



## Berkley C of E First School

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*'Let your light shine'*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th October 2023

### 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.

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

### BIBLE REFERENCER OR PRAYER

Where ever we are, what ever our path let our hopes and dreams come into the light.

### Dear Families,

We have reached the last day of term and we are so grateful to everyone who makes our school community and learning experiences such a success. Today our older pupils spend the day at the Roman Baths, we saw the coach head off with lots of smiling faces! I must also mention Badgers and Squirrels who ventured off site to visit Longleat, they came back full of new stories and facts about animals. It sounds like it was a magical trip despite the rain.

### **HARVEST SERVICE**

Thank you to so many who came along, the church was very full and the children loved performing. We always find this time in church to be special as we get a chance to all be together. Thank you to the Year 4 pupils who helped lead the service, we had our visitors inspecting on the day and we felt very proud of their singing, prayers and behaviour. Well done to all of the pupils for learning the words and songs without the use of a screen. The school council also need a mention for representing our school on the day. With your kind donations for the food on offer in the farmers market as a school community we raised £176.30 this will go to the chosen charity. It would not have been possible without parents volunteering to help set up and to our team of wonderful staff. I feel very privileged to work with you all.



**FBS** A lot of preparation and thought had gone into the disco last night and the space looked fantastic. The children had a great time, thank you very much for providing this for them to enjoy, I think Miss Atkinson even tried a few moves with her boot!

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Darcie , Arthur, Esmae, Bernie, Aiden, Luke, Myles & Ryu



Mrs S Thompson

Wishing you all a fantastic half term holiday.

Head Teacher



## Diary Dates

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

Date	Time	Event
Monday 30th October		First day back after October half term  Sign up day for the staff led Club running from next Monday. -15 places
Tuesday 31st October		
Wednesday 1st November		<b>Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay</b> Staff led Club- 15 places
Thursday 2nd November		Bag2School  Swimming — Owls and Squirrels  Collective Worship  3:15– 4:15pm Football club  5:00pm start FBS—cheese and wine staff, parents and teachers
Friday 3rd November		
Monday 6th November		
Tuesday 7th November		
Wednesday 8th November		<b>Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay</b>  Years 3 & 4 gymnastics at liberty gym.
Thursday 9th November	9.30am	Open morning for prospective parents  Swimming—Owls and squirrels  Collective Worship  3.15-4.15pm Football club
Friday 10th November		
<b>Future dates:</b>		
Monday 13th November		Staff led Club
<b>Wednesday 15th November</b>		<b>Whole school flu vaccination</b>
<b>Saturday 25th November</b>	10am—12pm	<b>Christmas Fayre</b>

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** Please note school photo proofs are coming home today. Instructions on how to order your photos are all included in the envelope but please contact the School Office if you have any queries.

The cake sale by Owl class also raised a fantastic £124.17





Attendance	
For w/c 16.10.2023	
Attendance	Absences
95.15%	4.85%
Learning time lost:	
24 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 16.10.23	96.84%	94.29%	94.83%	95%

### 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](http://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.

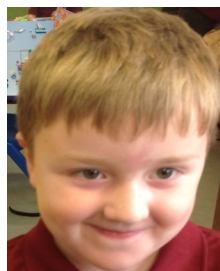
## Star of the week



## Reading Superstar



## Demonstrating our Christian Value



### HEADTEACHER AWARD

*The School Council ,*

*Year 4 tour guides and market stall helpers.*





## 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.

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](#)

Entry £1  
Children under 12 or  
education groups  
FREE!



We have  
everything you  
need for exciting  
art, craft and play  
activities!

Monday 20th Nov 1.30-4.30 pm  
Cheese+Grain, Market Yard, Frome, BA11 1BE

POP-UP

# Scrapstore

Do you want access to a warehouse of weird and wonderful objects? One person's waste is another person's treasure.

Join the scrap creation journey .....

scrapstore@thepodcharity.org.uk  
07724315600

Bring a bag for life.

Supporting TOY LIBRARY

The Pod is a registered charity in England and Wales. Charity No 1161092



Parent advice & support

Healthy lifestyles

School transitioning

Emotional health

is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text or scan me

## 07480 635 515

SCAN ME

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Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service. It operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.