

# † LENT

— 40 Days Of Renewal —

## Becket Keys Church of England School

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### THE LENT SEASON CONTINUES

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We are continuing to follow advice from Public Health England in respect of Covid-19. There is currently no cause for alarm at Becket Keys Church of England School, but we will keep you informed of any issues that may arise.

We have not been put on alert to close, but we are working closely with the Russell Education Trust, and teachers have been preparing materials in case of closure, so that we will be able to support students to continue in their studies from home. We will obviously prioritise Year 10 to Year 13 students as they draw closer to their examinations and continue with their coursework.

Younger students in the Main School will also be provided with good quality constructive work to do.

All work will be set on Show My Homework so that parents and students can see what needs to be done using the usual technology that works in our school. As usual, you and your sons and daughters will be able to communicate with teachers via Show My Homework and via the school website.

There were announcements from the COBRA meeting yesterday. Most significantly for us, we heard that school trips overseas are being cancelled and so we will work with our insurers and tour operators to claim refunds. More details to follow to those families affected by this. It is a great shame to hear this news, but clearly this difficult decision has been made for the right reasons.

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We have a number of Mother's Day gifts for sale on Tuesday next week. Students are able to purchase a surprise for their Mum.

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We also heard that new guidance has been published for staying at home if you have symptoms. You can see that here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

In school, the main focus remains to continue to educate students on good hygiene.

Handwashing facilities are checked throughout the day, posters are up around the school to remind students, staff and visitors of the importance of additional care. Tissues are available in all classes and we emphasise the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. I can also confirm that we have good stocks of toilet paper and hand sanitiser!

Thank you for your many supportive messages and prayers. I do really appreciate the encouragement that these offer at this difficult time. It means a lot to know that you empathise with the responsibility that I hold and that you are all remembering the school in your prayers.

May God continue to keep our school community safe.

**Mr Scott-Evans**  
Headteacher

**Public Health England**

## Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

**How serious is the coronavirus?**

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

**How likely are you to catch the virus?**

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

**How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?**

**If you need to cough or sneeze**

- Catch it** with a tissue
- Bin it**
- Kill it** by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

**You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser**

- After breaks & sport activities**
- Before cooking & eating**
- SCHOOL ETC.**
- On arrival at any childcare or educational setting**
- After using the toilet**
- Before leaving home**

**What should you do if you feel unwell?**

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**



**TUESDAY 31st MARCH 2020**

**7.00pm in the Main Hall**

Featuring: Orchestra, Stageband, Chamber Choir, Ukulele Group, Singers and Perfect Pitch performances.

Tickets are £4.00 will be available through ParentPay.



## TUESDAY LUNCHTIME – PLAYGROUND

**FANTASTIC BARGAINS TO BE HAD – ALL NEW  
ITEMS. TOILETRIES, CHOCOLATE BOXES, GIFTS,  
& CANDLES**

Remember to bring in your money!

The items will be sold to raise money for pencils, pens and colouring pencils for the students at New Hope Centre and Kilbagare Primary School in Kenya, where many students do not even own a pencil. Thank-you!



Father Mark North comes in to school every Friday lunchtime to celebrate communion in the John Wraw Chapel (Justin Welby building).

All members of the local community and parents are also invited to these short twenty-minute services.

Please arrive in reception at 12.50pm for a 1pm start.

## Upcoming Charity Events

## I'm a Teacher. Get me Out of Here!

A return of the popular competition from last year, run by Year 8.

Two teams of teachers battle it out to complete various challenges: loser gets a forfeit!

Date to be announced. Audience open to all.



## Competition Time with Year 9!

During the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March, there will be a 'Bake Off' Contest with cake sale and an art competition. All students are invited to take part in these competitive events.

The Charity Team are also organising other competitions and events including 'Becket Keys has Talent!' Individuals and teams from the various school houses will be auditioning their talents during the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> March.



# English Department



## *Jabberwocky* By Lewis Carroll

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:  
All mimsy were the borogoves,  
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!  
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!  
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun  
The frumious Bandersnatch!"

He took his vorpal sword in hand;  
Long time the manxome foe he sought—  
So rested he by the Tumtum tree  
And stood awhile in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,  
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,  
Came whiffing through the tulgey  
wood,

And burred as it came!  
One, two! One, two! And through and  
through  
The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!

He left it dead, and with its head  
He went galumphing back.  
"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?  
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!  
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"

He chortled in his joy.  
'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves  
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:  
And the mome raths outgrabe.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q\\_Um3787fSY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_Um3787fSY)



Mrs Russell's

## Word of the Week

# Impertinent

### In sentences:

1. While he never intended his remark to be **impertinent**, he found that a lot of people had been offended by what he said.
2. Although she thought she was just being funny, her teacher didn't agree and sent her to the principal's office for being **impertinent**.
3. Because the young man would only give an **impertinent** answer to his questions, the attorney decided not to take him on as a client.

