



Berkley C of E First School

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'Let your light shine'

NEWSLETTER

Monday 18th September

KEY INFORMATION:

Drop off: Owls and siblings – 8.40am

All other classes at 8.50am. The register is taken at 9am.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, we close the gate at 9am for security.

Inset Days: Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January 2024

BIBLE REFERENCER OR PRAYER

I know Your Name. I trust in You.
To guide me In everything I do.

Dear Families,

The teachers have been assessing the children this week and from this they will decide upon groupings, support, style of delivery and specific need in subjects. We have curriculum maps each term which are there to help you support discussions with your child and they outline the knowledge taught. You can find these on our website under the class pages.

Please see the separate attachment for our staffing structure for 2023-24. To keep you updated: Our main priorities across the school this year are to further develop outcomes in Maths and to enrich our offering outside across foundation subjects. The team here work to ensure every child makes good, rapid progress and our results show we are slightly above the national average for 2022-23. We are a 'Maths Mastery' School. This is a programme of maths teaching that will be built on year by year as your child progresses through school. We work alongside a specialist who visits our school.

Educational Visits

We work hard to ensure that your children are provided with a wide range of first hand experiences to motivate and excite them about their learning challenge curriculum. There will be opportunities this year and information will be made available in plenty of time. Most of our trips only happen because of parent contributions and we really appreciate all the help with transport to try and keep these costs down. If in the terms to come you are struggling please ring our school office. Please ensure you are aware of the process for paying via parent pay and providing consent for educational visits.

News We will be holding parent consultations (parent's evening) this term to discuss how your child/ren have settled in. Please check the diary dates.

Staffing We welcome, Mrs Windridge, Mrs Davis and Mrs Logan-Thomas to the team.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Eli and Jake.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LEARNING:



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 18th September		Reception in all day
Tuesday 19th September		Reception in all day
	3.15-4.15pm	Musical theatre club
Wednesday 20th September		Reception pupils in all day
		Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay
	3.20- 4.20pm	Craft club
Thursday 21st September		Reception pupils in all day
		Collective Worship in Church
	3.15 - 4.15pm	Football Club
		FBS (Friends of Berkley school) meeting @ 7:00pm
Friday 22nd September		Reception in all day
Monday 25th September		
Tuesday 26th September	3.15 - 4.15pm	Musical Theatre club
Wednesday 27th September		Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay
	3.20-4.20pm	Craft Club
Thursday 28th September		Collective Worship in Church
	3.15-4.15pm	Football club
Friday 29th September		
Future dates:		
Sunday 1st October	10.00am	Sunday Harvest church service
Tuesday 3rd October	Various times	Parents Consultations
Thursday 5th October	Various times	Parents Consultations
Saturday 14th October	9.30/10.45am	Open Morning
Thursday 19th October	TBC	Harvest festival with farmers market



Attendance	
For w/c 11.09.2023	
Attendance	Absences
97.97 %	2.03%
Learning time lost:	
9 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.

Please look at which class have earned the Balloons this week!!				
Classes	Rabbits	Squirrels	Badgers	Owls
W/C 11.09.2023	100% 	97.5%	95.55%	100% 

Communication

In order to deal with any queries or concerns you need to:-

1. Firstly, always contact your child's class teacher.
2. If you have further concerns you can always ask to speak to Mrs Appleby our Senior teacher

Sickness

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 to keep us updated.

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/>

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

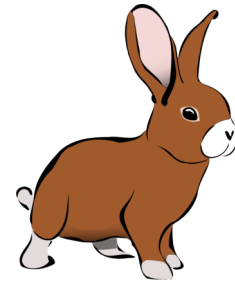




Our Achievements!

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

Ezra— A super start to Year 4 demonstrating empathy and kindness

Lyla —New to rabbits- Such a friendly, confident pupil who takes the time to say good morning when moving around the school.



FUTURE DIARY DATES

St Mary's, Berkley.

Harvest Church Service on **Sunday** October 1st at 10am. This will be a joint service with the children of Berkley School. We would like a group of children to come along to this service and take part. They will have time in school to think about what they can do. Please ring the school office if you and your child can attend. They are asking for donations of canned and packet goods eg tinned vegetables, rice, sauces for rice and pasta, jam, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit etc. The church will then take these much needed donations to the Fair Frome foodbank.

Our Behaviour and Learning Lanyards

At Berkley we link coloured lanyards to different behaviours and attitudes that we look for throughout the day. Your child will come home wearing different coloured stickers which means they have demonstrated the following skills and have worn a lanyard throughout the day to show this:

Red- resilience

Green- great listening

Purple- links to our Christian value which this term is Friendship

Blue- problem solving

Orange- independence

Yellow-completing a challenge

Grey—kindness

Please take the time to ask your child what they have received the lanyard for and why!

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Thompson is the Designated safeguarding lead for the school and Mrs Appleby is the deputy. 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.



At Home

As a parent, you will know how important the internet is to children – they use it to learn, play and socialise. The technology that children use every day can seem a bit daunting and you might worry about the risks your child can face online – such as bullying, contact from strangers or the possibility of them seeing illegal or inappropriate content. If at any point you are concerned about your child online, please do not hesitate to ask at school for support.

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
