



# TERM FINISHES AT CHURCH

Becket Keys Church of England School staff and students attended our parish church, St Thomas' in Brentwood today for an All Saints Tide Eucharist.

The mass was led by Father Colin Hewitt and was the first Eucharist service of the year. Our choir led the hymns and sang several quiet pieces during communion.

Readings and prayers were said by Year 7 students and a student from each house served at the altar.

The message of the service was to look to the saints for inspiration and to follow in their footsteps. Our own two patron saints were particularly remembered: St Peter – 'the rock' – Jesus' closest disciple and St Thomas of Canterbury – the famous Archbishop who was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral for standing up for what he believed in.

As a school, we are clear that we are building our lives on the rock of Jesus' teaching. We are prepared to stand up for what believe in at all times. Our values are: **respect, responsibility and forgiveness.** We aim to be **caring, fair, honest and trustworthy.** These are the distinctive qualities of Becket Keys' students and ones which we are proud to say come from our two saints.



## A word from the head teacher...

I am sometimes asked what the Russell Education Trust (RET) do for the school. Well let me tell you about this week...

This week, we have been visited by Paul Frayne, Richard Elms, Colin Mackinlay, Iain Mitchell, Mike Hannoman and Patricia Taylor! That is six RET advisers in five days!

1. Paul is RET head of finance and came to train our new finance and contracts manager – Lucy Wicker.
2. Richard came to advise and support our on-going refurbishment programme.
3. Colin is our lead adviser and OFSTED inspector. He's working with senior staff on the next stages of our planning and assessment
5. Iain came to support our modern foreign languages department and to assist with the interviews for another Mandarin teacher.

6. Mike came to check out all our fabulous new IT resources and check that everything was working super fast!

7. Patricia came to observe English lessons and to advise our English department.

Each of these seven excellent advisers added great value and expertise to our school! I cannot speak highly enough of RET and their commitment to Becket Keys.

I know some people see it as a 'leap of faith' to send your child to a brand new school, but with this level of support from such highly qualified experts your child is in safe hands!

Happy Half Term!

Andy Scott-Evans  
Head Teacher

## SPORTS NEWS

Another great week of sport at Becket Keys Church of England School.

Congratulations to all those who have represented the school this year already in a sports match.

There will be plenty more opportunities. Keep working hard over the half term

break to develop your stamina and skills through daily practice.

Go for a run, go for a swim, ride your bikes, play racquet sports...whatever...BUT...DO SOMETHING EACH DAY IN HALF TERM!

### Y7 BOYS' FOOTBALL



#### Y7 vs Moulsham

The Year 7 football team played their first ever league game this week against Moulsham High School. After a shaky start and conceding a goal in the first half, it looked like the game would end in defeat. However, with the introduction of Nicco Lovelock in the second half, and a couple of players changing positions, we managed to dominate the game, to such an extent that the game was played all in their half. A goal was inevitable and it came through a good finish from Nicco. The boys are rightly proud of this result as Moulsham had some very good players.

### Y8 BOYS' FOOTBALL



#### Y8 vs Moulsham

The Year 8 football team entered this fixture knowing that it would be difficult, as we drew with them and actually got outplayed by them last year. We lost this game 6-2. We never really got started, however, there were glimpses of nice team play; our first goal was fantastic, but it came once we were already 5-0 down. Credit goes to Moulsham, who have a very well practised team and they played some lovely football. Our boy learnt a lesson! Let's hope the play and skill they saw from the other team can inspire us to practise all the more. Back to the training ground!

### PE ROTATIONS



PE activities will be changing after the holiday.

Therefore, all students will need to ensure that they bring their entire PE kit (including shin pads and gum shields) to their first PE lesson back!

It is also worth checking that names are still legible in their PE kit. Some parents who have written names in pen may be disappointed to know that the pen is no longer there!

# FOBK Quiz Night



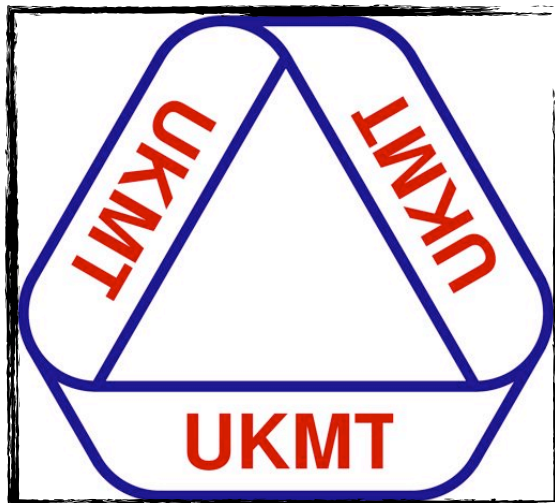
Tickets for the inaugural Friends of Becket Keys (FOBK) Quiz Night are now on sale: £7.50 each. This will be our first ever fund raising event and we want to get your support. Please put together a team and come along for a fun quiz (18+ only). More details from the office: 01277 286600.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS ZHAO!



