



## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### Sunshine, SATs and Swimming: It must be Summer!



It seems a long time ago, but as this is our first newsletter since our Nightrider weekend, we wanted to say a big thank you to everyone that took part. It was amazing to see Berkeley lit up and fantastic that so many households made such an effort to ensure the weekend was a success. We are delighted to be able to report that we raised an amazing £600. Thank you again for joining in and showing what a truly great community Berkeley is.



As we are sure you are aware, this week is SATs week for our Year 6 children. They have been working extremely hard in preparation and are raring to go! Year 2 SATs will be between 17<sup>th</sup> May 24<sup>th</sup> May and Year 1 Phonics Screening is w/c 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please avoid booking any appointments during these times. Thank you.



With the summer weeks ahead, we do ask that children come prepared for hot weather. This includes water bottles, sun hats, sunglasses and sun cream labelled with your child's name. When the weather gets hotter, please ensure your child has sun cream applied before school, which can then be topped up during the day. As the children are now on the field during break and lunchtime, they are able to bring in footballs from home. These must be size 4 only and should be clearly named.



We are delighted to tell you that we have added 2 new temporary members of staff to our team. Miss Mundy has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Reception and Mrs Rymer is helping us out in the office. Both bring with them a wealth of experience and I am sure you will all make them feel very welcome.



It's not only the children that learn new things here in school. Our staff are constantly undertaking training to improve teaching, understanding of medical needs and most importantly, ensuring we keep you children safe. Miss Franklin and Mrs Fowkes recently attended Positive Handling training, Mrs Turner has completed her Advanced Safeguarding course and all staff have completed Fire Safety training. Upcoming training for all staff includes awareness of ADHD, Autism and ODD, Positive Handling and Practical Fire Extinguisher training. Mrs Fowkes is currently taking an Aspirant Middle Leaders course which involves looking at a number of aspects of leadership including using data, reporting, leadership style, communication, where education is going and what Ofsted expects. Throughout the year she has also been carrying out a small scale research project on problem solving in Maths.



The sun is coming and that means our swimming pool is gearing up for this year's swimming season! As always, we really value any support from parents to help during lessons to be an 'extra pair of eyes' around the pool and to help fix numerous goggle straps! If you can spare any afternoons to come and help us and catch a few rays in our suntrap, please complete the form below with your availability and return to your child's class teacher.



We are currently in the process of finalising our Admissions Policy for 2018 – 2019 and we are required to publish the details and offer a consultation period. Therefore, the proposed Admissions Policy will be available to view on the school website from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May and the consultation period will run from that date to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Should you have any queries with the policy please email [admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk).



We are sorry to say that we are unable to open Holiday Club for the Half Term break. We appreciate that this will be an inconvenience for some of you, however it is imperative that we have the correct number of qualified staff to enable us to run a high quality and safe provision at all times. We are working very hard to ensure that we will be open during the Summer holiday.



A polite reminder that school finishes at 3.15pm for KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2. We are concerned about the number of children who are not being picked up on time. Children who are not collected on time will be taken to the office and those not collected by 3.30pm will be taken to Explorers and you will incur a charge.



And finally, on the Friday before the Easter holiday, we all came dressed in our onesies for our Type Onesie Day. The aim was to raise awareness of Type One Diabetes. We raised a fab £210 which will go to support the valuable work of Diabetes UK and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Maisie Scott-Leighton has Type 1 Diabetes and below are some of her thoughts –

“I came up with the idea of Type Onesie Day, as not many people know what Type 1 Diabetes is. Having Type 1 Diabetes is good in some ways and bad in others. It’s good because I get to have a couple of sweets now and then and bad because when I feel high, I can feel ill. I’m glad that you all came dressed in your onesies and helped us raise lots of money.”

Best regards

Debbie Marklove and staff

### Diary Dates

- May 9<sup>th</sup> – SATs Week
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 SATS start
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 Cycle Training
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – PTA Film Night
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Y3 & Y4 Trip to Jenner Museum
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Finish for Half Term
- June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – INSET Days
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Class and Leavers Photos
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Family Maths Evening
- June 12<sup>th</sup> – Phonic Screening Checks start
- June 14<sup>th</sup> – Sex and Relationship Education Information Evening for Parents – Y3&4 6.00pm, Y5&6 6.45pm
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Camp Out
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 Residential
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Reception and Year 5 trip to @Bristol
- July 4<sup>th</sup> – Gloucestershire Chess Championships
- July 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Residential
- July 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 & Year 2 trip to The Black Country Museum
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Camp Out
- July 17<sup>th</sup> – Transition Day – All children to visit their new classes
- July 20<sup>th</sup> – Y3 & Y4 Roald Dahl Picnic
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – Leavers Assembly 11.00am
- July 21<sup>st</sup> – Children finish for Summer

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### Swimming Helpers

I can help with school swimming sessions and am available on the following days –

Mon ..... Tues ..... Weds ..... Thur ..... Fri .....

Name ..... Signature .....