



FESTIVAL STARTS IN STYLE

Mr Scott-Evans writes...

CONCERT

Our annual Patronal Festival started in style this week with a wonderful joint concert with St Peter's Primary School, South Weald. Children from Year 2 upwards joined with our students up to Year 10 to put on a wonderful musical night at St Peter's Church.



The evening included pieces from various choirs, orchestras and ensembles. There were moving duets, beautiful quartets and stunning solo performances. The audience were entertained from 7pm to past 9pm, with a great evening of music.

I would like to thank all of our students who represented our school wonderfully and of course Mrs Sands and Miss Crank for bringing it together. Mr Margalit has also been co-ordinating the orchestra this year to great effect and building the musical skills of all those involved.

It is impossible to name all the students involved here and I would not like to single any individuals out on this occasion. However, I am sure parents will agree that each student performed brilliantly and we look forward to next year with great anticipation.

CHARITIES WEEK

The next part of our festival will be Charities Week. Our version of a university style 'Rag Week' will see students engaging with all sorts of endeavours to raise money for this year's chosen charities. A variety of different competitions and sales will be taking place and I'd encourage all students to come with a little bit of money each day.

My thanks to the Charities Committee for organising this again this year. And to those who have joined the committee in recent weeks from each form to support the Charities Week. We are impressed with your commitment. In the future, you will be able to write on your university applications about your involvement and experience and it will help you enormously! For now, you are helping our school and our chosen charities and I am very grateful.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Patronal Festival continues on Saturday 2nd July with our school fair. The popular event will be

bigger and better this year with new inflatables, more stalls and games and plenty of great food: hotdogs, ice creams, strawberries, cakes and sweets. Tickets are only £2.50 for students and £3.50 for adults and you are sure to have a great time. As usual we will be welcoming along 150 new Year 6 students and we want to make them feel part of our community right from the start.

Teachers are approaching students in older years to help with stalls and games. Please let me know via the website if your son/daughter would like to be involved and has not yet been asked. I am seeking help with welcoming, games, litter picking and stalls. The more the merrier!

Helpers do need to buy a ticket but remember this includes an ice cream and access to the whole event as well. Tickets are available at lunchtimes from reception or on the playground.

I look forward to seeing you there.

EUCCHARIST

Our Patronal Festival Eucharist takes place on Thursday 7th July at 11.15am and you will be welcome to join us at St Thomas of Canterbury Church for this special service.

Best regards,

Mr Scott-Evans
Headteacher

OTHER NEWS

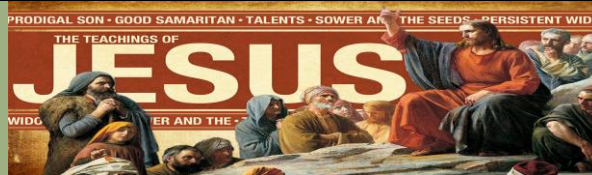
BK BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Imagine you were alive when Jesus was on earth. And imagine you had the opportunity to hear him teach. Perhaps you were on the hillside when he preached the Sermon on the Mount; or you were in the crowd when he told one of his insightful parables. Now imagine that you have come home for the night and as you enter the house, someone in your family says, ‘So, what did he have to say?’ How would you summarise the teachings of Jesus?

That’s the impossible challenge we now face – to capture the essence of Jesus’ teaching in five short readings. And Jesus was always teaching, because he knew that his actions spoke as loud, if not louder, than his words. For example, one of our readings in this section includes ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ (Matthew 6:9–13). But Jesus’ most powerful teaching on prayer may not have been this model prayer. Instead, it was his lifestyle of prayer. Notice what triggered the disciples’ interest in prayer (Luke 11:1a). As we read the Gospels we find frequent references to Jesus’ pattern of prayer (Mark 1:35). Jesus practised what he preached and that’s one thing that gave him credibility as a teacher (Matthew 5:19b). Of course, the main factor was that he was God in the flesh. His listeners didn’t understand that yet. But the more he taught, the more they realised he was unique (Matthew 7:28,29).

Our readings focus on the preaching and parables of Jesus. The Sermon on the Mount is unquestionably the greatest sermon ever preached. Jesus delivered it early in his ministry just as he was starting to come to public attention. Instead of giving the crowds ‘feel good’ sound bites, he gave them a full dose of moral and ethical teaching that called people to the highest standard possible (Matthew 5:48). Jesus never ‘dumbed down’ his message.

As for the parables, Jesus knew that telling stories about common things and familiar situations of life would help him connect with his listeners. It also enabled him to point out the hypocrisy and sin of the religious leaders who opposed him, without seeming overly confrontational. Preaching and storytelling combined with a consistent lifestyle – that was Jesus’ masterful formula for getting his point across, as you’ll see.



