



EASTER CARD COMPETITION

Becket Keys Church of England School students are being asked by Mr Scott-Evans and Miss Cooper to design an Easter Card. As last year, the challenge is to design an image that can be used for cards to be sent to various friends of the school and each new student joining us in September 2014.

Card designs need to be A5 and should express the Christian message of Easter.

Students should try and apply their improved drawing skills, from their progress in art over this year and seek advice from Miss Cooper, if they need it.

No text is required on the card and usually the best cards do not use any text; instead we encourage students to present an image only.

Designs need to be finished and handed in to Miss Cooper or Mr Scott-Evans by Friday 21st March.

Please pick up an entry form from Reception and complete your design in the template provided.



ASH WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

Becket Keys Church of England School gathered for two Eucharists on Ash Wednesday, one for Year 7 and one for Year 8. Students and staff celebrated the mass in the main hall with Father Guy Sumpter from St Thomas' Church.

Everyone had the opportunity to be 'ashed', where Fr Guy marked an ash cross on the forehead. This was entirely optional, but many students and staff were keen to receive it. Find out more about this on page 2.

Fr Guy also consecrated the school's new chalice and paten; these items for worship have been donated by the congregation at St Thomas' Church and were used for the first time this week.

Mufti Day coming...

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for details

What is Ash Wednesday All About?

From LifeTeen.Com by Mark Hart

“The Biblical Response

Over forty passages in the Bible associate ashes with mourning and grief. In Old Testament times people used ashes as a sign of repentance. They would sit in ashes, roll around in them, sprinkle them upon their heads, or even mingle them with their food and drink. They did this as an outward sign of their inward posture of repentance. Check out **Daniel 9:3–6**, for an example.

Ash Wednesday begins Lent, a time when we stop and assess how we're doing in our walk with God. Lent helps us identify spiritual areas in which we can grow and sinful areas that we need to avoid. To repent, put simply, means to turn away from sin and turn toward God. We use ashes as an outward expression of our need to begin again.



A Traditional Response

Ashes are a sign of physical death, as in 'ashes to ashes, dust to dust.' We began as dust (a joyless and lifeless existence), and our bodies will return to dust until we are raised up by Christ. By receiving ashes and keeping them on, we publicly proclaim our intent to die to our worldly desires and live even more in Christ's image, which we focus on during the season of 'rebirth' that is Lent (a Latin term for 'Spring').

The Historical Response

For over twelve hundred years on the 'dies cinerum' (day of ashes) faithful followers have approached the altar and received ashes upon their foreheads. These ashes are made from the burnt palm fronds that were blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The ashes are sprinkled with holy water, usually fragrant with incense and blessed using four prayers that are thousands of years old.

The use of ashes for repentance and penance can be traced even further back and is practised throughout the world. On Ash Wednesday ashes are applied to believers' foreheads in the shape of the cross.



The Symbolic Response

God formed Adam out of the 'dust' of the earth, which we read about in Genesis 2:7. In addition, Jesus healed the blind man with clay (earth and spit) in John 9:6. We mark ourselves with ashes as a 'new beginning' at the onset of Lent, allowing the life of Jesus Christ to make us whole and new again."



OTHER NEWS

WAR HORSE

If Year 7 students wish to attend the 'War Horse' trip in October, then their permission slips and money need to be handed to the school office as soon as possible.

This trip was run last year with over 95% of the current Year 8 attending and was a phenomenal success. We would encourage **ALL** Year 7 students to take advantage of this opportunity. If there are any difficulties with making the payment at the present time then please contact the school, in confidence, to discuss a payment schedule.

ICT CLUB NEWS

"In ICT club, we have been learning how to use DrawPlus and WebPlus. WebPlus lets you make a website and DrawPlus lets you make posters and leaflets which would be useful when advertising.

We have also learnt what is inside of a computer and how it operates. We took apart old computers and learned what components are used to make it work.

