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Patronal Festival Starts Here!

Becket Keys Church of England School has begun its first ever Patronal Festival with a week of charity events and a Eucharist today.

Students, parents, governors and staff joined Father Colin and Father Ian at St Thomas' Church for a service celebrating our two Saints: St Peter and St Thomas of Canterbury.

Students took a lead in the service by reading prayers and Bible passages, while the choir and band performed.

A selected group also served at the altar with members of the congregation from St Thomas' Church.

Afterwards, parents joined staff for lunch at school to discuss the past year and to think about the future.

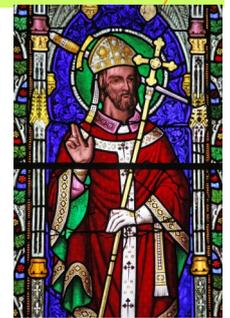
CELEBRATION

The Eucharist today is central to our celebrations which will continue tomorrow with the Patronal Festival Barbecue and which began last weekend with celebrations at St Peter's church in South Weald.

St Thomas' Church, in Brentwood, will be celebrating this weekend with a concert on Saturday night.

CHARITY

Raising money for our two school charities this week has also been a crucial part of our festival. The charity committee have run events all week to gain funds for



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our two chosen causes this year: [Great Ormond Street Hospital](#) [Essex Air Ambulance](#)
We are aiming to raise £1700 this year for charity.

The Patronal Festival Barbecue and Silent Auction are set to raise important funds for the students' chosen charities and we are all looking forward to a sunny day together in the school grounds tomorrow (more details inside).

We are also looking forward to meeting again the 150 new students who are coming to Becket Keys in September—most of whom are coming tomorrow for the barbecue.

Mr Andy Scott-Evans
Head Teacher

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BARBECUE

Families need to bring their tickets with them to gain access to the site and also to exchange for the barbecue food/drinks.

A limited number of tickets will be available on the day. Please arrive by 2pm and report to the 'Welcome Gazebo' if you wish to purchase tickets on the day.

Patronal Festival Barbecue



TICKETS

The cost of the barbecue ticket includes lunch from the barbecue (hot/cold food, drinks and dessert). Tickets on the day are £5 for adults and £3 for students. All profits from ticket sales will go towards the two school charities chosen by the students: Great Ormond Street Hospital and Essex Air Ambulance.

PARKING

Parking will be available in the road and at Great Danes Football Club. However, as usual, we would encourage as many families as possible to walk!

RUGS AND CHAIRS

Please feel free to bring picnic rugs and chairs with you.

ENTERTAINMENT

During the afternoon our orchestra and choir will be performing and various sporting events will be running.

A bouncy castle and assault course will be available (£3 wristband). A local barista will be serving hot and cold speciality coffees and Mr Simms will be coming from Shenfield to sell sweets. There will also be popcorn and candy floss for sale.

COMPETITIONS

In addition, some house competitions—open to all students and their families—will be running throughout the afternoon.

SILENT AUCTION

Bids will be accepted on the day for the silent auction. There are some incredible prizes on offer. Please make a bid! All monies from the silent auction will go to our two charities.

Please be prepared to pay with cash or cheque on the day.

Lost Property

Items in lost property

Red water bottle
Tottenham Hotspur water bottle
Slazenger water bottle
White Reebok trainers size 5
2 x Grey Becket Keys jumper size 32 (un-named)
Black coat size 12/13 Rebel
Gold padlock
Memory stick - blue
Black polka dot wellington boots
Sky blue jacket—Topman M

Mr Fenn has a number of purple hoodies in the PE office. Please check there if you have lost one.

Jesse Agunsoye has lost his named Becket Keys slipover - can students check that they have the correct slipover.

Items that have been in lost property for more than a month will be given away to good causes.



Club cancellations—advance warning!

There is no homework club on Thursday 11th July (Summer Music Concert Night).

There will be no homework club or ICT club on Friday 12TH July (Sports Day).