### Definition of impertinent in English:

not showing proper respect; rude.

Use the adjective impertinent as many times as possible throughout the week! This can be verbally, in your written work or even when messaging friends and family!

## English Clubs



### MONDAY

**Creative Writing Club**  
1pm-1:25pm  
C26

### TUESDAY

**Book and Film Club**  
3:20-4:20pm  
C26

### THURSDAY

**School Newspaper**  
3:20-4:20pm  
C25



Mrs Russell's

## Book of the Month - March



### WHAT'S THE STORY?

In the real world, Eliza Mirk is shy, weird, and friendless. Online, she's Lady Constellation, the anonymous creator of the wildly popular webcomic *Monstrous Sea*. Eliza cannot imagine enjoying the real world as much as she loves the online one, and she has no desire to try.

But when Eliza's secret is accidentally shared with the world, everything she's built—her story, her relationship with Wallace, and even her sanity—begins to fall apart.

Your own copy can be purchased online, checked out from the local library or from our school library (best be quick!).

# PAUSE

## Knowing God's Word and obeying it keeps us on God's narrow path

No one likes to be lost. I may enjoy teaching Geography and of course love maps, but a GPS system for hard to find places is still very welcome with a car full of children and a dog! A GPS prevents wrong turns, backtracking and aimless wandering. Importantly, it provides a fairly clear answer for the most predictable questions: Are we going the right way? Are we nearly there yet? GPS systems determine the best route and provide a clear direction, allowing the driver and passengers to enjoy the ride.

God's Word is similar to a GPS system. Knowing His Word and obeying it can keep us on the path God wants us to walk. We need only to hide its truth in our hearts, so that we can detect falsehood and the distractions as well as temptations of this world. Staying on God's narrow path is not always easy, but this is nothing new.

Consider the 4,000-year-old message Joshua spoke to God's people:

*'This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written*

Never stop reciting these teachings. You must think about them night and day so that you will faithfully do everything written in them.

JOSHUA 1:8

*therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.'*  
(Joshua 1:8 KJV)

We must know Scripture, meditate on the Lord's truth, be careful to obey His commands, and know His blessing. These words are just as relevant and life-giving today. In addition, today, we not only have the written Word, but also the example of Jesus as well as the indwelling Holy Spirit to provide guidance and strength for the journey of life. God has given His people all they need to walk in His way, for all time.

Lent is a perfect opportunity to be disciplined and attentive to God's Word. **Have you set aside some time to read the Bible this Lent?** We must meditate upon the Word, not simply read it. We must think about each verse carefully, let its meaning sink in and look for its applications to our daily lives. We

should study God's Book of instruction and we should continually feed on His Word in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

### Let us pray:

Loving Lord, thank you for all you have given me to guide me in my life. Thank you for the specific guidance I find in Your written Word, for the example of Jesus whose every moment of life honoured and glorified you, and for Your Holy Spirit who convicts, guides and empowers.

This Lent, may I be disciplined and set more time aside to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Your Word, for I desire to prosper in the things of God and to give glory to Your name. Enable me to make choices that will keep me walking on the path of life. Amen.

**Mrs Sharp**  
Deputy Headteacher



## Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is a genuine job and an apprentice will be employed from day one.

Apprenticeships combine practical training in a job with study.

An apprentice will:

- work alongside experienced staff
- gain job-specific skills
- earn a wage and get holiday pay
- be given time for study related to their role (the equivalent of one day a week)

All apprenticeships include elements of on the job and off the job training, leading to industry recognised standards or qualifications. Some apprenticeships also require an assessment at the end of the programme to check the apprentice's ability and competence in their job role.

There are many advantages to becoming an apprentice as you will earn a real wage, be trained in the skills employers want and gain a good foundation for the future. Once the training is complete apprentices enjoy a marked salary increases.

Apprenticeships are available to anyone over the age of 16, living in England and have no upper age limit. The National Apprenticeship Service is committed to ensuring that high quality apprenticeships are a

prestigious option, accessible to all people from all backgrounds.

All vacancies on 'Find an apprenticeship' will clearly state what the entry requirements are for the job role being advertised. There will be different entry requirements depending on the industry, job role and apprenticeship level.

Find out more information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/further-education-skills/apprenticeships>

## Apprenticeship Fair

Basildon Borough Council are running an event this year on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. They have a wide range of providers, colleges and employers attending to give students a chance to come along and meet with employers and providers to get more information and perhaps get that all-important apprenticeship offer.

Please make sure that students are dressed smartly and have a CV. All students are welcome to attend wherever they live. Parents and carers are welcome to attend too.

