



BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 17th November 2017



37 days until Christmas!



A big thank you to all those of you that came along to our recent Parents' evening. It is always lovely to see so many of you in school and to hear the feedback you offer. Our new online booking system was well received by most and it certainly made life easier for the staff!



A quick reminder that on Monday 27th November the school photographer will be here. They will be taking individual and family photos. If your child(ren) has siblings not yet at school and you would like them photographed together, please arrive at 8.30am and head to the hall. If all of your children are at school, we will arrange the family photos throughout the morning. Thank you.



Our younger children are already busy preparing for their Christmas performances. Be sure to keep an eye open for letters and information. In the past we have invited parents to come to the dress rehearsals as well as the main performances, however this year we have an increased number of children and space/seating is at a premium. Therefore we ask that you only attend the dress rehearsal if you are unable to attend the performance itself. Thank you.



The KS2 Festive Evening will be held on 13th December from 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church and the PTA will be on hand to serve refreshments. We will send more information closer to the time.



As the weather is now decidedly colder, please ensure that your child has a coat when they come into school. The children are outside during break and lunchtimes and some of the lesson time may also be outside. Although many of the children take off their coats when running around it is important that they are able to pop it back on if they are cold. Thank you.



Thank you for supporting our sale of Poppy's in school again this year. We are delighted to say that you helped us to raise £185..



Forest Green overs have kindly given our ambassador, Olly Young, a number of half price adult match tickets (kids go free). If you are interested in attending any of the upcoming home fixture and would like tickets, please speak to Jo Young, or tell the ladies in the office and they will pass on your details.



We have said a sad farewell to Mrs Turner this week as she moves on to pastures new. Mrs Turner has made a big impact working with lots of the children here and we are sure you will all join us in wishing her all the very best for the future.



May we please ask that you check your child's uniform as we have had a number of parents reporting that their child has someone else's trousers/jumper etc. If you could also ensure that all uniform/coats/PE kits are clearly labelled, it would be a great help. Mrs Fryer does a fab job of returning stray clothing to the right classrooms at the end of the day, but anything that is not named, ends up in lost property.



We have had a couple of issues recently regarding the text messages that we send home. Please be aware that the message will only be sent to the parent who is priority 1 on your child's Data Collection Sheet (these were sent home recently for you to check and all amendments have been made on our system). If you would like to make changes to which parent receives text messages, please let the office know. Thank you.



Our caterers are currently recruiting for a kitchen assistant. The hours are 10.45am to 1.45am, Monday to Friday term time only. The role includes some food preparation and serving and you must have a current driving licence. If you are interested, pop into the office and we will be happy to introduce you.



And finally, we would like to say well done to our football and netball teams who have competed in the Dursley and District Tournaments over the last couple of weeks. We would also like to thank parents who gave up their time to assist with transport to and from these events. We couldn't do it without you!

Best regards

Alex Robbins and staff

DIARY DATES



Monday 27 th November	School Photos
Saturday 2 nd December	Cross Country at KLB
Wednesday 6 th December	Chess Tournament in London
Thursday 7 th December	Little Jesters and Reception Christmas Party
Monday 11 th December	EYFS Christmas show 9:45am
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas show 9:45am and 6pm
Wednesday 13 th December	KS2 Christmas concert at St.Mary's church. 6:30pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and Jumper day Christmas PJ bedtime story 5:30pm-7pm
Thursday 15th December – Last day of the Autumn term	
January 2nd 2018 – Staff INSET	
January 3rd – Children start back for the Spring term	



