

# 'Let your light shine' NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th January 2023

## KEY INFORMATION:

**Drop off:** Owls and siblings – 8.40am, all other children 8.50am.

The register is taken at 9am.

**Please ensure your child arrives at school on time.**

**Pick up:** R & S + siblings = 3pm, B & O's = 3.15pm

## Prayer or Bible Reference

Today we want to lift our hearts  
and give thanks for Your Son,  
our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Luke 2 8:20

## Dear Families:

We have lots of trips taking place to enrich the pupils learning in the following weeks, make sure you have this in the diary. Thank you for your ongoing support in making all these possible. We would like to thank the two farms in advance for allowing the pupils to visit the sites, this is a fabulous opportunity. Please see the updates on the next page.

## TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LEARNING:



## BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday to Matilda, Hollie and Mrs Appleby who celebrate birthdays this week.*

*Best Wishes for a lovely weekend.*

*Mrs S Thompson*

*Headteacher*

## **STRIKE ACTION**

For next week, the first of the striking days we will be open to all classes. As it stands we will remain open for the strike days to all classes.

## **News**

Following our last governor meeting last term we appointed Mrs Appleby as a senior teacher to work alongside our existing team and to support the staff. Mrs Appleby is very experienced teacher and already leads subjects and areas in our school. We are extremely pleased that Mrs Appleby accepted and she has settled into this post well.

Mrs Mawdsley has decided to take the leap back into teaching having enjoyed her time with us in Owls. We say good bye and good luck to her next week and wish her all the best.

## **ALL AGE SERVICE**

We have a few names for those who are going to be coming along next Sunday, thank you. It would be lovely to have a few more children who could read a few lines.

## **PARENT AND COMMUNITY**

### **Bag2School**

Bag2school raised an amazing £200 for school resources as we got a special rate. Thank you to everyone who bought their jumble in to be weighed. The school have bought two induction cookers to enable us to cook with the children and a speaker that we will be able to use in church and at events outside.

**FBS** Thank you to those who attended the FBS meeting on Wednesday night this week. A structure of fundraising was put together and a new idea from one of our new Reception parents.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

Mrs Thompson is the Designated safeguarding lead for the school if you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger please contact: • Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224. Please take note of the helplines we always put at the end of our newsletter they are there to help and support those in need. We have an open door policy so please do come in if you want someone to talk to over a cup of tea.

February		Please ensure you have ordered your lunches by midnight on a Wednesday on Parent Pay.
Date	Time	Event
Monday 30th		Collective Worship in Church Don't forget to bring a small coin for the collection
Tuesday 31st	3.15pm –4.15pm	Musical theatre Club
Weds 1st	3.15pm –4.15pm	Street Dancing Festival—Owls Class with IG Sports Multi Sports
Thursday 2nd	3.15pm –4.15pm	Somerset Road Safety talk to all Classes Football Club
Friday 3rd	Afternoon	Rabbits and Squirrels Swimming Westbury Leisure Centre FBS Cake Day ( <b>Badgers class</b> to bring in cakes to sell to rest of school please.)
Sunday 5th	10am	Christingle - Berkley Church

# Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
Monday 6th		Squirrels and Badgers Trip to Carymoor
Tuesday 7th	3.15pm –4.15pm	Safer Internet Day Musical Theatre Club
Weds 8th	1.15-2.15pm All day 3.15pm –4.15pm	Rabbits and Squirrels Farm Visit (tbc) Owls Class Trip to Rodden (Please drop off and pick up at Rodden Church) Multi Sports
Thursday 9th	3.15pm –4.15pm	Football Club
Friday 10th	Afternoon	Rabbits and Squirrels Swimming Westbury Leisure Centre Break up for Half Term

## FUTURE DIARY DATES:

Badgers and Owls Swimming after half term

### LUNCHES

**New menu will start after half term.**

**Look out next week on Parent pay to order these lunches for after half term.**

### **FBS**

Monday 13th March—Cake Day (Squirrels class to bring in cakes to sell please)

Thursday 30th March—Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 31st March Easter Smarties/House jobs Challenge (More details to follow)

Monday 15th May—Cake Day (Rabbits class to bring in cakes to sell please)



## REMINDERS:

**Hot lunches** are to be ordered by Wednesday at midnight for the following week.

Don't forget that **school uniform** can be ordered on-line.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/berkley>

We also have second hand school uniform, please contact the school if we can help.

**Keep checking our website for all the latest information regarding Berkley School. [www.berkleyschool.co.uk](http://www.berkleyschool.co.uk)**

Please keep reminding your child to wash their hands regularly.

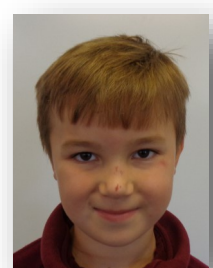




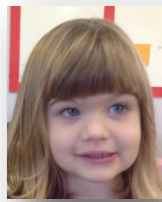
# Our Achievements!

On a Thursday we dedicate the assembly to celebrating the successes and wow moments of the week. The children come home with a certificate for their efforts in particular areas. All the adults also have the opportunity to mention a child from any class who has made a difference to their week or who they have spotted doing something wonderful. These children receive a sticker on the day. We link our rewards to the skills they have demonstrated throughout the week and we value each child equally.