There will be no homework or any other clubs on the last day of term.

MUFTI DAY & HOUSE COLOURS

Students enjoyed coming to school in Mufti on Thursday and raised extra funds for our chosen charities.

Students dressed in their house colours.

WIGGINS & WEIR:
 BLUE
 AINSLEY & COCKCROFT:
 BLACK
 HOY & SIMMONDS:
 RED
 PENDLETON & PEACOCK:
 WHITE
 ENNIS & WHITEHEAD:
 GREEN
 FARAH & STOREY:
 YELLOW

We would like to encourage all students (existing and new) to come in their new house colours on Saturday to help everyone work out who is on whose team!

Year 7 Art Exam

All classes will have an art exam; as you can imagine it is not possible to set this up in the hall, so it will take place in their last art lesson.

Students **MUST** bring their **red progress log** with all their preparation in to help inform their final

piece (classwork and homework).

There is an exam preparation folder on the pupil drive for students to go to for exemplar resources, homework/classwork tasks they may have missed.

Please be advised that the assessment will be taken under exam conditions!

Miss Cooper is available for anyone to talk through their ideas.

Let's make it our best assessment yet!

Paul Hannaford

A copy of a letter sent from one of our students to Paul after his incredibly powerful talk this week:

Dear Paul,
 I found your speech today really inspiring and amazing. I am a student at Becket Keys school. Your story truly

touched me. I think it is fantastic what you are doing at the moment and you are doing the right thing. I will tell my friends and family about you and how amazing you are. Thank you very much. You have made me feel that drugs are evil and dark. Because of you I will never touch

one in my whole life!

You are one brave man and a life saver.

Best of luck and best wishes

Lewis
 Dwyer



Model Railway Exhibition

Families from Becket Keys CE School are invited to attend a model railway exhibition on Saturday 13th July 2013 at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church. St. Thomas' Road, Brentwood, Essex CMI4 4DB

Open: 10.30am - 4.30pm

Working layouts from the following Model Railway Clubs: Basildon, Chelmsford, Epping, Ilford, Mid-Essex and Romford

Traders: Flair-rail and Round-in-Circles

Refreshments & other stalls also available

ADMISSION:

Adults £4.00

Concessions £3.50

Children £1.50



Sports News

Becket Keys Church of England School **Sports Day** will take place on Friday, 12th July (weather permitting). **There are normal lessons for periods 1 and 2 for all students**, except those who are taking part in the jumping events which are scheduled at these times. There will be two sessions: a morning session at 11.15-12.40 and an afternoon session at 2.00-3.20. Lunch will be as normal.

This event is a high point on our school calendar, and one in which the school community joins together to recognise the sporting talents and achievements of our students, where person-

al records will be made and broken. Naturally we expect all students to take a full and active role on this day and to feel proud to be able to represent Becket Keys by demonstrating their sporting skills.

Students should arrive at school wearing their Becket Keys PE kit. They will be given coloured bibs that match the colour of their house when competing. Students should also ensure that they have sun tan protection, a hat to protect them from the sun and two bottles of water in case of hot weather, whether they are taking part or watching at the side. Students should also be prepared for ad-

verse weather conditions.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to you to come along and support the day's activities. Parents/carers and other family members are welcome to attend, if they so wish, for one or both sessions, but if you attend we would expect you to stay for the duration of the session. This is to ensure that the site is safe and secure for our students. Please bring along your fold-up chairs and drinks for your stay. It is always encouraging for our students to have parents watching their achievements and it should prove to be a very exciting and pleasurable event

Sports Day

Photo Books

Two limited edition photo books have been released this week and will be on sale from Reception until the end of term.

Parents and carers will be able to view the books at the various events over the next few weeks.

The books cost just £5, with one featuring photographs from the first year.

The other one features photos from the inaugural school trip.

If you would like to purchase a book, please bring cash or cheque to Reception or see

our administration team at one of the events.

No profit is being made from these books; they are sold at cost to families of Becket Keys.