



## Berkley C of E First School

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# 'Let your light shine' NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th November 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

**Sometimes we feel lost in a crowd and we need to ask for help, we are all here to support each other on our journeys, seek that support if needed.**

**Dear Families,**

### Anti Bullying Week

People have the power to hurt but they also have the power to be kind. World kindness day celebrates small acts that make a big difference. Jamie Thurston set up the charity 52 lives, she says “kindness can be soft and fluffy, but it’s so important to our wellbeing.” Kindness reduces stress, boosts self esteem and releases feel good chemicals in your brain. So as well as helping others you’re being kind to yourself too. (Extract from The Week) We started anti bullying week wearing odd socks, the pupils and staff were able to talk about why we were wearing them. Sessions were held through out the week and on Thursday we held an assembly. In the assembly we thought about being lost and how that feels and what we can do to find our way. This related to some stories, the children came up with some great ideas.

### Children in Need

This year there are many activities teachers are able to access to get children thinking about those in need, our children really want to help and we have witnessed their enthusiasm when supporting each other. It has been great to witness all the cakes that have arrived and all the spots on show around the school. I am sure the cakes will be enjoyed later today and we will let you know the amount raised next week.



### **BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday to Reuben H who has celebrated his Birthday.**



*Best Wishes for a lovely weekend.*

Mrs S Thompson

Headteacher



## Diary Dates

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

Date	Time	Event
Monday 20th November	3.15-4.15pm	Blogging Club
Tuesday 21st November	3.15– 4.15pm	Musical Theatre Club
Wednesday 22nd November		<b>Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay.</b>
	3.15-4.15pm	Construction Club
Thursday 23rd November		Swimming—Owls and Squirrels Collective Worship
	3.15-4.15pm	Football Club
Friday 24th November		
Saturday 25th November	10.00 am — 12pm	Christmas Fayre held at Berkley school
Monday 27th November	3.15-4.15pm	Blogging Club
Tuesday 28th November	3.15– 4.15pm	Musical Theatre Club
Wednesday 29th November		<b>Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay.</b>
	3.15-4.15pm	Construction Club
Thursday 30th November		Swimming—Owls and Squirrels Collective Worship
	3.15-4.15pm	Football Club
	5.30-6.00pm	Carols in Berkley churchyard
Friday 1st December		

### Future diary dates.

Wednesday 6th December	7.00—9.00pm	Christmas Wreath Making
Thursday 7th December	1.30pm & 6.00pm	<b>Christmas Nativity</b>
Friday 8th December		Christmas jumper day—£1 donation
Monday 11th December	9.30am	Christmas Service in Church
Wednesday 13th December	Please contact the school office if you need any help with the lunch.	<b>School Christmas Lunch</b> Please go to parent pay and either choose Main, Veg or Jacket Potato for this day. (Ignore the choice on this day) Christmas menu will be attached in an email.


### 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.

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.

Attendance	
For w/c 13.11.2023	
Attendance	Absences
96.43%	3.57%
Learning time lost:	
17.5 Days	

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

Classes	Rabbits	Squirrels	Badgers	Owls 
w/c 13.11.2023	96.84%	93.33%	96.43%	98.33%

### Communication

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

- Call the school office and request a phone call or meeting
- Ask for contact at the gate, face to face with the class teacher at the end of the day, the teacher will then get back to the parent with a phone call.
- Parent can also email the office and this is sent onto the teachers personal email.

### 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)



### **Remembrance Sunday:**

Lots of people went to the Frome Service, we held our own 2 minute silence, with a service to remember all those who have served for our country, this took place last Friday.





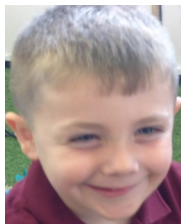
# Our Achievements!

On a Friday 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.

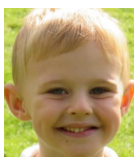
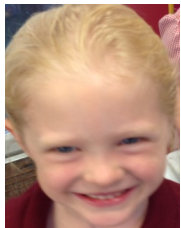
## Star of the week



## Reading Superstar



## Demonstrating our Christian Value

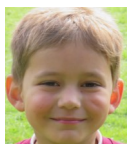


### HEADTEACHER AWARD

*Finlay for his focus this week*

*Mia.M for some fantastic participation*


*Ryu– Receiving a lanyard for his focus in construction club*







# SENCO INFORMATION

## Working Memory

The ability to temporarily hold and manipulate information for cognitive tasks performed in daily life.



-  Working memory holds information for a few seconds. It is temporary.
-  Working memory can hold only five to seven items at a time. It has a small capacity.
-  Working memory holds and manipulates information.
-  Working memory depends on control of attention and mental effort.

## Strategies to improve working memory:

### 1. Play a Game of 'What's Missing?'

Place some items on a tray. Child can scan all the items and then place the tea towel over the top and the child will close their eyes. Take one item away and then have the child lift the tea towel and try and remember what item or items have been taken away. Good for vocabulary development – e.g. items could start with the same sound.

A strategy for the child could be to name all the items and repeat them before the towel is placed over them




## SENCO Sharing:


## Working Memory

Holding information in the mind while working with it.

--- Examples In Action ---

[www.thepathway2success.com](http://www.thepathway2success.com)

-  Solving mental math problems
-  Remembering instructions to start an assignment
-  Thinking about what someone is saying in a conversation



Have a good week, Rebecca.



### 2. Play memory games, such as matching games or memory card games.



### 3. Listen to a short story and visualize.

Child listens to a short story or sentence, visualizes what they hear, and then draws it.



As one of the most popular messaging apps used by all age ranges, WhatsApp has been adding new features over the last year or so which as parents you may not be aware of. Internet Matters have put together a good 'how-to' guide for parents which you can access here.

[What is WhatsApp?: A safety how to guide for parents - Internet Matters](#)

**Berkley School Christmas Fayre**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023 10am – 12noon**

Please come and support the Berkley School Christmas Fayre. Bring family and friends and have a free tea/coffee and mince pie!!!!

**There will be lots of Christmas stalls, fun games for the kids and grown ups!!!**

**Delicious Hot Chocolate Station**

**Father Christmas and his elves are looking forward to seeing all the Children with his sack of presents.**



Another **AMAZING Christmas Raffle** with some very generous gifts from local businesses including:

**Spa break for 2 Homewood Park Hotel** – including overnight stay, bottle of prosecco, 30 minute treatment each, Dinner for 2 (worth over £400)

**Bath Rugby tickets** to Bath v Ulster game (9<sup>th</sup> December)

**Beauty Vouchers**

**Patisserie May voucher**

**Dog Grooming Voucher** – Solly's Dog Grooming

**Neal's Yard Gift set** worth £100

**Gel nail voucher** – Lisa Fennel

**Back, Neck and Shoulder massage** – Gerogia B

And many more!!!!

Entry is free for all Children. Adults are a suggested donation of £3 which will include a free tea/coffee and mince pie.

Card Machines will be available on some stalls but please bring cash as well.

Christmas Raffle will be drawn at 11.45am.

**Your last chance to order your  
Christmas Wreaths**

The FBS have once again organised Christmas Wreath making kits.

We are going to hold a social Wreath making evening in the School Hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm until 9pm if you would like to join us or you can just take them with you.

These kits are available to purchase on Parent Pay up until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

The cost will be £23.50 per kit.

