



Road Safety

Becket Keys Church of England School

24th November 2017

PLEASE TAKE CARE ON THE ROADS!

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Mr Scott-Evans writes:



For Advent, we will be finding a variety of ways to bring the spirit of Christmas to our school.

EUCCHARISTS

Firstly, on Friday 8th & Friday 15th December we will be holding optional lunchtime Eucharists for staff and students, guests with local clergy coming to lead these short services. Parents are welcome to come and join us for a quiet time of reflection each Friday at 1pm. Students who wish to attend can request a 'pass' for the Bistro to get early entry and will be allowed to leave lessons slightly early as well.

In addition, on Monday 18th December there will be a Eucharist at St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Brentwood (at 11.15am). This will give the whole school community a chance to gather in our parish church with guests and parents attending as well.

CAROL CONCERT

For those who can only make evening events, you may wish to get tickets for our wonderful Christmas Carol Concert. With performances from our choirs, orchestras and some favourite Carols it promises to be a wonderful night.

This has been a highlight at Becket Keys Church of England School since we opened and I strongly recommend you try to come along on Tuesday 12th

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BECKET KEYS
Church of England School

Taize

Find out more about Taize and a wonderful opportunity to visit.

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December. 300 tickets will go on sale via the school ScoPay system soon, first come first served!

CHRISTMAS TREES, LIGHTS, SACRED TIMES AND SPACES

Around the school decorations and lights will start to be hung. Our trees will arrive next weekend thanks to Friends of Becket Keys. As the community becomes busy and excited we will also make sure that every day there are times of quiet stillness and reflection. We say Advent prayers every day through this season and we make sure that students have time to focus on the real meaning of Christmas each day.

Each classroom will adorn their 'sacred space' with lights and decorations (donations welcome!). The John Wraw Chapel will be turned into an Advent Prayer Space which will be open daily for students to enjoy quiet craft activities and times of reflection and prayer.

AND THE TRIMMINGS!

Other Christmas events to look forward to this Advent include:

Becket Bistro Christmas Lunch

(Thursday 14th December - Tickets available from the Bistro)

Our chefs will be joined by additional chefs from the Accent Team to ensure a superb Christmas Lunch is enjoyed by all!

Menu- £3.80.:

Norfolk turkey & roast potatoes

Pigs in blankets, cranberry & apricot stuffing

Brussel sprouts & carrots

Home-made turkey gravy

Or:

Roasted vegetable, potato and sage gratin served with stuffing

To follow:

Classic Christmas pudding with custard

or Ginger bread-man cup cakes

In school this week we have been looking at the Christmas story from the Gospel of St Matthew. By examining how St Joseph accepts Jesus as his son, we have considered the things in our own lives which are hard to accept and can even make us fearful. By studying the Magi we have considered how we need to look to creation to seek the signs of God around us. During this Advent, I would like to encourage you to invest in your own Bible study, once again returning to 'The Greatest Story Ever Told' to inspire you.

May you and your family enjoy a blessed Advent this year. We hope to see you at some of our special events over this festive period.

Best wishes
Mr Andy Scott-Evans
Head Teacher

UKMT

Senior Mathematics Challenge



Congratulations to Bethany Hancox, Alex Savage, Jesse Agunsoye and Remi Brien who came 15th representing the school at the UKMT Senior maths challenge regional final at Billericay School on Wednesday.

This is a fantastic achievement given it is their first time at the challenge and that they were competing against Year 13s from other schools

Numeracy Challenge

The clock face of Big Ben is 7m, using this information calculate the speed at which the hour hand travels at in meters per second.

We are happy for parents and students to try and work out the numeracy challenge. You can send your solution to Mr Tyson on twitter [@BKS_MATHS](https://twitter.com/BKS_MATHS)



No one who has been to Taizé comes back unchanged. So why not journey with us and see what there is to discover?

