



Wednesday 21st September 2016

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We hope you have all had a great summer



Welcome Back!

Everyone is excited and ready to get going with the many excellent learning opportunities that we have planned for the children and for you as their parents.



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Before the Summer holiday we were very busy with our Academy conversion application. Things progressed through the Summer and I am delighted to confirm that as of 1st September we are now an Academy. We have joined with Marling School to create a Multi Academy Trust which will be known as The Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust. Things here will continue as was and we will of course keep you updated with any changes. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



Welcome Back!

Our lovely new Reception children have settled well and are enjoying their learning. We have been joined by a number of new families this term and I am sure you will all make them feel very welcome. We also have lots of new Little Jesters and a few new members of staff as well!



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You can find the whole school diary dates on the school website. Individual classes will have their learning overviews and homework grids on the class pages very soon. Each class will be blogging regularly to showcase the amazing learning that is going on each day within the classroom and beyond it. Please make sure you visit the class blogs and website frequently to keep up to date with trips, messages and to get involved with your child's learning. Whilst we will post some information on Facebook, this is not our main tool of communication. Thank you.



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As you may be aware, Mrs Camm left us at the end of the Summer term. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well for the future and if you do have any concerns, please speak to either the teachers or myself.



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Congratulations to Mrs Lanceley who gave birth to Nancy on 2nd September. She weighed in at 9lb exactly. We have had a visit and mum and baby are both fine. We can also report that Miss Cosgrove has settled in well in Holland and sends her best wishes to everyone.



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You should all have received Club letters by now. If you have not already done so, please return completed forms to the office as many of the limited space clubs are already full. **Clubs start on 19th September and finish on 25th November** (with the exception of Scooter Hockey and Soft Archery, which will run to the end of term).



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If your child has asthma, allergies or any other medical condition that you have not informed us of, please let the office know ASAP so that we can update our records. Thank you.



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We have been very lucky in that we have had a number of parents and grandparents helping the children by listening to them read. We affectionately call them our 'reading army'. We have lost a few volunteers as their children have moved on etc. and so we would like to invite others to join in this valuable work. If you would like to help, then please approach a class teacher or let the office know. It is 3pm to 3.15pm each day. However, you tell us what days you can do and we will put a timetable together. Thank you, your support is very much appreciated.



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Our Explorers Holiday Club will be open during the half term from 24th – 27th October. If you are interested, please fill out a booking form ASAP to allow us to arrange staffing.



As the weather has now turned a bit cooler, we have made the decision to stop swimming from this Friday. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to be 'extra eyes', it has been very much appreciated.



'Open the Book' will be back in school on Tuesday mornings, acting and involving the children in Bible stories. This group of volunteers have been coming into school for a few years now and they do a super job. The children get a lot from the performances and particularly enjoy getting involved themselves. It is good to have them back for another year.



We are very proud of our school and the children take pride in their learning and the fact they attend Berkeley Primary School. The school uniform plays a big part in how the school presents itself to the outside world. Please remember that if your child is wearing a shirt/blouse, they should be also be wearing a tie. A full uniform list can be found on the school website. May we also ask that you ensure that clothes and PE kits are labelled, as we already have a growing pile of lost property. Thank you.



Please remember that water bottles should contain water. A number of you are sending in bottles filled with squash into the classroom and this is not something we allow. We would also like to remind you that we are a 'healthy school' and would ask any snacks that you send in reflect this.



We have made a few changes in the office to help us accommodate the increase in paperwork/filing/storage needed. We tried hard, but in the end we had to make room by shipping Mrs Wolstenholme down the corridor! This means that Mrs Palmer will be on her own in the office and as such will not be able to deliver things around the school during the day. Therefore if you drop things off (water bottles, PE Kits, coats etc.) they will be taken to class by the teachers, **after break or lunch**. Please endeavour to send your child(ren) into school with everything they need for the day. Thank you.

And finally, our lovely Mrs Turner is taking part in the Shine Night Walk on Saturday 24th September, where she will be walking a full marathon distance (that's 26 miles and 385 yards!!) in aid of Cancer Research. She will then share her story (blisters and all) with the children. You can support Mrs Turner by visiting www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JJLS-ontour.



DIARY DATES

September 20th – Year 6 trip to Kidzania
September 23rd – KS2 'Stomp' Workshop
September 28th – Y5 trip to Skillzone
October 7th – Stomp Performance & Parent Information Evening
October 12th – Class 1 Phonics morning
October 19th – INSET DAY
October 21st - Half Term
October 31st – Return to School
November 7th – Individual & Siblings Photographs
November 7th – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 7.30pm
November 9th – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
December 15th – Christmas Lunch
December 16th – End of Term

Best regards

Debbie Marklove and staff