

News letter Thursday 20th October 2016

Autumn Break

School finishes at 3.15 p.m. on Friday 21st October for the Half Term Holiday.

School will reopen on Monday 31st October.

Please find attached with this letter a copy of the new dinner menus for the Autumn and Spring Terms.



Harvest

Many thanks to all parents who attended our Harvest assembly in school. Key stage 2 children did an amazing job of leading our assembly and we collected produce for Derby City Mission's Basics Bank. Thank you for your generosity in donating a large amount of produce to this worthy cause.



CROSS-COUNTRY COMPETITION

Huge congratulations to our Y3/4 & Y5/6 running teams: They battled hard over a gruelling 1.4km course at Moorways against schools from across the city over a number of weeks.

In glorious sunshine with the crowds cheering, our pupils did us proud; the going was tough, the competition was strong but the brave Becket boys and girls rolled up their sleeves, gritted their teeth and soldiered on to record some very impressive finishes.

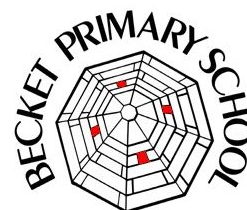
Maja Janiga has averaged a finish position of 18th out of 90 runners with Yussef Jaf and Jamie Peffers our fastest finishing boys. The spirit of determination and camaraderie has been summed up by Tom Barker and Marcel Pawlak who, despite a difficult start have proved to be strong and steady athletes.

Our younger runners have also proved their worth with outstanding performances from Damian Halejcio, Ashlyn Cummins, Bradley Riley, Nathan Hopwell, Grace Parlato and Ashley Lindridge.

Mr Chell and Ms Flewitt are so proud of their efforts and are very thankful to parents for coming to support.



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Cherish, Nurture, Achieve

Clubs for next half term:

- Monday:** Parkour
Year 6 Booster
- Tuesday:** Deda Dance
- Wednesday:** Tennis
- Thursday:** Deda Dance -Year 5 + Year 6
Homework club in KS2
Geography Club
- Friday:** Gymnastics - KS1

Please note out next INSET Days will be on :

Monday 21st November 2016

Friday 10th February 2017

School will be closed to all pupils on these days for staff training.

Attendance

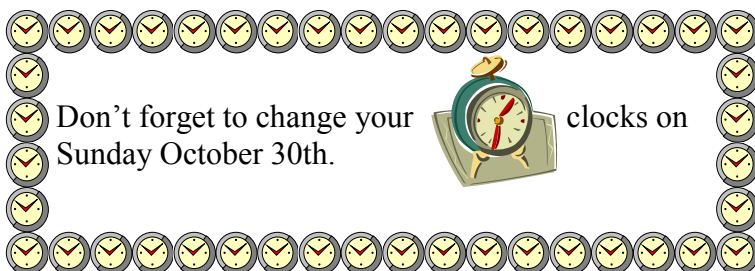
Thank you to all parents who are sending their children to school every day and on time. After half term we will be presenting the attendance trophy to the class with the highest attendance this half term.

Children who have achieved 100% attendance will have their names included in a special prize draw with the opportunity to win a brand new bike at the end of this academic year.



Parent Teacher Association - PTA

There are a small number of parents and staff who work together to organise fundraising activities. Last year we organised discos, Christmas and Summer Fayres. We would like to add a lot more money to our fund by organising a Christmas Fayre and would welcome other parents to join in our PTA. We will be meeting after school on Thursday 3rd November at 3.30p.m. Child care can be provided whilst you are at the meeting so please come and join us - your help will be much appreciated. Please talk to Sally Hallam or Mrs Walton if you would like more information.



Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday October 30th.

Meet Our Governors



Hello, my name is Mike Matthews, and I am a Community Governor at Becket Primary School. I am a retired businessman, living in Derby, and have two grown up daughters. I have been a school governor since 1988, becoming a parent governor when my eldest daughter started school. Since then I have served as a governor in several City schools, including Lawn Primary, Woodlands, Hardwick Primary and Arboretum Primary.

My 'specialities' lie in finance, strategy and people, but like all governors at the school, the main focus is on the children, ensuring they enjoy a challenging environment, and maximising their potential during their time at Becket. I view it as a privilege to be a part of this excellent school.