

Becket Keys Church of England School

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THE LENT SEASON CONTINUES

IN THIS ISSUE

Mr Scott-Evans writes...

I don't know about you, but I am absolutely exhausted!

I'm almost too tired to write something for the newsletter! So, in an act of cathartic indulgence, I am going to set out a few thoughts here about what we might all be struggling with a bit at the moment. Hopefully, by being honest about my own emotions it might help some of you too.

Yes, I'm utterly shattered.
Helping to lead a large
community through one of the
most significant national and
international crises of our lifetime
it is not surprising. That,
compounded with the need to
supervise children at home 24/7 –
I think we are all feeling it! No
school, no clubs, no swimming,
no tennis and so on. Significant
cabin fever is setting in. My

congratulations to everyone for simply making it to the end of the week! Each day is so tiring because it is full of new things. All the usual routines that we rely on are gone and they have been replaced by a plethora of new words and requirements.

The lexicon of today includes words/phrases such as: self-isolation, social distancing and lockdown. There are new ways of working too: Zoom, Microsoft Teams and Google Hang Out. None of these things were even things a month ago! Not as far as I was concerned anyway! All that we have come to rely on and expect has been taken away; to be replaced with things that we would never have expected just a few weeks ago.

For what it is worth, I offer a hearty: "Well Done!"

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Daily TasksSomething different to do each day.

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Ideas and messages from the
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If you can think of a way of rewarding yourself at the end of this week, I say, GO FOR IT! You deserve it. We all do!

We have been told that we are in lockdown for two more weeks. Then what? I suspect it could be more of the same. We're in this for the long haul – I think. So remember, it is a marathon and not a sprint! Pace yourself and be kind to yourself. Be kind to each other!

As well as feeling exhausted, I am also feeling a sense of grief. I will return to that topic next week, when I have got more energy!

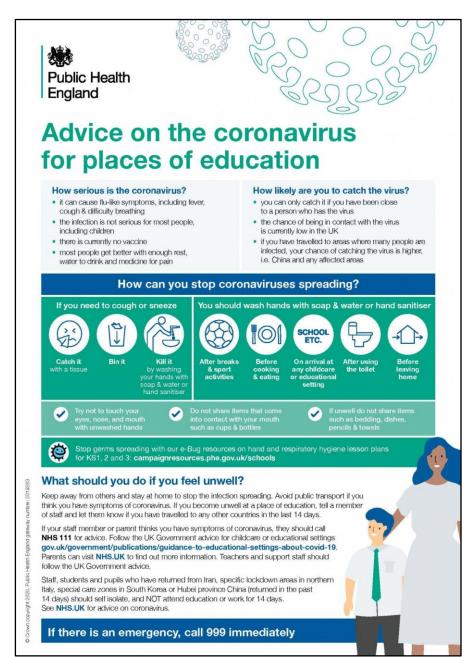
I'm going for a lie down.

Take care. Stay safe.

And for goodness sake: stay at home! Otherwise we're all doing this for nothing.

Mr Scott-Evans Headteacher









The Body Coach

Workout

Joe Wicks aka 'The Body Coach' will be holding a daily workout that students can do from home whilst they are not at school to make sure they are still getting some exercise.

Every single day a live workout called 'PE with Joe' will be broadcast on YouTube.

Joe says 'I'm going to get your kids moving, feeling energised, positive and optimistic.'

Join in at 9.00am every day.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6r99N3kXME

Touch Typing



A really important skill that students will need now and beyond school is that of typing accurately and at speed. This is a great opportunity for students to practise these skills and to learn to touch type. Here is a great free resource – it is designed for KS₃ students.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr

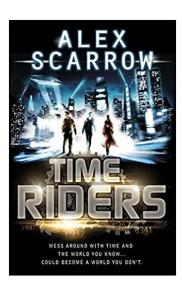
This one provides free software to download and offers more advanced training:

http://www.mavisbeaconfree.com

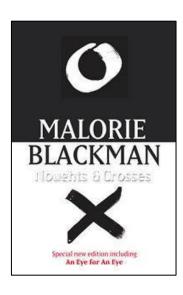
Religion & Philosophy Department

From the Religion and Philosophy department, here are a selection of books to read and films to watch.