Last Friday, during Collective Worship, volunteers, Julian Robinson (aged 19 years, from Melbourne, Australia) and Melchior de Massary (aged 22 years, from Reims, France), came to speak to Year 12 about an opportunity to take part in a National Church School Pilgrimage to Taizé. This is taking place from Saturday 14th July 2018 to Monday 23rd July 2018. In addition to talking about the experience of visiting Taizé, they gave an insight into their unusual choice of spending a gap-year in a monastery.

It is hoped that some 900 students from around 50 church schools will attend, providing a unique



opportunity for young people to

engage more deeply with faith and experience the joys of the Taizé community. Please speak to your son or daughter about this over the weekend about this exciting opportunity. Over 20 students have already expressed an interest in taking part. The greater the number of students attending, the cheaper the transport costs will be. Students have until Monday to express an interest. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs. Sharp or Mr. Macallan, who will be leading the trip.

The information presented to students is summarised below:

What is Taizé and why go?

Taizé, in France, is an extraordinary place – quite different from anywhere else. Someone once said that it combines a religious monastery with the feel of a large youth camp. Taizé is an ecumenical monastic community, founded by Brother Roger after WWII. Since the early 1960s, tens of thousands of young adults have travelled each year to Taizé to take part in International Youth meetings hosted by the Brothers. Taizé helps young people mature in a safe, but challenging environment and all are invited to participate in the community life, where each person is free to be who they are.

Visiting Taizé is an experience which is accessible to all, regardless of whether they see themselves as

being religious or not. School groups in

previous years have included young people from a variety of backgrounds and faiths; all journeying together in their exploration of life and spirituality.

Each day includes Taizé services, Biblical reflections, small international discussion groups, some practical activity and prayer with the whole community. Everyone is offered the opportunity to engage with faith more deeply in a welcoming, gentle and inclusive environment. In addition to this, Taizé is a really cost effective and safe way to visit Europe and to experience a wide range of languages and cultures.



What is a typical day in Taizé like?

Monday to Friday

8.15am	Morning prayer, followed by breakfast
10am	Introduction to the day with a brother of the community, followed by small group discussion
12.20pm	Midday prayer, then lunch
2pm	Optional song-practice during the afternoon, international small groups and work in the community
5.15pm	Tea
5.45pm	Themed workshops
7pm	Evening prayer, then vigil with songs in the church, or free time. On Friday, evening prayer is followed by a vigil around the cross
8.30pm	Free socializing time in 'Oyak' – which is a huge open air café
11.30pm	Night silence across the camp

Saturday

3.15pm	Themed workshops
8.30pm	Evening prayer: Service of Light with candles to celebrate the Easter mystery

Sunday

8.45am	Breakfast
10am	Sunday Eucharist

We will camp, eat outside, stay up late and spend amazing amounts of time singing, talking and sharing. Between meals and times of prayer there is plenty of free time. In the evening 'Oyak' is a great place to socialise over refreshments. There is singing, dancing and all kinds of spontaneous entertainment in the midst of the crowd. The church is also always open for those looking for quiet.

Nothing is compulsory at Taizé. The wonderful sense of freedom there makes the time of prayer and meeting tremendously compelling. You will just want to take part in everything because there is so much to be learnt and experienced.

However, Taizé is not a holiday resort. Our trip is to experience life as part of a faith community. As such, it can be a powerful experience and you will be expected to join in and volunteer, for example by serving meals, washing up and keeping the site tidy.

What will you get out of it?

It is difficult to put into words the effect that a week in Taizé can have, but the experience of many thousands of people has been that

students and staff alike are encouraged and challenged by their time in the community.

"I found the week so refreshing and such an opportunity to refocus and re-centre myself...I loved the simplicity of the day."

"My faith in humanity has been restored and I finally felt I could be myself and didn't need to worry about what anyone else thought of me."

"I feel more confident in making new friends and I am going home to look for opportunities to serve – that was the best bit of Taizé."

Why go in 2018?

In 2018 the Archbishop of York and the Bishop of Ely, will lead the coming together of Church Secondary schools in a National Pilgrimage to Taizé. We will be travelling by coach. The travel company has been running youth trips to Taizé for many years and offers a professional, reliable and comfortable service. You will need a UK passport and a European Health Insurance Card.

