniform and wanted us to enforce the expectations fairly.

Please remember to examine the school uniform policy before purchasing coats. There are clear rules regarding these items and students will not be allowed to wear the wrong sort of coat. We recognise these items are very expensive and occasionally we allow a student to wear the wrong colour coat for a day or two when they have lost or damaged one, but this cannot be a long term solution. Please support our school in this.

Uniform expectations here:

www.becketkeys.org/uniform.php

Coats: "Plain black without coloured flashes, logos or slogans, no "fashion items", no "puffer" jackets".

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VACANCIES

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING

Teachers:

English, Mathematics, Science, RE, Art, PE

Support Staff:

Medical Assistant – part time

Cover Supervisor – full time

Please check our website for more details.

www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php

Dates for your Diary

19th Jan Parent Workshop (Social Media Safety)

25th Jan Education Sunday

29th Jan Y8 Parents' Evening

31st Jan Beautiful Forevers Theatre Trip

25th Feb Parents' Bistro Taster Day!

26th Feb Year 9 Vaccinations

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