Recommended reads



Time Riders by Alec Scarrow (age 11+) links to Genesis

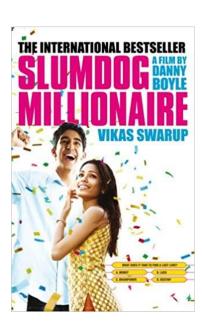


Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman (Young Adult)

Movies



The Prince of Egypt (Life of Moses)



Slumdog Millionaire (15) (Self reflection and justice)

Candle in the Window

The Becket Keys Community are placing a lit candle in their window each evening at 7.00pm

Please tweet us a picture

@BecketKeys using the
hashtags #CandleInTheWIndow
#CandleofHope





English Department

The Owl & The Pussy Cat

By Edward Lear

The Owl and the Pussy-Cat went to sea In a beautiful pea-green boat,
They took some honey, and plenty of money,

Wrapped up in a five pound-note.
The Owl looked up to the stars above,
And sang to a small guitar,
'O lovely Pussy! O Pussy, my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,

You are! What a beautiful Pussy you are.' Pussy said to the Owl, 'You elegant fowl,

How charmingly sweet you sing.
O let us be married, too long have we tarried.

But what shall we do for a ring?'
They sailed away for a year and a day,
To the land where the Bong-tree grows,
And there in the wood a Piggy-wig
stood,

With a ring in the end of his nose, His nose, His nose!

'Dear Pig, are you willing, to sell for one shilling

Your ring?' Said the Piggy, 'I will.' So they took it away, and were married next day,

By the Turkey who lives on the hill. They dined on mince, and slices of quince,

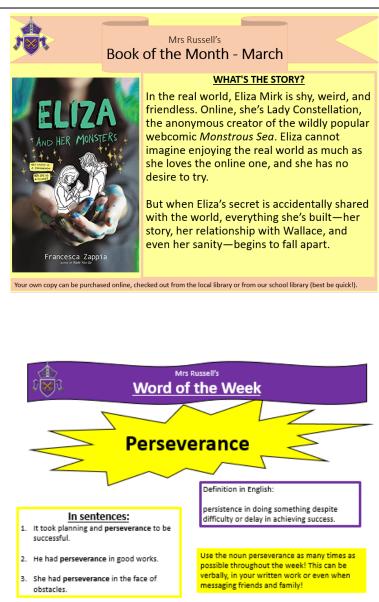
Which they ate with a runcible spoon; And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,

They danced by the light of the moon,

The moon!

They danced by the light of the moon.

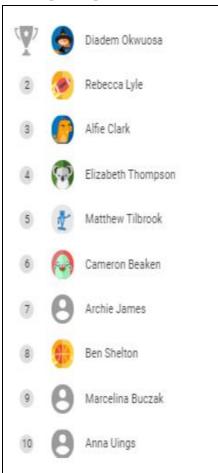




Mathematics Department

First of all, I wanted to thank everybody for your hard work this week! I am so proud of the effort that I can see you all putting in on a daily basis. Whether you are completing work online, sending in photos of your work, or sending questions for us to answer, you are all doing a fantastic job building your resilience and character.

Manga high



Well done to everybody who has logged on to Manga High and completed some of the work set this week. As a school, you have



managed to clock up almost 75 hours worth of work this week!

Extra congratulations to those of you who have explored the website and have been making the most of the games and challenges available! It was excellent to see three members of our school playing in the national "Fai-To" competition when I logged on yesterday afternoon!

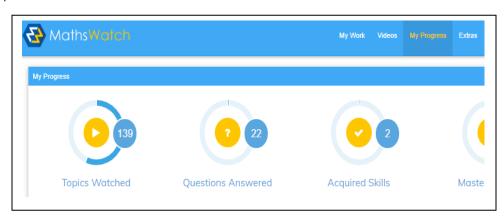
If you have not had the chance yet to explore the website, have a look this weekend. You can earn points by completing assignments and playing games. See if you can make it on to the leader board of the Top 10 students in the school next week.

