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## Becket Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Issue 4 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – BFC Halloween Disco (No Forest School CREW)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day – School Closed for Pupils

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – School Holiday – School Closed to Pupils

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Start of Term 1 – School Re-opens

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Parent and Teacher Meetings

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Parent and Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 and 4 at Heron's Moor for Raise the Roof Singing Event

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Highway Code Assembly with Travel Tracker

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – YR and KS1 Christmas Performance at Tamar Court

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – YR and KS1 Christmas Performance – 9.15am

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - YR and KS1 Christmas Performance – 4pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – YR and KS1 Christmas Party

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Y3 and 4 Christmas Party

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Y5 and 6 Christmas Party

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – School Closed for Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Start of Term 3 – School Open to Children

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### Becket Value of the Week: BRAVERY

Well done everybody! We have made it through the longest term of the year; 8 weeks of getting to know new adults in class, trying new things and learning even more! Thank you to all of our families for supporting your children through reading at home and practising spellings and times tables, we are already seeing a huge improvement. Thank you also for ensuring your child has the correct kit for swimming, forest school or cycling – these activities are adding so much to our children's education. Please have a safe and restful break and enjoy your amazing children. We look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### PARENT VIEW

Parent View is a tool used to gather parent views about a school. Please visit [here](#) to add your views. You will need to register before you can give your views. Thank you for your support, it really does help the school to improve.

### TERM DATES FOR 2019-2020

Term 1: Monday 2 September 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019 **INSET:** 2/9/19 & 25/10/19

Term 2: Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

Term 3: Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020 **INSET:** 6/1/20

Term 4: Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020 **INSET:** 24/2/20

Term 5: Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020

Term 6: Monday 1 June 2020 to Monday 20 July 2020 **INSET:** 1/6/20 & 20/7/20

## **INSET DAYS**

This year we have set 6 INSET days these will be:

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

The school will be closed for children on these days.

## **BFC**

Thank you to all of the helpers at BFC for organising the discos this evening, we hope your child had a great time. BFC have also organised Christmas Cards that the children have designed, these will be with you in good time for Christmas.

Please also support the BFC Shoebox Appeal to fill a shoebox to send to Eastern Europe for Christmas, boxes are available from the office.

## **ECO-COMMITTEE NON-UNIFORM DAY**

The Eco-Committee are very excited to have raised £147.80 from the pyjama day. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations. The Eco-Committee are hard at work sourcing some suitable bins to improve our recycling around the school.

## **SCHOOL MEALS**

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Bonfire Night Theme – Beef or Sweet Potato Burger, Cheese or Salad Toppings, Wedges, Sweetcorn and Coleslaw followed by a Flapjack

If you would like your child to have one of these special meals please ensure you have money on Parentpay. These will replace the usual hot meal lunch options for these days.

## **MOBILE PHONES**

Our school site is now Mobile Free in line with safeguarding guidelines and with other schools. All adults and children must not use their phones on the school site, particularly on the playground at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you very much for your support on this important matter.

## **COMMUNICATION**

- Parent Association SEARCH: Becket Family Crew

## **PARENTS EVENING**

For Reception parents, we will be holding parents evenings on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October (3.30-6pm) and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October (2.30-5pm).

Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November for children from Year 1 up to Year 6. Sign-up sheets will be put outside of classrooms following the half-term break. This is a great opportunity to see how your child is getting on as well as ways that you can support your child at home.

## **PARKING**

Can I remind all parents that the school park is not for parental parking except for parents with a Blue Badge. Please try and park on the road or walk, scoot or cycle to school. There have been a few near misses with adults parking poorly or not paying attention when they are in a rush. Can parents also ensure that their children are closely supervised around the car park. Thank you for your support

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY AND POPPY APPEAL**

Year 6 children will be selling poppies and other items on the playground following the holiday in the mornings and after school. If you buy a snap-band, please can they go home and not come into school as these items cause the most fuss and upset with the children. This year, we will hopefully be joined by residents from Tamar Court to learn more about Remembrance and to observe the two minute silence.

## APPLYING FOR SCHOOL

Applications are open for children moving to secondary school and for children starting school in Reception. Visit the [North Somerset Page](#) to apply online.

The closing date for secondary applications is: **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 11.59pm**

The closing date for primary school applications is: **15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 11.59pm**

## GOVERNORS NEEDED

We are currently in need of 2 to 3 School Governors to ensure the smooth running of our school. All schools require a governing body to oversee. Governors can be parents, grandparents or members of the local community who have a desire to develop the school to improve the experiences of our children. Being a governor involves:

- Making financial decisions about how best to spend our money
- Recruitment of school staff
- Ensuring the school is safe
- Checking safeguarding procedures are effective

But most of all, it is about supporting the children within the school and in the future.

Meetings take place on Monday evenings starting at 5.30pm lasting no longer than an hour and a half. Full training is provided and you will have the opportunity to support specific year groups or an area of the school. There are 5 meetings left across the year plus any additional time you can spare to visit the school. Being a governor is a rewarding role and often looks good on a CV, many employers offer time off from work to be a governor and the school is able to cover expenses for things like childcare. If you are interested in making a difference to your child's education, then please speak to Mr Collard or email the school office ([admin@becket.n-somerset.sch.uk](mailto:admin@becket.n-somerset.sch.uk)) for more details. Thank you

## SAFEGUARDING UPDATES

- Please ensure your children are playing age appropriate games and watching appropriate films, especially around Halloween. We have had a few incidents of children being upset having watched an inappropriate film.
- Social Media: We have had some incidents with children using apps such as Tik Tok, Whatsapp and Instagram. These are for children over 13 who give consent for their data to be used and shared by these companies. Even at primary school age, actions on Social Media can be found and used negatively as children progress through life.
- For up to date information please look here: <https://www.common sense media.org/parents-ultimate-guides>

## THINGS TO DO OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Reading, is the key to everything! Please ensure your child keeps up with their reading, at least 4 times a week. Children have been reading brilliantly over this term with some children having read over 15 books already. Special mentions should go to: Katie in Y4, Jason in Y5 and Teyla in Y6 who are leading the way across the school!

Times Table Rock Stars has also proved really popular with lots of children practising their tables. Year 5 are the current class to beat and have beaten the other classes across the Kaleidoscope MAT to win the Battle of the Bands. Special mentions to: Charlie, Jacob and Jessica in Y5 for scoring an amazing amount of points. We have various competitions set up over the holiday too – so keep on playing!

Enjoy your break!

With best wishes



Robert Collard  
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