

'Let your light shine' NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th June 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.

Prayer or Bible Reference

In God we trust, in all things we do we trust ourselves to make the right choice.

Amen

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the last Summer term and the very last term for our lovely Year 4 pupils. Our common theme across the school is 'change' this term and Owls class celebrated ocean day this week with looking at waves. The pupils have started their new areas of learning. Thank you for dropping in to your child's class, we hope you and your child enjoyed sharing the books and talking about the learning that would have happened alongside their work. This was a suggestion from our parent survey, we did it last year but we were reminded of how valuable it is. We will be sending out some feedback from the survey shortly.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LEARNING:



UPDATES/REMINDERS: Please keep an eye on the diary dates with lots of Summer events taking place.

Thank you to the parents, Mr Fennell and Mr MacDonald who over the half term removed the old girls toilets for us, including disposing of the old toilets. They have created a fantastic storage area that we so very much needed in school.

Berkley 'Design a Thank you card workshop'

We would like to invite any children that are interested in creating a 'Berkley Thank you card' to come along to a workshop afterschool next **Thursday 15th June** from the end of school until 4pm. The children will be helping to draw their ideas of what makes Berkley First school so special and unique and we will take their ideas to create a design which will be made into a special card that we can send out to say thank you to people who help our school. (There will be drinks and biscuits provided!)

If your child is able to attend please call or email the school office.

Happy Birthday to Mrs Mustow, Mrs Spoerer and Matilda C who celebrated last weekend. Also Happy Birthday to Bella, Ezra and Fletcher who have birthdays this week.

Mrs S Thompson
Head Teacher



Diary Dates

Please ensure you have ordered your lunches by **midnight** on a Wednesday on Parent Pay.

Date	Time	Event
Monday 12th		Collective Worship
Tuesday 13th	3.15pm –4.15pm	Musical Theatre Club
Wednesday 14th		
Thursday 15th	3-4pm	Design a Thank you card for Berkley Workshop
	3.15pm –4.15pm	Football Club
Friday 16th		
Monday 19th		Collective Worship Church
Tuesday 20th	3.15pm –4.15pm	Musical Theatre Club
		Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st	7.30pm	FBS Meeting
Thursday 22nd	3.15pm –4.15pm	Football Club
		Parents Evening
Friday 23rd		

FUTURE DIARY DATES

Tuesday 27th June—Selwood Taster Day for Year 3's - Please inform the school office if you are attending and need to cancel your lunches. This needs to be done by **Tuesday 20th June**.

Thursday 29th June 5.30pm—New Parents Induction Evening

Friday 30th June 1pm- Sports Day at The Rugby Club, Frome. **Summer fayre afterwards from 2.45pm**

Tuesday 4th July—Year 4 Pilgrim Day

Wednesday 5th July—Moving up day for everyone. New Reception afternoon 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Friday 7th July—FBS drinks and takeaway at Cricket Club 6.30pm

Tuesday 11th July— New Reception Induction morning 9.30am—12noon.

Thursday 20th July—Leavers Service 1.15pm (Year 4 parents only) with event afterwards.

- Leavers Disco at Standerwick Market Hall—All classes welcome

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Thompson is the Designated safeguarding lead for the school and Mrs Appleby and Mrs Langton are the deputies, 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 which will now be once a term. 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.




As much as we do in school in relation to online safety, it is important that this continues at home. An understandable concern from many parents is that they don't know where to start, what conversations to have etc. Internet Matters have made available a series of 'things to do together' which includes things like, 'am I ready for a social media account', 'is it okay to.....' activities, an online safety agreement, 'what-if' scenarios and much more. All of these are free .

<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/things-to-do-together-to-help-young-people-connect-with-others-safely/>



Attendance	
For w/c 22/05/2023	
Attendance	Absences
93.57 %	6.43 %
Learning time lost:	
31.5 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. We have seen an increase in term time holidays, please only take holidays in the allocated holidays provided, thank you.

Classes	Rabbits	Squirrels	Badgers	Owls
W/c 22/05/2023	100% 	88.26%	95.38%	92.00%

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 diarrhoea not the first. Further exclusion may be required for children.

Please ensure that you phone school every day your child is off sick.

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.

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.

<https://www.berkleyschool.co.uk/community/parent-information/>

Summer Sun

Please ensure your child has sun cream applied before school, a sun hat and a water bottle for the summer term.

Keep checking our website for all the latest information and any policies you need regarding Berkley School. www.berkleyschool.co.uk

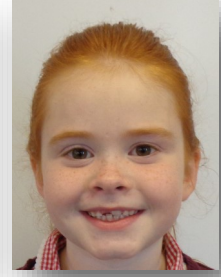
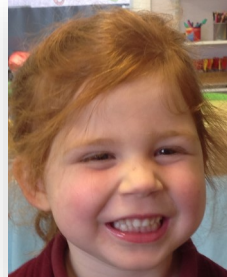




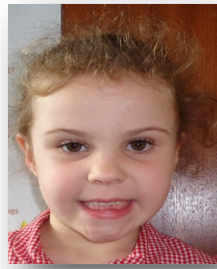
Our Achievements!

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

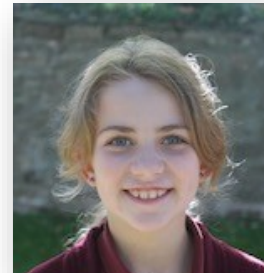


Reading Superstar



Demonstrating our

Christian Value



HEADTEACHER AWARD

Penny– For her kindness towards others whilst observed in the playground.





The Parish Church of
St. John the Baptist, Frome

June 2023

Dear Berkley School

Thank you all for providing all those bells to decorate St Aldhelm's Well.

I have sent you some photos of the Well Dressing being put together. I am also forwarding our Parish magazine which has photos of the Well Dressing. I hope you noticed that you were mentioned in the Mayor's letter in the latest edition of *Frome Times*!

Thank you all for helping to make this such a joyful occasion.

Janet Caudwell

Well Dressing Service at St John's Church



FBS News:

FBS dates for your diaries: Without volunteers FBS can't organise events to raise much needed money for school.

Wednesday 21st June 7.30pm – FBS meeting about Summer Fayre arrangements. All parents/staff are welcome.

Friday 30th June Sports Day and Summer Fayre – Frome Rugby Club.

Friday 7th July 6.30pm FBS drinks and takeaway – Frome Cricket Club – All parents/staff including children are welcome.

Thursday 20th July – Leavers School disco – Frome Market Hall, Standerwick. All classes welcome.



BRAND NEW!

- AGES 7-11 WEDNESDAYS 4:30-5:30
- FROME LEISURE CENTRE
- FIRST 3 WEEKS FREE, THEN £5PW
- FROMEDODGEBALL@GMAIL.COM



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 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 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 (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) Online and physical support group and advice for 10-19 year olds.

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 or on 07496 516089. There is also a website to visit capdebthelp.org

School nurse info:

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