



Our Community

Mr Scott-Evans writes:

This week in collective worship we have been continuing the theme of Whitsun by looking at the story of the church after Pentecost.

Whitsun is the time in the church year after Easter when Christians remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the church, so I read with the students the famous passages from Acts 2 which describe the start of the church.

“42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. **43** A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. **44** And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. **45** They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. **46** They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— **47** all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

It was interesting how many sections we were able to highlight which also describe, at least in part, our school community. I have underlined them above.

Our school is, a Christian community and in many ways reflects the good practices of the early church.

Today I spent some time with students listening to their ideas about how we could become even more like this Christian community described here. We talked about a number of creative ideas. These included:

- Improvements to our ‘place’ in terms of new buildings and sports hall
- Enjoying the goodwill of the local community by being more outwardly generous and ensuring our reputation is excellent
- New ideas for enhancing charities week

I’d like to pick up on the first point on the second page today as I think there are some exciting opportunities coming up. And I would like to enlist your support, if possible.

With regards to the second point, I was stopped outside of school yesterday by a member of the public who wanted to point out how fantastic our students were.

She said that they were always polite and respectful, apologising and gentle in spirit. She had a very young child with her and it was clear that she hoped that one day he would be a Becket Keys’ boy!

There will be details regarding the final point in the newsletter over the next few weeks as we prepare for our Patronal Festival and Charities Week.

I hope you and your families have a relaxing and enjoyable Whitsun holiday. I am looking forward to welcoming students back refreshed for the final stretch before the summer break and to hearing all the news from students about the trips which are currently taking place, (which I have written about on the next page!).

**Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher**

OTHER NEWS

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS



Students from Year 7 and Year 8 are away this weekend in Cornbury Park ('Bushcraft') and Madrid respectively. We hope that they are having a wonderful time. The news from Madrid is that the weather is very hot and that the students are behaving impeccably.

Meanwhile, we have unveiled a new trip this week to Berlin for Year 11. We were both pleased and surprised to have all 40 spaces sold out within two hours of the listing going live on ScoPay. In the recent past there has been less support for trips with Year 10 and we were not sure what the response would be for this one. We have a waiting list of around 6 students and we are working hard to see if we can get them places.

Photos from the Year 8 Madrid trip so far! Follow us on Twitter for more updates @becketkeys



More details about trips & today's events in school in the next addition!

SPORTS HALL AND WELBY BUILDING

We have received over £5 million for our two new buildings – a new Sports Hall and a new classroom block with 6th Form provision. However, if we can raise a little extra money we would be able to do one or two extra things that could make a real difference.

For example, we would like to see a larger chapel in the Welby Building, a new performance space and better IT facilities than are available anywhere else in Brentwood, if not Essex.

In the Sports Hall, we think we should expect the best surface for sports, the best equipment installed, a balcony, larger, more discreet changing facilities, and a new fitness suite for older students to utilise.

None of these things are possible with the funding we have, but could be if we managed to invest a little more at this stage. We would like to hear any ideas you may have for raising extra funds. For example, one off donations, sponsorship for a student event or a 'buy a brick' scheme. If you have ideas or would be willing to head this up, please contact us: office@becketkeys.org.



MORE NEWS

STUDENT MEAL COMPETITION

Mrs Ruth, Head of Food reports:

The results of the Student Choice Meal Competition are in!

Year 7: Jolloff Rice by Cederick Asante (Monday - Orangery)

Year 8: Beanburgers by Daisy Arundell-Coote (Tuesday - Bistro)

Year 9: Rice Krispie Chicken with Sweet Potato Wedges by Harrison Powell and Maisie Dunn (Wednesday - Orangery)

Year 10: Paella by Russell Bonnet (Thursday - Bistro)

Meals will be served during **Healthy Eating Week 13th - 17th June** and the winning students will receive their meal free of charge. There will be additional activities for students taking place during Healthy Eating Week, to be communicated after the Whitsun holiday.

THEATRE TRIP TO SEE 'CATS'

Mrs Ahlner writes:

A trip has been arranged to see the West End production of the musical 'Cats' at Cliffs Pavilion, Southend on Sea, on **Thursday 21st July**. This will be an evening performance.

The theatre tells us:

Andrew Lloyd Webber's record-breaking 2015 Olivier award nominated musical CATS returns to the Cliffs Pavilion, direct from its sell-out seasons at the London Palladium, for 1 week only.

Adapted from TS Eliot's 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats', this "ground-breaking musical" (Daily Express) comes together in a sparkling fusion of music, dance and verse.

On just one special night of the year, all Jellicle cats meet at the Jellicle Ball where Old Deuteronomy, their wise and benevolent leader, makes the Jellicle choice and announces which of them will go up to The Heaviside Layer and be reborn into a whole new Jellicle life.

With "timeless music, spectacular sets and a superb cast" (Daily Mirror), breath-taking choreography and of course the unforgettable 'Memory', CATS is a magical musical like no other.

We will leave Becket Keys by coach at approximately 6.30pm and return at approximately 11pm (times to be confirmed). The cost for the trip will be £34.00.

A letter with reply slip has been emailed to you. To reserve your place, please complete the reply slip and return it to Reception as soon as possible, along with a cash or cheque payment for £34.00. There are only 28 tickets available which will be allocated by return.



NOTICES

VAN REQUIRED

We are looking for some help transporting sports equipment on Sports Day. We require the use of a van on **Friday 8th July**. If you can help, please let the PE staff know by emailing: office@becketkeys.org

PATRONAL FESTIVAL PICNIC

SAVE THE DATE

The annual FoBK Patronal Festival Picnic will take place on **Saturday 2nd July**. Details of activities that will be on offer on the day and how to purchase tickets will be sent out shortly after the Whitsun Holiday. Watch this space!

WORKSHOPS

Before and after school workshops recommence on **Monday 6th June**. Any questions please speak to Mrs Keel.

LOST PROPERTY

There are two bracelets, numerous watches, a wallet, a purse, lots of boys' shoes and unnamed Becket Keys' coats in lost property. Please check at Reception.

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VACANCIES

We are recruiting for an Examinations and Data Officer. Please see our website for details:

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

Some students from Year 7 & 8 took part in a Martial Arts lesson with Father Paul Hamilton in school today. Anyone interested in Karate lessons after today's session, please visit: www.seishankarate.com

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26th May - Sunday 29 May
Year 8 Madrid Trip

Friday 27th May – Sunday 29 May
Year 7 Bushcraft Trip

Friday 27th May
Year 7 & 8 Day trip to Stubbers

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Whitsun
Holiday

Monday 6th June – First Day Back

Friday 17th June – INSET Day

Monday 20th June – INSET Day

Saturday 2nd July
FoBK Patronal Festival and Picnic

Friday 8th July - Sports Day