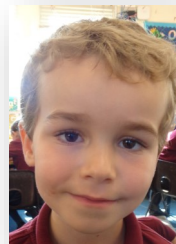
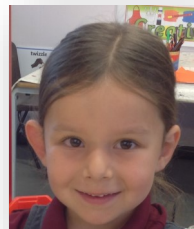
## Star of the week



## Reading Superstar



## Demonstrating our Christian Value

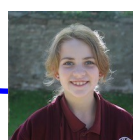
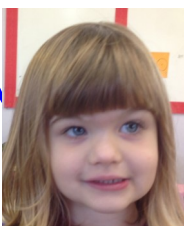
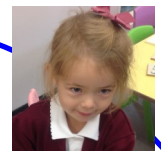


## HEADTEACHER AWARD

Charlie W, Hollie, Annabelle, - For assisting with the Chinese New year activity in front of the school., thank you.

Ostap—Such polite manners and excellent concentration.

Brooke— Helping me to set up a space ready for singing.







Attendance	
For w/c 16/01/2023	
Attendance	Absences
96.29%	3.71%
Learning time lost:	
18 Days	

The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95%, this is classed as poor attendance, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success. Please help us to continue our positive attendance.

**Please look at which class have earned the Balloons this week!!**

Classes	Rabbits	Squirrels	Badgers	Owls
W/c 16/01/2023	98.33%	97.39%	96.15%	94.33%



#### Teach your child some simple rules

- Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online.
- Encourage them to only talk to real-life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media or chat element like Roblox.
- Use privacy settings wherever they exist to keep their information private - help your child to set these up. Remember that the default on many sites is public.
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke.

#### Illness

Please be aware that we follow strict guidance from Public Health and have a 48 hours rule for sickness and diarrhoea.

**Public Health: Diarrhoea and vomiting 48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting: Should be excluded for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhea not the first. Further exclusion may be required for children.**

We have had children absent with a virus that is presenting with sickness for some and others flu like symptoms. We are follow strict hygiene rules in school and will be monitoring this. **Please ensure you have tested your child for Covid as this is also on the increase in the area and in Bath.**

#### Term Time Holidays

Any holiday requests in term time need to be sent in writing to The Headteacher via our holiday request form that is available on our website or can be requested through the school office. We have to follow strict guidelines in partnership with other Frome schools and we can not authorise holidays in term time due to missed trips or the pandemic. **Please always let us know if you are going away by completing the form regardless of whether it is authorised or not.** Thank you for your understanding.

## Useful numbers and websites

### **Emergency numbers**

#### **Somerset Emergency Duty Line (out of hours)**

0300 123 2327 (evenings and weekends) For any family in Somerset, you can speak to a social worker outside of office hours to report if you are worried about a child or if you feel in crisis and need urgent support.

#### **Somerset Direct to report a safeguarding concern:**

0300 123 2224 [childrens@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk) If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact this number or call the police.

#### **If you are experiencing domestic abuse:**

Call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000247 or visit [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk) or contact somerset survivors on 0800 69 49 999, open 8am-8pm Monday-Friday and 9am-1pm Saturday & Sunday.

### **Other useful numbers and websites**

#### **Citizen Advice:**

[www.citizenadvicemendip.org.uk](http://www.citizenadvicemendip.org.uk) (response within 4 days) Somerset Telephone Advice: 03 444 889 623 Free, confidential information and advice to assist people with money, legal, consumer and other problems.

#### **Fair Frome:**

Tel: 01373 488578 Mobile 07714 587129 (open Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am –1pm) Local food bank providing food parcels and vouchers for local takeaways (in person or delivered)

#### **Young Minds:**

<http://youngminds.org.uk/> The UK's leading charity committed to improving emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

#### **Kooth:**

<http://www.kooth.com> A digital mental health support service. It gives children and young people easy access to an online community of peers and a team of experienced counsellors.

#### **Chat Health:**

<http://chathealth.nhs.uk/> Offers quick and confidential support to young people between the ages of 11 and 19. It's safe and easy for you to speak to a qualified health professional. Just send a message, you don't have to give your name. Discreet and quick. It only takes one message to start making a difference. You'll get confidential advice from trained health staff in your area.

#### **YMCA Brunel Group:**

Support & Advice—YMCA Brunel Group ([ymca-bg.org](http://ymca-bg.org)) Online and physical support group and advice for 10-19 year olds.

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#### **CAP Debt Centre Manager**

This has been established by Holy Trinity Church (Frome) in partnership with Christians Against Poverty, a debt charity based in Bradford West Yorkshire since 1996.

CAP offers a solution FREE for those who are in unmanageable debt and Phil Gray has been trained as a coach to work alongside families who find themselves in difficulty within the BA11 and BA3 postcode areas.

There is a freephone number (0800 328 0006) to ring to register as a client but he can be contacted prior, if that would be preferable, at [philgray@capuk.org](mailto:philgray@capuk.org) or on 07496 516089. There is also a website to visit [capdebthelp.org](http://capdebthelp.org)

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#### **School nurse info:**

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/what-is-a-school-nurse/>