As a school we are currently 68th in the country – can we beat this position next week?

MathsWatch

Following some problems with the MathsWatch website earlier in the week, I am glad to say that the service now seems to be running as normal. Remember that MathsWatch is not just a tool for answering questions; there are also hundreds of videos to help you with your studying.

Have a look at the "my progress" tab. How many skills have you acquired and mastered so far? Set yourself a target to acquire some more skills over the next few weeks!



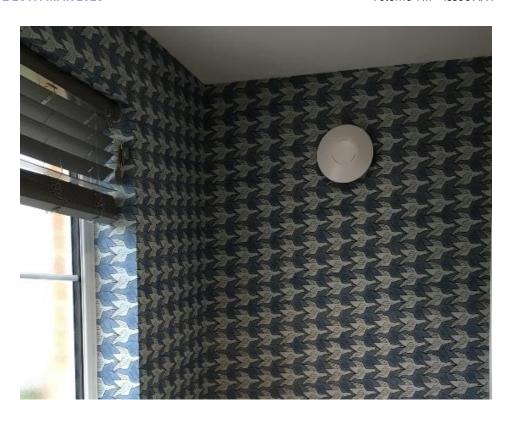
Weekly Challenge

Research task 1: Tessellation

Recently my husband and I have been looking for decoration inspiration. While browsing I came across this wallpaper, which I loved for its mathematical roots.

What is Tessellation? Can you find any examples at home? Can you name the mathematician who inspired this wallpaper? Can you create an imaginative tessellating image?

I am looking forward to seeing what you come up with at home this week!



Puzzle 1: Magic Coins

Arrange eight coins as shown to form a square with three coins on each side.

Now move four of the coins to form a square with four coins on each side!

Send any solutions for the research or puzzle challenges to Mrs Blacow via the "contact staff" function on the school website! Be creative with your submissions!

Mrs Blacow Head of Mathematics



<u>Brentwood – Community Support</u>

Organisation	Support Available	Support Available
Brentwood Covid 19 Mutual Aid	This group is set up to be self-organising, sharing resources, and connecting local volunteers to neighbours in need in this difficult time.	This group is set up to be self-organising, sharing resources, and connecting local volunteers to neighbours in need in this difficult time
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Nisa 141 Kings Road CM14 4DR	Priority and home deliveries for the over 70s	01277 205816
Manna Meals	Offering Emergency Care Bags – groceries, chopped tomatoes, soup, soap, biscuits, toilet roll, tinned pulses and tuna. Also offering a phone friend service	07814855494
Ashlyn Farm Deliveries		01277 890411
Daily Bread Café St Peters Church CM13 1JS	Open for food collection on Tuesdays 9.00am- 12.00pm, Thursday eves 8.00-9.00pm and Sundays 10.30-11.30am. If you are unable to collect food for yourself and need it delivered or would like someone to chat to.	Contact lisa@huttonparish.com or andy@huttonparish.com or phone 01277 262864 or 01277 514896.
Breakthru Church The Christian Centre 165 Hanging Hill Lane Hutton CM13 2QH	Food bank available Monday 10am-12pm Thursday 10am-12pm	01277 229189
Doddinghurst Road Community Church 56- 60 Doddinghurst Rd Brentwood CM15 9EH	Food bank available Tuesday 11am-1pm Wednesday 11am-1pm	www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk

You will also find details of other organisations from CVS attached with this newsletter.

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REAFFIRMING FAITH

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, marking the start of Passiontide, the two weeks leading up to Holy Saturday. This is the time when, not despite the chaos around us but especially because of it, we must set our minds on the final stages of Jesus' journey towards the foot of the cross. And perhaps now, this is the time, more than ever, that begs this question:

Do you reaffirm that you turn to Christ as Saviour and submit to Him as Lord?