Accommodation:

We will stay together as a group and create a ready-made informal group-meeting place in the tent area.

What is the cost?

The cost to stay at Taizé depends on group size, but on average, it is between £58-80 per person per week. The cost for the coach is about £115 per person. Therefore, factoring in any additional costs that may need to be considered (i.e. any additional transport to the coach pick up location), the cost per person should be around £245. This price therefore includes travel, meals and camping fees at Taizé, the daily administration costs and insurance.



Please note this is currently an estimate of cost. We will endeavour to keep costs as low as possible and will be able to give a more accurate figure after the 27th November, when all students have had the opportunity to express their interest.

Mrs. Sharp
Deputy Head Teacher

Road Safety



- while walking are big distractions
- keep talking about the dangers of traffic
- point out people who are endangering themselves
- encourage your teenager to practice judging the speed and distance of approaching vehicles on busy roads and identify safe gaps in the traffic
- stress that you should never lose concentration and follow others blindly into dangerous situations

- remind your son or daughter not to listen to music while they are cycling
- make sure they are aware that cyclists must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals

Becket Keys has always had a good reputation for the way our students behave when they are going home. We have teachers who walk with the students towards the High Street, however please remind your son/daughter to be considerate of other people and families using Sawyers Hall Lane, whether in cars or pedestrians and to acknowledge their thanks if they are given the right of way. We understand that the pavements may be congested however it is not sensible to walk down the middle of the road at such a busy time.

We would also remind parents to take care and be considerate of other drivers when travelling along Sawyers Hall Lane. Please note that the road by the new entrance next to the Justin Welby Building is for Grove House School permit holders only – please do not park there at any time.

More information:
<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/secondary/>

Cycling



It is a good idea to:

- buy and encourage your son or daughter to wear a cycle helmet, and something fluorescent and reflective to improve their visibility
- encourage your son or daughter never to take lifts on the back of a friend's bike

Did you know?

Teenagers are more at risk on the roads than they think. Most teenagers don't realise that they are more likely to be killed or injured in a road collision than any other age group. Find out how to help your teenager stay safe.

Help protect your child

Please talk to your son or daughter and reinforce road safety messages to help keep them safe:

- stress the need to concentrate and be careful at all times
- warn of the dangers of distractions – listening to music, texting, phoning or even chatting to friends

Brentwood Christmas Lights Switch on

Saturday 25th November



Come and see the Christmas Lights in Brentwood Essex this November 2017, there will be entertainment, including D'LuXE an all girl group which includes Daisy Benson one of our Year 12 students. D'LuXE will be performing on the main stage just after 3.00pm. There will also be stalls and more throughout the day. So come down to Brentwood High Street where there will be fun for the whole family!



Friends of Becket Keys

Help out when you check out

Join, shop and raise here:

As featured in:

the guardian

The Telegraph

Daily Mail

The INDEPENDENT

London Evening Standard

MAIL

If you are going to start your Christmas shopping this weekend, then why not see if you can help raise some funds for FoBK through your online purchases in a few easy steps:

Follow this link:

- <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/becketkeysschoolbrentwood/?q=becket&cat=cause-autosuggest>
- Click 'Join us'
- If new to Easyfundraising then set up an account.
- Browse the hundreds of online shops who participate in the scheme and go shopping! As long as you go into the online sites through the Easyfundraising site you will register a donation to FoBK. You can even get an App for your phone! It won't cost you a penny!

