



*'Let your light shine'*

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th April 2024

## KEY INFORMATION:

**Drop off: It is only Owls and their siblings who enter at 8.40am.**

**Please remember classes open 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

We talk and sing about the wonderful things in our world, lets be happy for all the small things that happen each day.

Allow your self to appreciate the moments.

## CLASS NEWS

### Rabbits

Rabbits have been enjoying lots of creative artwork and are busy developing their observation, painting and collage skills. They have been finding out about a particular painting by Van Gogh and comparing the fields and trees seen in the painting with those around us.

### Squirrels

This week we have been exploring Tudor times in History, in particular Queen Elizabeth I. We had lots of discussions about what life would have been like compared to now and we even found out something about life in Frome during the Tudor period as well.

### Badgers

We've had another exciting week in Badgers! It all began weirdly on Monday morning when we discovered a crime scene! A gigantic footprint was found imprinted in some compost. What a shock that was! We think it might have been a giant and he probably knocked the compost bag over with his clumsy feet. We measured the footprint and it was a metre long so we estimated he must be seven metres tall! Nobody in Badgers wants to meet him. Badgers had a great morning swimming on Thursday. Everyone worked really hard. On Thursday afternoon, we all planted a runner bean each. We're all hoping it will grow as big as the beanstalk in our class! To everyone who got a prize for reading last week, well done! Who's next to get a prize?

### Owls

The Year 4 pupils have had a busy and exciting couple of days on their residential trip. Look out for more photos from the trip in next week's Newsletter! The Year 3 pupils have also been having a great week planting runner beans with Ms Collins, making cakes with Mrs Hirons and have buddied up with pupils from Squirrels Class to help them find out interesting facts about Albatross.

Happy birthday to Oliver who celebrated his birthday this week.



We will be welcoming back our Year 4 pupils later today from their residential trip and look forward to hearing all about their adventures.

Mrs S Thompson

Head Teacher



# 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

Ruben T & Reuben H

## Reading Superstar

Elsie, Joel W & Darcie

## Demonstrating our Christian Value

Lottie, Esme & Phoebe

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

Skye H for her focus and knowledge when working in a group.

Olivia M for her communication skills and confidence when faced with questions.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

- We have booked Sports day at the Rugby Club and our Leavers Service, please find these on the diary dates.
- We wish our Year 4's a very happy return from The Mill on the Brue Residential, they have all had a lovely time away. I am sure they will look forward to a rest this weekend.
- We plan to have a parent's evening in the first week back of Term 6. This will follow on from the report you have received, it will be an opportunity to discuss progress, areas of focus and transitions.

## Frome Rangers



Through a parent contact we have worked with the Frome Rangers in creating a dome for our soon to be 'Forest of Discovery' area. We envisage this area to be a calm and productive area but most importantly an area where children are exploring their creativity and discovering new things. A group of pupils contributed to the building on the tunnel this Tuesday. We feel very fortunate to have this willow donated to us from the Wildlife Trust and from the Frome Rangers themselves. They came to create the dome at the end of last term, thank you so much Toni and Asia.



## Diary Dates

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

Date	Time	Event
Monday 29th April	4.20– 5.10pm	Martial arts club
Tuesday 30th April	3:15-4:15pm	Musical theatre club
Wednesday 1st May	3:15– 4:15pm	Gardening club
	3:15—4:15pm	Yoga club
Thursday 2nd May		Swimming Badgers and Rabbits
	3:15-4:15pm	Football club
Friday 3rd May	2:00-3:00pm	FBS Tea and cake for parents at Frome Standerwick market hall
Sunday 5th May	10.00am	All age family service –Church—Please contact the office if your child can take part, as we represent the school on this date it would be wonderful.
Monday 6th May		BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Tuesday 7th May	3:15— 4:15pm	Musical theatre club
Wednesday 8th May		Class School photos
	3:15– 4:15pm	Gardening club
		Yoga club
Thursday 9th May		Bag2School(Mufti Day for the Class who collect the most!)
		Swimming—Badgers and Rabbits
	3:15-4:15pm	Football club
	7:30pm	FBS meeting—Three Horseshoes Chapmanslade
Friday 3rd May		

### Future diary dates:

Friday 5th July—Sports Day (timings TBC)

Tuesday 23rd July—Leavers Service (timings TBC)


### 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 22/04/2024	
Attendance	Absences
90.98%	8.92%
Learning time lost: 41 Days	

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

Classes	Rabbits	Squirrels	Badgers 	Owls
W/C 22/04/2024	65.29%	95.50%	98.85%	95.86%

**Communication**

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

- Call the school office and request a phone call or meeting with the class teacher.
- 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.
- Parents can also email the office, often they are able to respond on the same day however they will endeavour to get back to within two working days.

Our vision is 'let your light shine'. That goes beyond our school gates and is a vision for our whole community. If you feel your light may be a little dull please remember we are here to support each other. Please call us and Mrs Thompson would be happy to have a cup of tea and a chat if that is something you needed.

**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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**For Parents - Fortnite Guidance**

Epic Games (which includes Fortnite, Fall Guys and Rocket League) provide some really useful features for parents to manage their child's gaming experience. This includes 'cabin accounts' which are accounts where the child is under 13 and certain restrictions are applied by default, e.g. talking to other players. Given the popularity of these games it's possible some parents aren't aware of this feature. You can find further details and instructions from Internet Matters



## Yoga Club—Earth Day

The group had a BRILLIANT session today and we went on an adventure around school to talk about things from nature we could find to think about Earth Day and what it meant to us.

We then used our bodies to move like animals to paint all of the different elements for our Earth Day picture which I think you'll agree looked amazing!!

Vicky



# MAY HALF TERM 2024

28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

LEGO ANIMATION

MINECRAFT CODING

3D PENS

CIRCUITRY

SMART ROBOTICS

LAZER TAG

VR

ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS

**What to bring to camp?**

Packed Lunch and Snacks  
as requested

Water Bottle

Medication  
if required

Weather Appropriate  
Clothing

**We are in your area!**

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**Kids love NextThing!**

"My child had a fabulous time, and this is the first type of STEM holiday club I've seen in our area. I'd definitely recommend and book again!"

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# SENCO Sharing: Next Parent Surgery - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 3.15pm

## What is neurodiversity?

- AUTISM**
- DYSLEXIA**
- ADHD**
- TOURETTE'S**
- DYSPRAXIA**
- HYPERLEXIA**
- AND MORE**
- ...

Judy Singer, a sociologist who has autism, started using the term "neurodiversity" in the late 1990s. It refers to the concept that certain developmental disorders are normal variations in the brain. And people who have these features also have certain strengths.



## NEURODIVERSITY DEFINITIONS & TERMS

- Neurodiversity** → The natural diversity of human brains
- Neurodiversity paradigm** → The philosophy of neurodiversity
- Neurodiversity Movement** → The social justice movement
- Neurodivergent** → A person whose brain functioning differs from what's considered "normal"
- Neurotypical** → A person whose brain functioning is considered "normal"
- Neurodiverse** → A group of people with different types of brains

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