



Berkley C of E First School

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'Let your light shine' NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th 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

Shine Jesus shine, fill the world with
your hope and glory.

Dear Families,

This week as part of **Black History Month** we explored some of the influential black women within the UK and looked beyond our living memory at why they are so important. Our assembly pack helped the pupils focus on certain women and what they have done. We learnt about Olive Morris and google created the below doodle in her memory. You could go over the BBC website which has lots of other facts and stories for you to unpick with your child.



Resource one

Look at the resource below, which shares some information about Black History Month.

In the UK, Black History Month is in October.

It was first officially celebrated in the UK in 1987.

In the past, Black people did not always have their voices heard, they were not always treated fairly and their contributions were not always recognised.

Black History Month promotes, celebrates and raises awareness of the contributions Black people have made.

Each year there is a theme. Last year's theme was 'Time for change. Actions not words'. This year's theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Autumn is here!

Have you ever celebrated Black History Month? How did you celebrate?

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Mrs S Thompson

Have a lovely weekend, take care of each other.

Head Teacher



Diary Dates

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

Date	Time	Event
Monday 16th October		School photos
Tuesday 17th October		(No club today)
Wednesday 18th October	3.20-4.20pm	Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay Squirrels and Badgers Longleat trip Don't forget your packed lunch Craft Club
Thursday 19th October	9:45am	School Harvest Festival, please stay for the Farmers Market in the hall afterwards.
	3.15-4.15pm	Football club
	4:30pm	FBS School Autumn Disco—Frome Market Hall
Friday 20th October		Owls trip to the Roman Baths Don't forget your packed lunch Last day of term
After Half Term		
Monday 30th October		
Tuesday 31st October		
Wednesday 1st November		Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay
Thursday 2nd November		Bag2School Swimming—Owls and Squirrels 3.15-4.15pm Football club 5:00pm start FBS Cheese and Wine Parents and staff (adults only) in the hall. Please do pop along.
Friday 3rd November		
Future dates:		
Wednesday 8th November		Years 3 & 4 gymnastics at liberty gym.
Thursday 9th November	9:30am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 15th November		Whole school flu vaccination

After School Clubs—Term 2

We are very pleased to announce that we will be offering after school provision on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday across Term 2.

A separate letter will follow shortly with details of how you can sign up to the staff led after school clubs.



Attendance	
For w/c 13.10.2023	
Attendance	Absences
94%	6%
Learning time lost:	
27.5 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/unsatisfactory attendance,** 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 13.10.2023	96.84%	90.48%	95.52%	94.67%

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

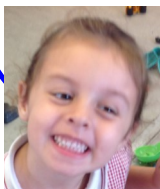


Demonstrating our Christian Value



HEADTEACHER AWARD

Gracie— Lovely sense of humour and great guessing in a recent game.



Georgina— For her polite manners and positive outlook at playtimes.



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.

It's not always easy to know what's safe online and what's not. This website gives advice that can help you keep safe and know what to do when things go wrong.

[Staying safe online | Childline](#)



Our Buddy System promotes leadership and ensures our youngest pupils feel cared for and nurtured by not only the adults but their peers.

They created this together:



FARMERS MARKET AFTER HARVEST

After the harvest service we always have a special market to raise money for a chosen charity. Please donate items to sell on the day such as cakes, jams, home-grown fruit and veg, drinks and all things autumn! We ask some of our older pupils to sell these items, if you would like to help set up for this event before the service please ring the office. All the money raised will go to the children's cancer charity.





WISE UP WORKSHOPS

Empowering Parent
Carers to succeed

Somerset Parent Carer Forum are offering a range of 'Wise Up' workshops for parents/carers of children who live in Somerset (or attend an Educational setting in Somerset) with SEND. Please find the link to the website below where you can find information about the workshops and how to sign up.

<https://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops>

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Communities, connections,
services and resources for
families all in one place.



findfrome.co.uk



Family Support & Advice

Health and wellbeing
Employment
Pregnancy



Childcare

Childminders
Nurseries and preschools
After school clubs



Education

Local schools
Specialist schools
Educational resources



Young People

Activities and groups
Advice and support
Employment and training



Things to do, places to go

Activities for all ages
Family-friendly events
School holiday fun



Resources and Quick Links

Parenting support
Mental and physical health
Financial advice

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