We also learned about inputs and outputs in all types of computers, which operate like lights and their switches. But one of the best parts is when we fixed a keyboard and dismantled voltmeters and an iron.

All of this will help us in the future because if we want to be a designer of electronic devices or a mechanic we will have some experience from secondary school. But we wouldn't have done any of this without Miss Gill, so on the behalf of ICT club thank you Miss Gill!!!!" By Tyler Christian



'JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT'

With the musical fast approaching, rehearsals have stepped up a notch; the individual musical numbers are being woven together (much like Joseph's multi-coloured coat!) and the show is really taking shape.

Our performances will be on April 1st, 2nd and 3rd and tickets will be going on sale in the week beginning the 17th March. We can't wait to show you what the students have produced!

'Joseph' rehearsals

Due to Y7 Parents' Evening being on Tuesday 11th March, rehearsal for 'Joseph' next week will be on Wednesday 12th March, from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. The entire cast will be needed.

BRENTWOOD FUN RUN & HALF MARATHON

On Sunday 23rd March, Becket Keys Church of England School will host the annual Rotary Club Fun Run & Half Marathon. Students are encouraged to either compete or volunteer to assist at this important community event. More details will be in the newsletter next week.

SPORTS NEWS

There will be no sports clubs next Tuesday due to parents' evening.

BRENTWOOD HALF MARATHON & FUN RUN

A reminder to those who may be participating in the Brentwood Fun Run on Sunday 23rd March to collect a sponsorship form from Miss Webb, if they wish to run for the school charities.

WATER POLO U13 v BRENTWOOD SCHOOL

Twelve Year 7 and 8 boys went to the Brentwood School to take part in a water polo fixture. Several of these boys play high standard water polo outside school. We matched Brentwood School all game, however our finishing was not as good as theirs. We lost the game 12-4. Noticeable performances came from Tom Burkert in goal, Oscar Warriner for his leadership skills and Alex Savage for attacking prowess. We look forward to a rematch.

CROSS COUNTRY DATES

Girls – Tuesday 11th March – Brizes Park
Boys – Thursday 13th March – Brizes Park
MESSA CROSS COUNTRY – Tuesday 25th
Match – Hylands Park.

RUGBY TRAINING - WEDNESDAYS 3:30 to 4:30pm

It was great to see new faces at rugby this week. Jack Nicholls, James Eyo, George Tegg and George Chubb. We still have some spaces remaining for more boys to attend, if you are interested speak to Mr Fenn.

GIRLS' MORNING BASKETBALL

This week Big Fen brought a surprise to morning basketball with some luminous pink basketballs imported from Japan. It was great to see Olivia Horne, Sydney Macaulay, Cleo Cooke, Grace Duffy, Cara Tait and Uchechi Nze practising their skills and tricks! We still would love to see more girls attending in the morning; the session runs from 7.15-8.15am. It is a great way to start the day!

Friday 14th March is a MUFTI DAY!

Students will be able to come in non-uniform as long as they bring at least a £1 donation to our school charities for this year: 'Teenage Cancer Trust' and 'Little Havens Hospice'.

It will also be an **ENRICHMENT DAY** where students will be engaged in various exciting activities. Therefore, students should wear suitable clothing for an active day including outdoor work, creative & practical subjects!

LOST PROPERTY

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

Uniform

Becket Keys Jumper size 30"
Becket Keys Tie
Black PE shorts size 11/12
Becket Keys DT apron
Black M&S trousers age 12
Shoes / Trainers
School Shoe left foot size 8
Black Nike astro trainers size 8
Adidas Black / White Size 3 Astro boots
Black lace up shoes (size not visible)
Bootleg lace-up black shoes size 5
Black girls flat shoes – Atmosphere size 4
Black/green Gilbert studded boots
Black Velcro Shoes size 4
Red / Yellow Adidas Astro boots

Coats

'Bench' jacket size 11/12
'Denim Co' Black gillet size 8
Reversible Stormstuff Navy Jacket
Black Anorak
'F&F' Black quilted jacket
Tammy Black Fur trimmed quilted coat
Black Girls Atmosphere coat size 10
Blue 'Rebel' quilted coat size 12/13

Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Umbrellas

Plain black snood x 2
Pair of Campri gloves
Black Thinsulate hat with grey stripe
Black Thinsulate glove right hand
Black fringed scarf
Black sequined snood
Cat fingerless gloves
Navy ribbed hat
Black Doshocousa bobble hat
Grey umbrella

Miscellaneous

Black Nike dri-fit large shorts
Large blue drinks bottle
Black/Green F&F Fleece age 10/11
Black fleece lined tights
Jacqueline Wilson novel
Adidas Grey/Black striped jogging bottoms size 24"
Peoples Republic Novel
Purple 'Stone Island' short sleeved top size 10
Black memory stick – initials JM ?
Arsenal bootbag containing small fleece and two drinks bottles
Grey Nike Jogging bottoms
Red Bow
Set of keys found in car park on 1st March
Two keys on key ring (one green)
Gumshields x 2 in a black case

NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Contact office (proceeds to school fund)

Boys' Blazer
size 28" £10

Purple Reversible PE
top (2) 26/28" £5

Skort
22/24" £5

Jumpers (4)
size 30" £5

Jumpers (2)
Size 34"

Grey slipover size 28" £5
Grey slipover size 30" £5

Boys' trousers age 11/12 £5

Boys' s/s shirts
age 9/10 £1

Boys' l/s shirts
age 9/10 £1

Hoodie (Medium) £5

Girls' Blouse Banner size 28"
£3

Girls' Blazer Size 16 £5
Girls' Blazer 38" £6
Girls' Blazer 32" £10

Black Tracksuit Bottoms £2.50



SHOES

Please ensure your son/daughter has the correct shoes!



Our policy is for students to wear traditional leather school shoes, preferably with laces NOT the trainer style shoes that are sometimes fashionable for boys. We also do not accept boots or fashion items. Current suitable 'Clarks' shoes shown above.

If unsure, please contact us and we will happily advise.

Check our uniform policy for details.

UNIFORM POLICY

EARRINGS

Girls may only wear plain gold or silver stud earrings.

NO MAKE-UP

Girls may only wear discreet concealer to cover blemishes. No other make-up is acceptable.

NO TIPPEX

Students do not need correction fluid. Moreover, it is not allowed on the school site and must be left at home. Instead, students who wish to be really neat can use correction tape. Our preference, however, is simply to draw a single line through mistakes!

NOTICES

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 the name of your son/daughter, form and reason for absence. You can also leave a message here if your son/daughter is going to be late.

You can also notify us of absence by emailing: office@becketkeys.org.

AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Please remember to contact us as early as possible, if you think that you need to take your son/daughter out of school for an appointment or special occasion (exceptional circumstance). We are generally unable to authorise any absence during school time, but we will consider exceptional circumstances (e.g. a teacher would be allowed to take paid leave for such an appointment or special occasion).

Families are not allowed to take holidays during term times and should not request to do so.

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PRAYER

Our prayer meetings are on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Anyone from the Becket Keys Church of England School community is welcome to join us (parents, other relatives, friends of the school etc).

Please send any prayer requests to: 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.

NO MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that mobile phones are not to be seen or heard at Becket Keys! Please do not 'message' your son/daughter during the day! If you need to contact them, the only way is after 3:20pm. In the event of an emergency, the office can pass on a message.

Students who are using their phones during the day will discuss with us the logical consequence for their actions which may include the staff member keeping the mobile until the next day. We will endeavour to contact parents by telephone or text if a student's mobile is confiscated.

Dates for your Diary

11th Mar Year 7 Parents' Evening

(NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)

20th Mar Year 8 Parents' Evening

(NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)

23rd Mar Brentwood Fun Run

1st, 2nd, 3rd April 'Joseph!' Performance

7th – 21st April Easter Holiday

5th May Bank Holiday

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

