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QUEEN CELEBRATES DIOCESAN CENTENARY!

This week, Mr Scott-Evans and Year 8 student Georgina Podd were thrilled to be at a special service to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Chelmsford Diocese. It was especially momentous as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Philip were also both in attendance.

Georgina was singing with the Cathedral Choristers as she is a regular member of the girls' choir. Mr Scott-Evans was invited to represent the community of Becket Keys and was joined by many other church heads in the congregation.

Our Bishops, Stephen, John and Norman were all there as were various other special guests.

Bishop Stephen spoke about Isaiah 52 verse 7 "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that brings good tidings, that publishes peace; that brings good tidings" and verse 12. "for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear guard."

See also our Diocesan prayer on the final page of the newsletter.



OFSTED INSPECT BECKET KEYS

It has been an important and exciting week at Becket Keys Church of England School with a team of OfSTED inspectors here to examine the progress of the school so far. A team of four inspectors came for two days led by Mr John Mitcheson. Mr Mitcheson is one of Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI).

The inspection followed the Section 5 approach that is used in all state schools to inspect the four main areas of the school's work:

Achievement Teaching & Learning Behaviour & Safety Leadership & Management

The team inspected the school by observing lessons, looking at students' work and assessment

outcomes, speaking to staff, students, parents and governors and by examining the school's own systems and policies. It was a rigorous and exhausting few days especially as we are still in the throes of the window replacement programme and attendant classroom moves! We were very pleased with the performance of our students and the inspection outcome; and we now have to wait for several weeks before the report is ready for publication. I will send the whole report out to parents as soon as I have it.

Thank you for all your prayerful support this week.

Mr Scott-Evans

Head Teacher

UNIFORM MATTERS

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property is eventually returned to students if it is named, and students can check with reception to see if anything has been handed in. If it is not named we leave it where it was lost to encourage students to retrace their steps and find it.

GIRLS' SOCKS

Girls' socks must be white and below the knee.

BOYS' SOCKS

Boys' socks must be plain grey or black ankle socks.



NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR SALE

Please donate any good quality school uniform items which could be resold (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' I/s shirts age 9/10 £1

Hoodie (Medium) £5

Girls' Blouse Banner size 28"

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



TRAVEL TIPS!

BICYCLES

Congratulations to all the students who have worked so hard on their cycling tests this week! Please ensure your son/daughter has a helmet if they are cycling to and from school. Our cycle shelter is available for all staff and students to use and is locked during the day and monitored by CCTV.

TURNING CIRCLE

Please do not drive into Sawyers Hall Lane if you can avoid it.

If you do drive in (before 8:20am or after 4pm) then please use the turning circle past the school on the right hand side.

Do not turn round in the drive way or in front of the school as this is dangerous.

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 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 '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 certain medical appointments or a family funeral.

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.

Diocese Centenary Prayer:

We thank you generous God,

for we have truly known your grace; we thank you merciful God,

for we have heard the gospel of

we thank you victorious God,

for we have a hope laid up in heaven.

As we celebrate these hundred years,

so we commit ourselves to you,

firm in faith,

strong in love,

bearing fruit in all the world.

We thank you loving God, now and for ever. Amen.

Dates for your Diary

14th May 7pm Parents' Workshop

Book online for these workshops – see separate email or contact the school office

23rd – 25th May Bushcraft Trip (Year 7)

23rd - 26th May Madrid Trip (Year 8)

26th - 30th May May Holiday Week

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