Our congratulations to Jing Jing Zhao, our Chinese Mandarin Lead Teacher, who has announced that she is pregnant! As you know, we have already found a new Mandarin Teacher who came for interview this week and was extremely successful with a class of year 8 students. Mrs Zhao has made an excellent start at Becket Keys and we know that our new teacher will continue her good work.

We wish Mrs Zhao and her husband every good wish at this very exciting time.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME TOP YEAR 8 MATHEMATICIANS

Four Year 8 students have been chosen to represent our school in the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) challenge. The winners of our in-school competition are:

- 1st Malakai Brann
- 2nd Georgina Podd
- 3rd Joshua Rees
- 4th Bethany Hancox

We are really impressed with the skills these students showed to get to this point and we look forward to seeing how they can get on later in the year when they will go to a Cambridge University to try pitting their wits against other top students in this prestigious competition.

More details can be found here: <http://www.ukmt.org.uk/team-challenges/>. Year 7 students who wish to be considered for this next year should start practising now! The competition is fierce!

# USE A LOCKER!



## Keep your belongings safe

### Important Notice For Students:

All valuable items (mobile phone, wallet, bus pass) should be kept in student lockers (if you still don't have a locker, please request one from the reception).

Students should also leave their PE kit in their lockers and not in the changing rooms. Remember: the changing rooms get used by other students during the day, and by members of the public in the evening.

Students can go to their lockers from 8:10am, during break time, for the first and last 10 minutes of lunch and after school.



## LOST PROPERTY

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

1 pencil case  
1 grey Gap fleece  
1 calculator  
1 school tie  
1 clear lunch box  
1 water bottle  
1 pair Next grey trousers  
1 blue fleece - adult  
1 purple fleece  
Blue 'Go Travel' padlock  
Gold 'Go Travel' padlock  
Small brass padlock with 3 keys  
Small brass Dunlop padlock with key on ribbon  
Silver Master padlock (no key)  
Sterling padlock (no key)  
Red Master combination padlock  
Pair of black rimmed glasses  
Royal Air Force key-ring with silver key  
Large circular The Dungeons key-ring  
Black Shoes (Vans)  
1 Purple Hoodie 12/13

### PLEASE CHECK YOUR DAUGHTER'S PE TOP!!!

Someone has taken home Sydney Macaulay's named PE top.

### PLEASE CHECK YOUR SON'S SLIPOVER!!!

Someone has taken home Ryan Gamble's named Becket Keys slipover.

## NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Grey jumper  
size 28"  
£5

Purple reversible PE tops  
size 26/28  
size 30/32  
£5

Skort  
size 22/24  
£5

Boys' Blazer  
size 32"  
£10

## UNIFORM

Please do not allow your son/daughter to have their hair cut in such a way that will require us to ask them for a 're-style'.

Please check uniform here:

[www.becketkeys.org/uniform.php](http://www.becketkeys.org/uniform.php)

### GIRLS:

No extreme hairstyles i.e. not less than grade 2 in length, no coloured or two-tone hair, no shapes cut into the hair e.g. stripes, long hair must be tied back at all times

Any hairbands, clips or ribbons should be neutral, black or purple.

### BOYS:

No extreme hairstyles i.e. not less than grade 2 in length, no coloured or two-tone hair, no shapes cut into the hair e.g. stripes, no long hair (must be cut above the collar)

## ABSENCE LINE

We are pleased to inform you that we now have a dedicated Student Absence line.

If your child is absent from school due to illness please phone 01277 286612 before 8.30am on every day of absence.



You will be able to leave a short message on the answer phone stating your son/daughter's name, form and reason for absence.

You can also notify us of absence by emailing: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org)

### CONTACT DETAILS



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## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

St Thomas' Church has started confirmation classes on Sunday afternoons at 5pm. Anyone who is interested in confirmation should speak to Fr Guy or Fr Colin at the church centre: 01277 201094.

## INSET DAY - 4 NOVEMBER

Staff will be training on 4th November 2013, therefore, the school will not be open for students.

## PRAYER

Our prayer meeting is on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Please send any prayer requests to us: [office@becketkeys.org](mailto:office@becketkeys.org). If you wish to join our prayer mailing list to receive a regular update of issues to pray for, you can also email us.

### Dates for your Diary

28th Oct -1st Nov HALF TERM HOLIDAY

4th Nov INSET Day - no school today!

11th Nov FOBK Committee Meeting  
7:30pm

12th Nov Residential Trips Meetings  
(6pm Y7) (7pm Y8)

21st Nov Y8 Theatre Trip: War Horse

25th Nov Y7 & Y8 Parents' Evening

You can keep up to date with a daily tweet from Becket Keys by following us on Twitter: @BecketKeys.