If already a member then why not refer a friend? FoBK will get a bonus when each referral make a purchase.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/1W14ZX/>

Becket Keys Staff Football

Mr Savage shines, as Becket Keys unlock the James Hornsby defence in style

Friday 10th November 2017

On what was a cold and unforgiving November night, under straining floodlights and almost tangible anticipation, the Becket Keys staff football team continued their unbeaten run, by dispensing with James Hornsby School in their own inimitable style. Defender, Mr. Khoo, described the performance as “simply mesmerising!” Having fallen behind to an early goal, the staff of Becket Keys were quick to establish their brand of one-touch, samba-style football on the hapless opposition. Making his debut on pitch, Product Design teacher, Mr. Bunyan, cut through the defence like a tenon saw through balsa wood, only to unleash an exocet missile of a shot that nearly ripped the goal netting from its stanchion. Season debuts for Mr. Macallan and Mr. Foley added strength and drive to an already accomplished outfit; Foley’s industry saw the Irishman ploughing relentlessly down the right flank like a potato farmer on a belly full of poitín.

Industrious displays in midfield from the efficient Mr. Wray and the veteran virtuoso, Mr. Braniff, meant that Becket Keys

controlled the majority of possession and had the monopoly on chances. Mr. Braniff, the cultured playmaker of the team, was not afraid to stamp his physical authority on the opponent, with some of his challenges seemingly more in keeping with a 1970’s kung fu epic.

Sailing into a 3-1 halftime lead - largely down to the superb performance from Man of the match, Mr. Savage – Becket Keys were caught off guard in the early stages of the second half. Two goals in quick succession from the newly galvanised visitors saw the teams level at 3-3. Spurred on by the scintillating performance of the mahogany maestro, Mr. Savage, Becket Keys re-established their dominance. Savage, the two-goal hero, was a constant threat to the James Hornsby defence; they simply could not live with the winger’s frightening pace.

Strong defensive displays from the Fenn brothers and Mr Khoo meant that James Hornsby were restricted to a handful of half chances. However, the apotheosis of the Becket Keys’ performance came towards the end of proceedings, with Michelin star midfielder, Mr. Pethers, serving up something special. Having hit the bar so many times that it would have been reasonable to breathalyse him at the end of the game, Pethers finally satisfied his appetite for goal with a chip so delicious that it left the crowd and teammates,

alike, salivating in delight. The opposition goalkeeper could only wave at Pethers’ 35-yard effort, as it compounded the utter misery of the travelling support and left the Becket Keys supporters rapturous with delight.

A special mention must go to Miss Schafer who both organised and officiated the game, as Becket Keys triumphed, running out 6-4 victors. The unbeaten run continues!

Mr A. Fox



**MR SAVAGE
MAN OF THE MATCH!**

Sports News

Year 8 Football

Becket Keys vs Ormiston Rivers

On Tuesday 21st November, the Year 8 football team secured their first victory of the season with a comfortable 2-0 win over Ormiston Rivers Academy. The boys demonstrated tremendous character and teamwork throughout, in a match that saw Daniel Odufuye clinch two outstanding goals. The first came after some tika-taka football that would have left Barcelona green with envy. Michael Battrum's silky build up play, Harry Collins' precision passing, and Iggy Turella's creativity were a joy to see, as Odufuye finished off the move decisively. The second goal was one for the footballing purists: an injection of pace from Michael Battrum saw Becket Keys cut through the Ormiston defence. The resultant cross, fit for David Beckham in his hey-day, was met by a towering header from Odufuye who saw the ball sail past the Ormiston 'keeper. A solid defensive display, marshalled by Daniel Alexander and goal-keeper Freddie Derbidge, made chances for the opponents sparse. Every single member of the team played a significant role in securing the well-earned victory. Mr Khoo, Mr Fox and the year 12 coaching staff were delighted at the performance and hope that the

team can take the momentum forward in to the next match. Credit should be given to the referee, 6th former Joe Stuckey, who ensured a fair and fluid contest.

Becket Keys	2
Ormiston	0

Mr Khoo

Year 9 Netball

Becket Keys Year 9 team represented our school playing netball against Chelmer Valley. Unfortunately, we lost 27-13 but we have strengths within our defending and shooting! I think in order to improve our game and win some more matches it is important that we learn to find space and drive into it within the game. This will help us improve our skills and we will win more matches!

Well done girls we played very well!

Game finished 27-13, last quarter score was 8-6.

