



Berkley C of E First School

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'Let your light shine' NEWSLETTER

Monday 25th September

KEY INFORMATION:

Drop off: Owls and siblings only – 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

We ask that you help us to see the beauty of your creation. To speak and act with humility. To treat others with respect, And to love you with all of our heart

Dear Families,

We now have all pupils in full time, it was a pleasure to be welcomed into their lessons last week. The pupil councillors will be nominated again this year and we will be looking to develop our E-safety and Arts Council groups in line with current research and thinking.

We think our school is a good school and we like to push to get the best for our pupils, please help us to promote our small school by spreading the word regarding our open days. You will find a flyer in your child's book bag, please hand these to a friend or put up in a local shop, nursery workplace local to you. We really appreciate the support.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LEARNING:

On a Wednesday the pupils lead some of the collective worship with their class teacher.



Art

PE



Maths



Science



BIRTHDAYS Happy Birthday to Azra and Esme on Friday



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 25th September		
Tuesday 26th September	3.15 - 4.15pm	Musical Theatre club
Wednesday 27th September	3.20-4.20pm	Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay Craft Club
Thursday 28th September	3.15-4.15pm	Collective Worship in Church Football club
Friday 29th September	1:30pm	FBS—coffee and cake parents catch up
Sunday 1st October	10.00am	All Age Service—Sunday Harvest—Children welcome to attend or join in. Please call the office if your child would like to take part.
Monday 2nd October		
Tuesday 3rd October	Various times	Parents Consultations
Wednesday 4th October	3.20-4.20pm	Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay Craft Club
Thursday 5th October	Various time 3.15-4.15pm	Collective Worship in Church Parents Consultations Football club
Friday 6th October		
<u>Future dates:</u>		
Monday 9th October		Owls cake sale
Saturday 14th October	9.30/10.45am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Thursday 19th October	TBC	School Harvest festival with a farmers market afterwards in the school hall.



Attendance	
For w/c 18.09.2023	
Attendance	Absences
97.70%	2.30%
Learning time lost:	
11.5 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.

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

Classes	Rabbits	Squirrels	Badgers	Owls
W/C 18.09.2023	100% 	95%	98.28%	97.33%

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



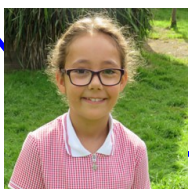
Demonstrating our Christian Value



HEADTEACHER AWARD

Rose –Well done for following all the instructions in your lesson.

Mia.W—Positive contributions during discussions around PSHE



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.

SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Thompson is the Designated safeguarding lead for the school and Mrs Appleby is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead. 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.



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.

Protect Your Child

To help protect your child from viewing age-inappropriate content we would advise setting up parental controls. The 4 big internet providers all provide their customers with free parental controls.

Visit this link for a video on how to set this up:

[Parental controls offered by your home internet provider - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Parental controls can also be used to set usage times within apps and to monitor children's activity. Although no parental controls are 100% effective, we believe that used alongside child supervision, they will make you and your child feel safer.

I'm worried or unsure! What should I do?

Remind your child what they should do if they feel worried or unsure about something they see online. Encourage them not to click on anything they are unsure about and to tell a trusted adult straight away so that they can help.

FBS dates for your diary:

Friday 29th September 1:30pm—FBS parents—Coffee and cake parents catch up. Come and enjoy a free coffee and cake at Frome market hall (near mole valley) we would love to see some new parents and introduce you to other parents.

Monday 9th October—Owls cake sale. Owls class to bring cakes to school to sell to the rest of the school £1 per cake.

Thursday 19th October –TBC—Autumn school disco at Frome market hall . More information and confirmation to follow.

Thursday 2nd November—FBS cheese and wine parents evening with Teachers and staff. (Adults only) 5–6:30pm at school. Come and meet the team and get involved in the planning of the Christmas fayre.

Thursday 16th November—FBS meeting via teams 7pm to finalise details of the Christmas fayre.

YOUTH CLUB

ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, FUN, GAMES & BIBLE STORIES

Wednesday Adventure Club

For all children in First and Middle School
WEDNESDAYS | 5:30PM - 6:30PM



Wednesday Club Extra

For children aged 9 - 13 years
WEDNESDAYS | 6:30PM - 7:30PM

📍 Clink Evangelical Church, Frome, BA11 2EN

🌐 www.clinkevangelical.co.uk