**Basildon Advice Store (next to Wilkinsons in Basildon Town Centre)**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 1-4pm**

Please book a place via Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/apprenticeship-fair-tickets-99347464942>



## Information Evening Ford Higher Engineering Apprenticeship



### Are you thinking about a career in Engineering?

We would like to invite you to an information evening for potential Engineering Apprenticeship applicants and their families at the Ford Dunton Technical Centre in Basildon Essex.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020  
Doors open at 6.30pm with  
Presentations commence at 7pm**

If you are interested in finding out more about Ford's Higher Engineering Apprenticeship, particularly if you would be interested in joining us in 2020 and would like to attend this event, please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ford-motor-company-higher-engineering-apprentice-open-evening-2020-tickets-94349980331>

A Ford Apprenticeship gives so much more than standard qualifications. It leads to a rewarding, challenging career in the automotive industry and an opportunity to earn while you learn.



## Sports News



### Year 7 Boys' Basketball

The Year 7 boys came into this fixture on the back of their unbeaten run this season. However, we knew this was always going to be a difficult fixture against a strong Brentwood County High School team.

The Sports Hall has been out of action for the past two weeks (due to the mock exams) and so this has meant that we could not train. Therefore, the last time the boys played together was before the Lent break.

The score line was a wakeup call and fully reflected the lethargic first three quarters. Becket Keys finished strongly by winning the final quarter, but the damage had already been done. We will begin training this week and get back into winning ways.

Man of the Match – Max Sanderson for excellent play and assertive driving to the basket.

### Year 8 Boys' Basketball


After a slow start to the first quarter, we found ourselves struggling to deal with the height of the Anglo European students. As our team was smaller in stature, we had to try and overcome this problem. Captain Henry Clark took charge and brought the ball up well with willing runners in behind. The speed and precision in the passing allowed Becket Keys to keep cutting through the Anglo European defence.

This game highlighted the areas that needs work, so that the team can be more clinical. In a tighter game, any opportunities cannot be passed up. With the return of the Sports Hall, the department hope to see the team return to regular training and ready to practice those layups.

Final Score:

<b>Becket Keys</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Anglo European</b>	<b>14</b>





Could all our team members please check for Becket Keys team kits at home and return any items to the PE department.

This covers leotards, rugby shirts, basketball jerseys and netball dresses.

Thank you!

## Sports Fixtures

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Netball v Sandon (A)

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Rugby @ Ormiston (2:20 leave)

Year 9 Boys' Football v Boswells (A)

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Sixth Form Football v St Martin's School  
(A)

Year 8 Netball v Brentwood School (H)

Year 9 Rugby v Plume (H)

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Year 7 Boys' Football v Brentwood County  
High School (A)

Year 8 Girls' Basketball v Shenfield High  
School (H)

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Year 7 Rugby v Beaulieu (A) (2:30 start)

Year 8 Boys' Basketball v Brentwood  
County High School (H)

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Year 9 Boys' Football v King Edwards  
Grammar School (H) (2teams)

Year 10 V 11 Netball GCSE Filming

Year 10 Boys' Football v Brentwood  
County High School (A)

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Sixth Form Football V Shenfield High  
School (A)



Parkrun organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free, and are safe and easy to take part in.

These events take place in pleasant parkland surroundings and they encourage people of every ability to take part; from those taking their first steps in running to Olympians; from juniors to experienced runners. All are welcome!

Parkrun takes place:

**Every Saturday at 9.00am.**

Weald Country Park

South Weald

Brentwood, CM14 5QS.

It is free to take part, but please register prior to attending. For more information:

**<http://www.parkrun.org.uk/brentwood/>**

If you are a member of any of the school sports teams, then joining the Park Run each week will be great way to improve your overall fitness.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### YEAR 10 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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### YEAR 11 SUBJECT CONSULTATION EVENING

#### INVITE ONLY

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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### SPRING CONCERT

TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

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### STUDENT HALF DAY FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

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### EASTER HOLIDAY MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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### INSET DAY NO STUDENTS IN SCHOOL MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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### YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY APPLICATION INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY (NEW DATE)

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRENTWOOD



## SPRING CONCERT

Retiring Collection  
IN AID OF LITTLE HAVENS HOSPICE



## Phoenix Youth Orchestra

Conductor - Stephen Rumsey

Performances to Include

The Beautiful Blue Danube - Johann Strauss Jnr.

The Moldau (from My Country) - Smetana

Danzón No. 2 - Márquez

Special Performances From

Shenfield St. Mary's Primary School Choir

and

Becket Keys Stage Band

**Saturday 28th March 2020 7.00pm**

St. Thomas' Church Brentwood

DOORS OPEN 6.30—NO RESERVED SEATING

### Ticket Booking

Online & on the Door

Also from: Heart of Gold Jewellers 61 High St. Brentwood  
Shenfield Wine Company 86 Hutton Rd. Shenfield

**Adults £10 - 18yrs and under £5**



[www.brentwoodrotary.org.uk](http://www.brentwoodrotary.org.uk)



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Any queries about the event should be directed to the organizer.

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