56	Radical happiness	Matthew 5:1-6:4	What makes you happy? Which part of the Sermon on the Mount is the most challenging to you? Why?	Lord, pursuing happiness takes up a lot of my time and energy. Perhaps too much? Help me to have right priorities. Amen.
57	The audience of One	Matthew 6:5-7:29	What do you suppose Jesus would have to say to people walking along Brentwood High Street today?	Conclude your quiet time by slowly saying the Lord’s Prayer, stopping to reflect on each phrase.
58	D-Day for sin	Matthew 13	How has it changed your life to be in God’s kingdom? Or have you yet to take that first step?	Father, thank you for inviting me into your kingdom. I want to allow your Word to sink deeper and deeper into my heart so that I can bear fruit for you. Amen.
59	The uncommon deed	Luke 10:25-37	Who needs mercy from you? How could you express it to them today?	Lord God, thank you for showing incredible mercy to me. With your help, I intend to do the same for others today. Amen.
60	Lost Property	Luke 15	Think of a time when you truly repented from the heart. How did that experience make you feel about God? Who feels welcome in your church/ our school? Do you ever make the mistake of trying to earn God’s love?	Father, forgive me when I’m like the older brother. You’ve been so generous with your love for me. Help me to share some of that love with the struggling people around me. Amen.

MORE NEWS

JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2016

Last Tuesday's awards evening was an upbeat occasion for all attendees. It demonstrated the range and diversity of young people's achievements across schools and clubs in the Brentwood area. As you are aware, this year's Becket Keys Jack Petchey awards were presented to **Evie Walker**, **Archie Mowatt** and **Maria Gamble**.



Evie was nominated for being a positive role model and demonstrating the Christian values of our school. She is appreciated for always putting the needs of others first and wanting 'to make a difference'. She is admired by students and staff for always trying her best. She brightens each day.



Archie is always willing to help and gives generously of his time to support school events. He is polite, always wears a smile and puts others before himself. Archie serves the school community through his work with the charity committee, serving at Eucharists, musical contributions to collective worship and commitment to extra-curricular clubs.

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EVEN MORE NEWS

JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2016



Maria is recognised by her peers as putting 100% into everything she does. She is kind, caring and always there for other people. In one student's words; 'She always goes the extra mile'. Many members of the school community have also been inspired by her charitable work, especially her commitment to supporting the Little Princess Trust. This April, Maria cut 7 inches off her hair to be made into a wig for a child who had lost their own through cancer treatment. Through asking for charitable donations, she was also raised £2,450 towards the purchase of further wigs.

If you think you can, you can!



Lilly Wright performed beautifully with other members of the Essex Dance Theatre who practice week day evenings and Saturday's at Becket Keys.

Daisy Benson gave a stunning performance of the song 'I can't make you love me'. It was a wonderful finale to the evening!

It was an honour to attend this event with our students and their families and share in the celebration of their achievements. On behalf of the whole school community, I congratulate all our winners – they all thoroughly deserved their achievement awards! I would also like to thank all members of the school community for their votes and commitment to this scheme. Jack Petchey's vision is 'a world where young people have high aspirations; the opportunity to develop their potential; the chance to be architects of their own future; to play a full part in society and to be valued and recognised for the positive things they achieve'. This is our wish for every student at Becket Keys. We promote a culture of thinking of the needs of others and strive for excellence in all we do.

Jack Petchey Coordinator: Mrs Sharp

SPORTS NEWS

SPORTS DAY

Next on the PE calendar is our whole school Sports Day and we couldn't be more excited for the **8th July!**

Field events will be happening in the morning alongside the 1500m race, with the remainder of the track events starting in the afternoon.

The students have been busy signing up and training for this event, showing great sportsmanship and overwhelming commitment to their school community.

This really promises to be a fantastic day; a great opportunity for some of our school athletes to showcase their talents and a chance for all students to get involved in a bit of inter-house competition.

We'll be tweeting along with the day, so follow the Becket Keys PE Staff [@BKS_PE](https://twitter.com/BKS_PE)



SPORTS DAY REFRESHMENTS



We are excited to confirm that hot drinks, bottled water (£1) and ice creams will be available to parents and students during the afternoon of Sports Day.

'Caffè Piaggio' will be here along with the Domenic Super Soft Whippy' ice cream van. Students may wish to bring some money with them on the day.

NOTICES

PALMER'S COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

On **Thursday 7th July**, between 6 and 8 p.m., Palmer's College in Grays is running a Year 10 Open Evening. Prospective students will have an opportunity to talk to teachers and college students about courses and to look round the facilities. Palmer's College offer BTEC and secretarial/ administration courses, as well as A-Levels. Flyers are available from reception.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Parents are welcome to join us for our Patronal Festival Eucharist at St Thomas' Church, Brentwood on **Thursday 7th July**, from 11.15 – 12.15. We will be leaving school to walk to church at 10.45.

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2nd July FoBK Patronal Festival

Thursday 7th July Patronal Festival Eucharist @
St Thomas' Church

Friday 8th July Sports Day

Tuesday 12th July Governors' Speech & Awards
Evening

Friday 22nd July End of Term

Thursday 1st September – INSET DAY

Friday 2nd September – INSET DAY

Monday 5th September First Day Back

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