POTM – Maria Gamble

Megan Clements
Year 9

Futsal

On Monday, the Year 11 boys competed in the Essex FA Futsal tournament, against St Martins,

Passmores Academy and Aspires Academy. The boys played each team twice and did the school community proud. After a narrow defeat to Passmores in the opening game (3-2), Becket Keys beat St Martins 3-1 with a great performance from every player. This gave the team great confidence for their next games. A 6-1 win against Aspires and a 5-2 win against Passmores followed, to set up a crunch game against St Martins. If Becket Keys had won, it may have secured the tournament victory, but as it turned out it proved to be a game too far for the boys. Despite working very hard, an inspired St Martins performance saw a 4-0 defeat for Becket Keys.



Mathematically, the team knew they had a chance of securing victory still, but it would take a significant number of goals in their final game against Aspires. Becket Keys kept scoring, playing some exquisite football along the way. The final score was 13-0, but it was unfortunately not enough as St Martins had won on goal difference. There were 5 goals in it! A well-deserved victory for St Martins, but the Becket Keys team were a joy to watch.

Harrison Sullivan was top goal-scorer and player of the tournament, showing outstanding skill time after time. Freddie Mattock showed class and composure, controlling games and taking risks. Owen Day made some great saves and in some games kept Becket Keys level, whilst providing excellent distribution. Freddie Summers and Charlie Johnson played extremely well in defence and provided a solid base for the team. Jack Buckland and Luke Seaward provided a great link between defence and attack with some excellent touches around the box. Adoniz Oluwasanya provided his usual energy and goal-threat, especially against Aspires academy. Every player contributed to what was a great tournament. Well done boys!

team worked together brilliantly with good defence from Nicole and great attacking play from Izzy. The player of the match this time was Millie.

Becket Keys	20
Great Baddow	12



Basketball

The Girls' basketball team played against Great Baddow this week. The games were tough and we found there were some areas of play to work on, so we will be concentrating on the half court rule and 3 seconds in the box in the next training session. The

Upcoming Fixtures

MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

Year 8

Girls' 5aside v Brentwood County (a)

Year 9

Girls' Basketball v Boswells (a)

TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Year 7

Netball v St Helens (h)

THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

Year 8

Football v WDF (a)

Year 9

Girls' Basketball Tournament (at St Martins)

Come and sing **CHRISTMAS CAROLS!**



Saturday 16th December

St Thomas' Church, Brentwood

Free workshop for children aged 6-12. Workshop 1-5pm with a concert for friends and family at 5:30pm.

To book a free place contact
carolsatstthomas@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FOBK ANNUAL BALL

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

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FOBK CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

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BECKET KEYS CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

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SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

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LAST DAY OF TERM

WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 12.40PM

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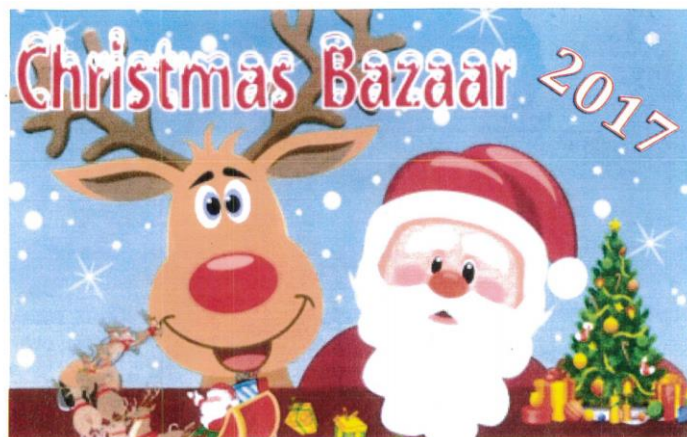
INSET DAY

WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2018

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SIXTH FORMER FOR A DAY

FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2018



St Thomas' Church

Brentwood CM14 4DF

Saturday 25th November

10:30am - 2:30pm

Stalls Games Cards Cakes

Refreshments on sale during the day

Meet Santa

St Thomas' children sing,
prior to performing at the lighting up Brentwood event

Admission £1.00, Children free

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