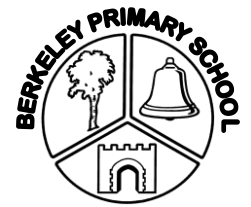




BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL





Friday 8th September 2017





 Happy New Academic Year to you all! Welcome back. Hoping you have all had a wonderful, rested (?) break with your children. I am so excited about the year ahead, and have absolutely loved seeing all the children arrive with their huge smiles, ready for the new term.

 Our Year 4 and Year 6 residential trips have been booked and details will be sent home shortly, and posted on the blogs. Due to the popularity of last year's visits, the Y4's will return to The Wilderness centre in the Forest of Dean, and Y6 will be going to Osmington Bay in Weymouth. As you will know from last term, we are launching a brand new website this term, so please be patient whilst we set it up. Hard copies will be provided alongside.

 As a team, we are having a big focus on nurturing children's mental health and wellbeing and as such, we are developing a new sensory garden. The children will be creating much of this with their classes. The teachers have planned some inspiring ideas such as musical instruments, barefoot trails, wishing trees, reflective zones, fairy doors, dream catchers, bird feeders, textured zones and herb gardens. If you have any items you could donate for this, or indeed volunteer some time to help set it all up, please let the office know. Thank you to Mr Davey who has already been busy as our voluntary woodcutter this week!

 As you may have heard (or seen in the town last Saturday) the circus is coming to Berkeley on Friday 6th October, and the PTA thought it would be a marvellous idea for the children to dress up with a circus theme that day with a 50p charge and a treat for them! Please can we request that we do not have any clowns? Sounds silly I know, but we have some children, and staff with coulrophobia (fear of clowns), so your children will need to get creative! You can go old school circus and dress as animals too?

 This year, we are celebrating Harvest with a *Scarecrow hunt* on October 20th here at school, which you are all invited to attend and join in with your children. We also kindly ask that you send your child in with a non-perishable food item please, which will become part of the hunt, and will be donated to the local food bank to help families in need. More details to follow nearer the time.

 This term we welcome some new staff, who have been in during the holidays preparing their classrooms and planning exciting topics. We welcome Mrs Williams who will take on the role of Inclusion Manager, and will work with children and families across the school. Mrs Trotman in Y1, Miss Melley in Y2, Mr Gascoyne in Y4 (who likes to be known as Mr Cheese!) and Mr Clarke in Y6. Come and say Hello to them all on Friday 15th September at our Meet the Teacher BBQ.

We have made a couple of changes to the staffing. Please see below –



Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Mrs Baker & Mrs Lanceley	Miss Mundy & Mrs Houser
Year 1	Mrs Trotman	Mrs Hunt & Mrs Tainton
Year 2	Miss Melley & Mrs Lanceley	Mrs Perrin
Year 3	Miss Franklin	
Year 4	Mr Gascoyne	Mrs Wade
Year 5	Mrs Fowkes	
Year 6	Mr Clarke	
Additional Maths Teacher	Mr Williamson	
Additional Literacy Teacher	Mrs Hull	
Maths Support		Mrs Hargreaves
Literacy Interventions		Mrs Turner
PPA Cover / French Teacher	Mrs Sprosen	
Sports Plus Leader	Mr Williams	

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of staff.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Robbins and all staff

Diary Dates

Friday 15th September – Meet the Teacher BBQ 6.00 – 8.00pm

Wednesday 20th September – Phonics afternoon for Reception Parents 1:30pm

Monday 25th September – Webcam coffee morning for Reception Parents 9am

Friday 6th October – Circus

Friday 20th October – Harvest Scarecrow Hunt 1:30pm

End of term Friday 20th October

Term 2 begins Monday 30th October

Thursday 2nd November – EYFS/KS1 Parents' meeting 1:30-7:30pm

Friday 3rd November – KS2 Maths Parents' meeting 1:30-7:30pm

Friday 10th November - KS2 Literacy Parents' meeting 1:30-7:30pm

Monday 11th December – EYFS Christmas show 9:45am

Tuesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas show am and 6pm

Thursday 14th December – Christmas dinner and Jumper day

KS2 Christmas concert TBC subject to church bookings.

