



EASTER BLESSINGS

Mr. Scott-Evans writes:

It has been another wonderful week at Becket Keys Church of England School. I'll tell you some really incredible news in a moment, but first a brief look back at what has been going on.

NEW FAMILIES

This week we met the 150 new families who are joining our school in September 2016. It was a great evening with those families who were successful this year in gaining a place.

Year 7 students from Mr Pethers' class presented with great composure, using few notes in front of an imposing audience of over 340! Mrs Butler (chair) and Mrs Richardson (treasurer) of Friends of Becket Keys were on hand to tell new families more about what the association does for the school.

I talked through some of the key things I thought parents would want to know at this point as they prepare for the end of primary school and the big step up to secondary schooling here at Becket Keys.

FAREWELL

A sad farewell was said to Miss Honey and Mr Hinds today (more details on the back page).

PARENT FORUM

Mr Hughes met with parents from all years this week to review the school and to hear views. The conversation ranged from transition arrangements, to exam readiness and uniform, where it was agreed to introduce a new higher quality blazer. It was an extremely valuable session; Mr Hughes and I would like to thank all of you who came along.

If you were unable to make it and would like to share a view, please contact Mr Hughes via the website portal. Alternatively, complete the OfSTED Parent View form – available here:

<http://tinyurl.com/zjdqfsm>

MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS

It was a great pleasure to take the whole school to church again today for a special Maundy Thursday Mass. Led by Father Colin Hewitt, we remembered the Last Supper with readings, prayers and with washing of feet. My thanks to Joshua who was willing to come forward and allow me to wash his feet!

NEW SPORTS HALL

And finally, it is with enormous pleasure and pride that I can inform you today that we have placed a bid for a brand new sports hall and that it has been accepted by the government.

We put a bid together with expert bid writers from RET and we have been selected with around 1000 other schools to benefit from a £435 million investment.

Final details will now be drawn up for a brand new facility which will be built between the Runcie Building and the Astro Turf.

The existing Sports Hall will eventually be demolished, but only once the new one is built.

I would like to thank Richard Elms from RET and Nina Chapman from our school team who worked incredibly hard to put the bid together. We are truly blessed to be working with such talented individuals.

Great news for a Happy Easter!

With my warmest wishes

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher

OTHER NEWS

FoBK NEWS – ‘BAKE OFF’ COMPETITION



A high intensity baking competition saw students, parents and staff compete to make the best biscuits and cakes this week and be awarded ‘Star Baker’ of 2016.

FoBK held its first ‘Bake Off’ on Monday with entrants challenged to make Brownies, Zebra Cake, Chocolate Shortbread, Jam Crumbles and Tarts, with teams of 8. Well done to everyone for all the fantastic culinary creations!

Students Lucy Butler, Hollie Sanderson and Olivia Mullan, parents, Mrs Mullan and Mrs Frier and staff member Miss Alzapiedi took the category prizes and were each presented with a “Great British Bake Off” cookery book .

Student Will Tendler and parent Mrs Arundell were named Star Bakers, alongside staff member Mrs Knowles (with Miss Crank a close second!).

Entries were judged by Mrs Ruth, Head of Food, on the level of difficulty attempted, appearance of the final product and of course, the all-important taste and texture.

Students and staff were able to buy the cakes the following day, raising in excess of £200. Thank you to everyone who took part and bought cakes. Big thanks go to Mrs Ruth and Mrs Brett for organising the Bake Off and to Sainsbury’s, Brentwood for kindly donating the ingredients for the event.



FoBK WINE TASTING QUIZ EVENING

A light hearted introduction to wine tasting, with a challenge!

Save the Date

Friday 20th May – Flyer coming out after Easter



NOTICES

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. There is a collection box in Reception. Thank you!

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

Please send any donations of nearly new uniform to school for sale in the FoBK 'Nearly New' shop. This is an excellent way to recycle uniform and all funds raised go back into the school through FoBK.

STAFFING CHANGES

We would like to say a special thank you and farewell to two wonderful colleagues: Miss Honey and Mr Hinds. Both have served the school wonderfully. We wish them well as both colleagues move to schools closer to their homes.

All of Mr Hinds classes will be taken by Mr Fenn after Easter.

Mr Tunstall (from RET) will rejoin the school full time and will take all of Mr Fenn's classes.

Miss Whykes takes over as Head of Mathematics,

Mr Pethers will be KS3 Co-ordinator of Mathematics.

Mr Gensch joins the team as Head of PE. Miss Pugsley will be second in charge of PE.

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VACANCIES

We are currently recruiting for the vacancies listed below. Please check our website for vacancy details and how to apply:

<http://www.becketkeys.org/vacancies.php>

[2 i/c Teacher of English](#)
[Teacher of Geography](#)
[Teacher of Mathematics](#)
[Teacher of Mathematics & Science](#)
[Teacher of Science & Mathematics](#)
[Head of Sixth Form](#)

Dates for your Diary

24/03/16	Last Day of Term
25/03/16	EASTER HOLIDAY
10/04/16	FoBK clothing collection (10-2)
11/04/16	Inset Day
11/04/16	FoBK clothing collection (9-11)
12/04/16	First Day Back

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