



PUTTING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS FIRST

Becket Keys Church of England School's fundraising has got off to an incredible start this year with a number of charities benefitting from students' generous fundraising. It is great to see our Gospel Values being lived out in these various ways!

Skip for British Heart Foundation

Our British Heart Foundation Skipping Challenge has raised an incredible £1300. Students from every house secured sponsorship money from friends and family and then skipped in PE lessons. Our thanks to all the sponsors!

Children in Need

We are pleased to be supporting Children In Need next Friday with a cake sale. We will be asking Year 8 to bake the cakes on this occasion – all donations welcome. If you don't have time to bake – purchased cakes will also be gratefully received! Please bring donations on the day!

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is also being supported again at Becket Keys this year and we have been pleased with the generous donations from students for their poppies.

We will hold a remembrance day act of worship in school on Monday.

Shoe Boxes

As ever, the shoe box appeal for Christmas is also proving a very popular way for students (and their parents!) to show their consideration of those less fortunate. Thank you for these as well!



Becket Keys supporting British Legion

A word from the head teacher...

Becket Keys Church of England School staff and students returned to school this week after a (hopefully?!) restful 10 day holiday!

I would like to thank all those parents who choose to use breaks like this to take their holidays thereby avoiding any absence for their son/daughter.

Absence is so damaging to a student's education and with recent changes to the legal position for schools over authorising any term time absence it is more important than ever for parents to make the most of the 13 weeks of school holidays each year rather than taking any time out of school.

We have always said that our rule of thumb is 'Would a teacher be allowed to take this absence?' I hope this helps you to make

decisions, but if you are ever in doubt please call our administration team to check first.

Parents can be fined for taking their children out of school for unauthorised leave, so do check before you make any bookings!

On a similar note, I would like to thank all those parents who assist us in ensuring that students are here on time. The vast majority arrive at least 15 minutes early. Thank you! This also makes a real difference in terms of readiness for learning at 8:30am when lessons start.

Thanks for all your support on these things

Andy Scott-Evans

Head Teacher

SPORTS NEWS

Students returned this week determined and positive in their new PE rotations.

All looked smart in their school PE kits and we are pleased to see everyone maintaining our usual high standards in this regard.

Although everyone is at different levels with a wide range of experience in terms

of sport, it is great to see what is consistent:

- High expectations in terms of effort
- High levels of enthusiasm
- Encouragement and support for each other

We aim to excel in sport, but our greatest passion is the 'journey' that each one of us is on. The training is the reward and progress is the target.

Y8 NETBALL



The year 8 A, B and C netball teams welcomed Brentwood School for a local derby on Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately Brentwood School won all three games, although it was excellent to have so many girls involved in the fixture.

The A team game was particularly close, with Charlotte Todd demonstrating some excellent shooting skills, however Brentwood won this match 16 – 12.

GIRLS' SWIMMING

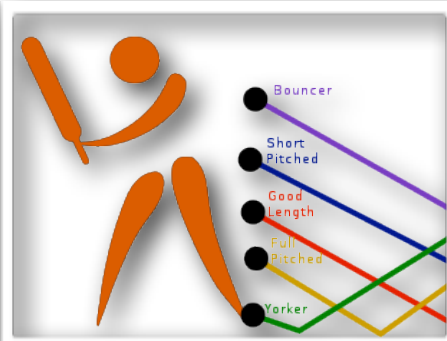


Year 7 and 8 Girls' Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, we took the Girls' Swimming Team to the Brentwood School for the District Swimming Competition.

Seven schools were represented there. We competed well, and qualified through most of the heats into the finals. Overall, our Y7 team came 4th and our Year 8 team came 5th. Particularly notable performances came from Rebecca Stroud, Roisin Clarke and Amber McKinney. The boys will represent the school on the 20th November.

GIRLS' CRICKET



Congratulations to Lauren Pamerter who has successfully completed trials and won a place on the Essex Girls' County Cricket Team!

All her hard work and training is paying off and we wish her well with the next steps of her learning.

Students: please keep us informed of your sporting progress outside of school – it is excellent to hear about the experiences you are having and the contributions you are making to local sport!

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 REVERSIBLE PE TOP!!!

Someone has taken home Hannah Bennett's named reversible PE top. It even has the family telephone number in it!

Make their weekend...find it and give them a call!

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

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

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PRAYER

Our prayer meeting is on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Please send any prayer requests to us: 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

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.

