



Berkley C of E First School

Headteacher: Mrs Thompson

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'Let your light shine'

NEWSLETTER

Monday 2nd October

KEY INFORMATION:

Drop off: Owls and siblings only – 8.40am

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

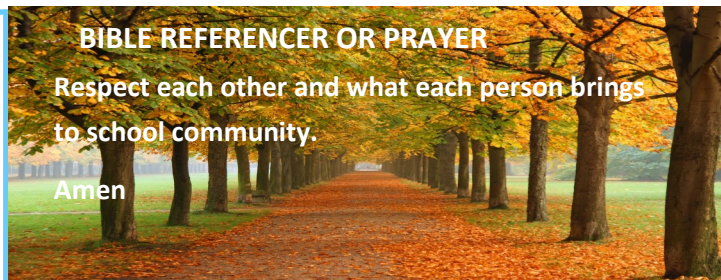
Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, we close the gate at 9am for security.

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

BIBLE REFERENCER OR PRAYER

Respect each other and what each person brings
to school community.

Amen



Dear Families:

National Poetry Day is this Thursday, it encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends. The pupils across the school will be writing their own poems and then sharing these in next week's assembly. We can not wait to listen to hear them.



Pupil Council: The pupils will be presenting their reasons for standing to be a pupil councillor representative. The pupils will vote fairly and we should hear the results by the end of this week. It is a wonderful role to be chosen for and Mr Miles who leads the meetings will be helping to pull together their ideas for this academic year. The school council also observe all pupils and then nominate one for an award.

Parent Consultations: Please come to the main school gate. Rabbits and Squirrels will be held in their classrooms, Badgers and Owls will be held in the school hall. Please wait outside the rooms or in your car if you are early and it is cold. The teachers do their best to stick to the timings, please appreciate there will be people waiting after you. If you are bringing your child/ren please aware they are under your supervision, the top gate will be kept open for you.

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 2nd October		
Tuesday 3rd October	Various times	Parents consultations
	3.15 - 4.15pm	Musical Theatre club
Wednesday 4th October		Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay
	3.20-4.20pm	Craft Club
Thursday 5th October		Collective Worship in Church
	Various times	Parent consultations
	3.15-4.15pm	Football club
Friday 6th October		
Monday 9th October		Owls cake sale
Tuesday 10th October		
Wednesday 11th October		Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay
	3.20-4.20pm	Craft Club
Thursday 12th October		Collective Worship in Church
	3.15-4.15pm	Football club
Friday 13th October		
Future dates:		
Saturday 14th October	9.30/10.45am	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Thursday 19th October	9.45am	School Harvest festival with a farmers market
		afterwards in the school hall.
		Autumn school disco at Frome market hall
Friday 20th October	All day	Owls Trip to the Roman Baths
Thursday 2nd November	5:00pm	FBS cheese and wine parents and staff (adults only) in the school hall
Thursday 9th November	9:30am	Open morning

SWIMMING


As part of the school curriculum we will be taking the pupils swimming again this year. These lessons do have a cost and we do our best to get a good deal for the whole experience. All pupils including the youngest (Rabbits) will travel to Westbury Pool. Changing independently and travelling on the coach all forms part of this vital life skill. You will get the costings and the details in due course. Many thanks



Attendance	
For w/c 25.09.2023	
Attendance	Absences
96.33%	3.67%
Learning time lost:	
18Days	

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 25.09.2023	100% 	90.5%	96.21%	98%

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





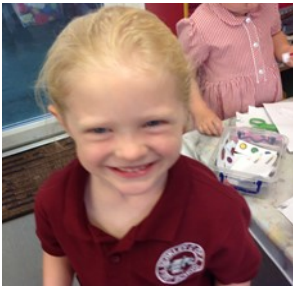
Our Achievements!

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.

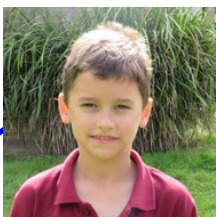
Star of the week



Reading Superstar



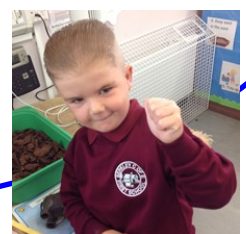
Demonstrating our Christian Value



HEADTEACHER AWARD

Harry. M for his work with his new buddy

Roman– for his helping with handing out fruit and milk this week



FBS dates for your diary:

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.

Saturday 25th November—Christmas fayre 10—12:00pm

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.

Berkley First VA School



We are a small school, with big ideas, we are creative in our approach and it is vital that every child is supported to flourish and thrive and to see their true potential.

Our curriculum is broad and rich, we are passionate about the creative arts, the outdoors and making the most of everyday. The children are at the heart of all we do, we inspire our children to let their light shine.

Prospective Parents – Open days



At Berkley School, every day is an open day for prospective parents and we welcome you to visit our lovely small school at any time.

In addition, we are offering a Saturday open morning, where you will be able to look around the school and meet all of the staff; we encourage the whole family to come along.

Saturday 14th October 2023 – Tour 1 @ 9:30am Tour 2 @ 10.45am

Please call the school office on 01373 887390 or email office@berkleyschool.co.uk if you would like to join us, alternatively you may turn up on the day.

Open morning during the school week takes place on Thursday 9th November @ 9:30am.