And this is where this Biblical Pause could so easily begin and end, for one assumes there is an obvious answer to that simple question. But the problem is, we cannot begin and end here. In the midst of unprecedented events, concerns and confusion of the time we find ourselves in, doubt could and will so easily creep in. To be honest, there has always been an element of doubt amongst some Christians relating to the authenticity of the story of the risen Jesus Christ. But now. there are the tiniest of cracks that could give way to a new wave of doubt. Doubt about whether Christ rose from His death to save



us from our sins and lead us into eternal salvation. And if there is even a hairline crack of doubt, we cannot claim that we are still turning to Christ as Saviour and submitting to Him as Lord, without some very deep soul searching.

Doubt creeps into the human mind, often at unexpected moments. Often when things become unstable or unsettled and often when the last thing we need to let into our heart is doubt. But this is not surprising. Our lives have turned upside down. We feel our own individual pain, emotionally and physically. We feel out of our depth, puzzled and for some, sick with fear. As Christians we are taught that everything is part of God's plan, but it takes great discipline, courage, prayer and God's grace to carry on in faith without question, without doubt, knowing absolutely that all will be well because Christ is our Saviour. So whether you have always doubted, or suddenly sense doubt, that questions the very

baptism we were buried and raised with Christ. Turning away from sin and towards Christ, as Saviour.

Each of us, Christian or not, are blessed with the gift of choice. Do I believe in God, or not? Should I follow Jesus or not? Do I do the right thing in this new situation, or do I sin? Do I make a wrong choice? Do I throw caution to the wind because the world has gone mad and I am not in control?

story of Jesus and His whole

address this now. Jesus is the

whole point of everything. It is

what we stand for. It is what we

believe. Remember, through our

purpose for humanity, we must

or do I sin? Do I make a wrong choice? Do I throw caution to the wind because the world has gone mad and I am not in control? There are no grey areas in these questions. They demand just a simple yes or no. Perhaps it would have been easier if we had been born without choice, because then, surely God would have made us perfect, and the world would be without sin? But what point would there be in that? There would be no need for faith. We would automatically be faithful at birth. There would be

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no wrong options only right. Without choice, we would have no reason to learn, no reason to grow in wisdom, nor to be tested through seemingly impossible trials, or to become truly faithful.

God blessed us with choice, because He wants us to choose to believe in Him. Precisely because we are born with choice, we sin. Blessed with choice, God makes us work at faith. He wants us to look deeply into our belief. He wants us to choose to make the right choices. Wrong or right. Dark or light. While the world falls spectacularly apart due to humanities wrong choices (Man's sin), God is crying out for us to still turn to Him, to repent, to believe in Him, to believe in the resurrected Christ, and to know without a shadow of a doubt, that through our belief, through faith, we can have the gift of eternal salvation. We need faith, which is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1).

Of course, God knew that humankind would spectacularly fail. Throughout history, nations have turned away from Him, despite Prophets warning against such disaster and pleading with people to turn back to God. As God knew that humanity would never free itself of sin, He sent His Son, fully human, yet fully divine to this earth for one purpose. That purpose was to take all of the sins of the world and all of our individual sin. By dying on the cross, as flesh, and rising from death full of The Spirit, Jesus Christ over-came death (the

ultimate sin). He united humankind with God through the Holy Spirit. He opened up the way, for eternal life, a forever life with God. All He asks is for us to believe. To repent. To turn to Him. He said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die...' (John 11:25). If God had not sent His Son to die and rise again, we would never have known the existence of eternal life. We would never have heard Jesus' teachings and the abundant hope in the scriptures. There would have been no disciples so full of belief and trust that they spread Christianity to the four corners of the earth. Without the death and resurrection of Jesus, there would have been no point to life whatso-ever. Without that hope that has been revealed, humankind would never survive the trials that we are facing today. It would be crushed under its own weight of perpetual sin. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life'. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him' (John 3:16-17).

