



Berkley C of E First School

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'Let your light shine' NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th January 2024

KEY INFORMATION:

Drop off: It is only Owls and their siblings who enter at 8.40am. All other classes from 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. Do not arrive before 8.50am (unless an Owl) as some classrooms may not be supervised.

BIBLE REFERENCE OR PRAYER

Help us to be people of vision; people who live with our eyes on eternity, not on things of this world. Keep us from straying from the path you have set before us.

Dear Families,

It has been another busy week and it has been a pleasure to see the pupils really engaged in their new literacy class texts. Whilst showing visitors around our school we observed the great use of using speech marks, the Badgers were really focused on writing sentences linked to their book and the younger classes were having interesting discussions. We will be offering the drop in sessions again after half term, this is an opportunity for your child to show you their books and their classroom.

As a school we link up with a lot of charities over the year and this plays a big part in the children's education. This week we invited a member of Julian House into Berkley. Mr Osbourne presented to the school in an assembly and all the facts and stories helped us all to really understand homelessness. The pupils were able to ask some relevant questions and we heard about how some of our pupils had donated toys to Julian House. Following this our school council will look at ways they may want to support this charity in the future.

The Christingle Church Service on 4th February 2024—This is a service we invite all pupils and families to, if you are planning to attend, please inform the office via email. This way we have a record as your child will then make relevant resources to be used during the service. Many thanks, you will find timings in the diary.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LEARNING



BIRTHDAYS:

Happy Birthday to Penny who celebrates her birthday today.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe.

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 22nd January		
Tuesday 23rd January		Bags2School Collection (No bags before this day please)
	3:15-4:15pm	Musical theatre club
Wednesday 24th January	3:15—4:20pm	Blogging club
	3:15—4:15pm	Cooking Club
		Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay.
Thursday 25th January		Swimming—Badgers and Rabbits
	3:15-4:15pm	Football club
Friday 26th January		
Monday 29th January		Badgers cake sale
Tuesday 30th January	3:15-4:15pm	Musical theatre club
Wednesday 31st January	3:15—4:20pm	Blogging club
	3:15—4:15pm	Cooking Club
		Don't forget to order your lunches on Parent Pay.
Thursday 1st February		Swimming—Badgers and Rabbits
	3:15-4:15pm	Football club
Friday 2nd February		
Sunday 4th February	10am	Christingle Church Service at St Mary's Church

Future Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th February

E-Safety Day

Friday 9th February

Express Yourself Day - Fun to be me, Dress up day


SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Thompson is the DSL and Mrs Appleby and Mrs Windridge are the Deputy DSLs. 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. Please email the school in the holidays if you need to contact a DSL.

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 15/01/2024	
Attendance	Absences
97.01%	2.99%
Learning time lost:	
14.5 Days	

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

Classes	Rabbits	Squirrels	Badgers	Owls
w/c 15/01/2024	100% 	92.86%	99.63%	95.67%

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.

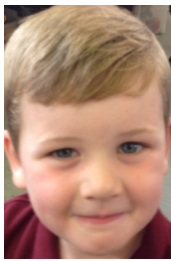
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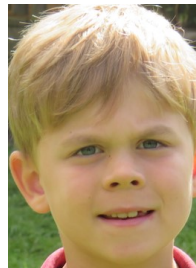
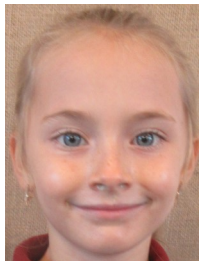
Our Achievements!

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.

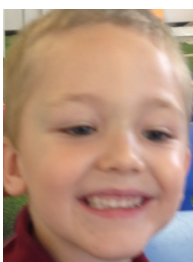
Star of the week



Reading Superstar



Demonstrating our Christian Value



HEADTEACHER AWARD



Ada – Excellent focus and showed confidence in her ability, well done.

Hadley – Always demonstrating kindness to others.



Isaac – Helpful and kind after PE.





BBC Own It

BBC Own It is a hub for children and young people to own, and be empowered by, their online lives. From celebrities giving top tips, to fun and engaging infographic videos, there's so much you can explore to support your child online.

Issues covered include, online bullying, social media apps, setting up children's devices, gaming facts and fears, and much more.

[Parents - help kids make the most of their lives online - Own It - BBC](#)

Blogging Club

Please note that pick up time for Blogging Club has now changed to 4:20pm to help ease congestion in the car park at the end of the day for those parents picking their children up from after school clubs. Pick up time for Cooking Club will remain as 4:15pm.

FBS

The next FBS meeting will be held online on Wednesday 31st January @ 7.30pm. If you would like to join the meeting please give your mobile details to the school office so you can be added to the FBS WhatsApp group where the meeting will be held via video call.

BADGERS Cake Sale - Monday 29th January. Cupcakes, brownies etc. homemade or bought !! Badgers to provide the cakes for the rest of the school to buy during morning break. Please send your child in with £1 to purchase a cake.

We look forward to seeing all of your yummy creations Badgers class.



The Pod

ZONE

Chill Out & Have Fun

Aged between 8 and 16 years old,
and have a brother or sister with additional needs?
Do you help to look after someone at home?
Come to the Zone and meet new friends!



Wednesday 6-8pm (fortnightly)

Frome Community and Venues

Please contact us to discuss a place, as places are limited
07736 470328

info@thepodcharity.org.uk

The Pod is a registered charity in England and Wales. Charity number 1161092

SENCo Sharing: Next SENCo Surgery: Tuesday 30th January 2024

From Somerset Council website:

Children and Young People's Neurodevelopmental Partnership Advice Line

We know that both families and professionals often have questions about referrals. In response to this we have set up a Children and Young People's Neurodevelopmental Partnership Advice Line.

This line is open to parent, carers, young people or practitioners from health, education or social care.

Phone the Advice Line on **0303 033 3002** – open 9am to 12pm every Wednesday and Thursday.

Some of the things you can chat with the team about:

- The status of referrals made to the [Children and Young People's Neurodevelopmental Partnership \(CYPNP\)](#)
- The potential sources of support that might be available to a young person whilst they are waiting for an assessment with our service
- If it is appropriate to refer a young person to our service for an Autism or ADHD assessment

The advice line will not be able to answer questions about children who have already been seen by CYPNP. These questions need to be directed to the clinicians involved with the young person.

Principles

The core principles of the pathway are:

- Any approaches must be **child and young person centred** and **based on need** rather than a diagnosis
- A **multidisciplinary approach** is used at each step
- There is a **consistent approach** in the use of screening and diagnostic assessment tools across Somerset
- Information is **securely stored** so that it is accessible to each part of the system involved in the child or young person's care
- Pre and post 'diagnostic' assessment strategies and support are identified and agreed.

Here is a helpful video about the referral process in Somerset:

[Children and Young people's Neurodevelopmental Partnership \(youtube.com\)](#)

Find more information here:

[Autism and ADHD Pathway \(somerset.gov.uk\)](#)