The name Jesus means Saviour. As Christians, we turn to Jesus Christ as our Saviour, knowing that our salvation is based on atonement through the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Everything is in vain, if we do not accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. And acceptance involves submitting to Him as Lord. Trusting in Him so that we may learn in the harshest of circumstances and grow spiritually to Christian maturity through whatever God throws at us. It makes us aware of the accountability of our actions. Doubting that Christ is still our Saviour leaves us living only in the worldly flesh, outside of the realm of God. 'For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God...' (Romans 8:7). Submitting to God, accepting the indwelling Spirit of Christ, replacing self-will with God's will, will bring a renewed divine sense of purpose for living, giving clarity to what our lives are really all about. Believing that Christ is our Saviour, brings truth, peace and hope into our lives. And it helps to build up a community of love, a new community, which is the whole world. A world which God loves.

We began with the question. Do you reaffirm that you turn to Christ as Saviour and submit to Him as Lord?

As members of the school community and the wider Church light a candle on their window sills at 7pm every evening, they show a visible sign of an invisible grace. They light a gently flickering flame of hope shine as a light to the world in these difficult times. This is a sign of faith, hope and love. We are encouraged to fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what in unseen. To look up

and trust in the Lord and rest calmly in His presence.

Reflect on the words of this poem by Brother Richard Hendrick (a Capuchin Franciscan living in Ireland):

Lockdown

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death.

But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise You can hear the birds again. They say that after just a few weeks of quiet The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighbourhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.

To what really matters. To Love.

So we pray and we remember that.

Yes there is fear. But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying. But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe.

Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by love.
Open the windows of your soul

Open the windows of your soul And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square, Sing.

Let us pray:

Heavenly father,

Maintain in our community a powerful spirit of faith, so that each one of us may be sure of what we hope for in you and certain of the invisible realities that we do not see with the eyes of the flesh. Through our faith may we find proof that you keep your promises and know that our future is secure in your hands.

Amen.

Mrs Sharp
Deputy Headteacher
& Carolyn Roberts
Authorised Local Preacher



Useful Links for the School Day

9.00am - PE with Joe Wicks https://youtu.be/6v-a dpwhro

10.00am - Maths with Carol Vorderman www.themathsfactor.com

11.00am - English with David Walliams

https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/

12.00pm - Lunch (cooking with Jamie Oliver)

https://www.jamieoliver.com/feat.../category/get-kids-cooking/

1.00pm - Music with Myleene Klass

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQh2wgJ5tOrixYBn6jFXsXQ

1.30pm - Dance with Darcey Bussel

https://twitter.com/diversedance.../status/1241098264373592065

2.oopm - History with Dan Snow (free for 30-days)

https://tv.historyhit.com/signup/package

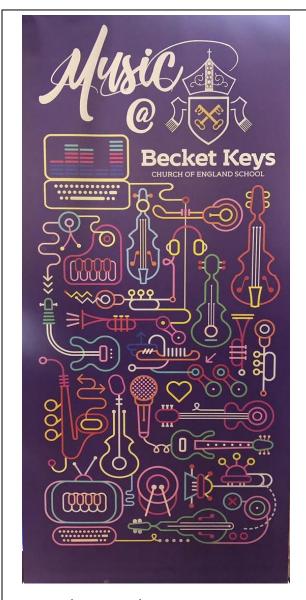
4.oopm - Home Economics with Theo Michaels (Mon/Wed/Fri)

https://www.instagram.com/theocooks

Non-daily events include: Science with Professor Brian Cox, Robin Ince & Guests https://cosmicshambles.com/stayathome/upcoming-schedule

Wednesday - Geography with Steve Backshall https://twitter.com/SteveBacksha.../status/1242058846941712385

For your older kids, here are 50 free revision resources for 11+, GCSEs and A-Levels: http://www.eparenting.co.uk/education/50 free revision resources for gcse a level 11 plus and sats.php



For your listening pleasure......

The Music Department will have some suggestions each week for pieces of music to listen to. You may find a genre you did not know you loved!

Capella

Evolution of Music by Pentatonix

https://youtu.be/IExW80sXsHs

Blues

Crossroads by Eric Clapton

https://youtu.be/MtLhPeLB9bA

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