

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 5th January 2018

Happy new year to you all! I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas break with your families. Welcome back to a brand new term where we can eventually look forward to Spring and lighter evenings and mornings once again!

Please see the attached for the results of the Parent Survey sent out to you all last term. As you can see, the results show a positive picture and your positive comments have made a great impact on the whole team. I shall be reviewing our homework provision this term, taking on your views. Thank you to those who were able to take time to complete this survey in order to help us improve your community school.

Spring has brought some wonderful news our way for Mrs Baker and Mrs Franklin who are both expecting new arrivals this June! We are all delighted for them both, as we are with Mr Clarke who is also expecting his first baby with his wife this June! We shall be recruiting for maternity replacements to begin in the last summer term this year for Reception and Year 3. Such lovely news and I'm sure you'll all join us in congratulating them all.

We shall be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Fowkes this term who is leaving Berkeley to pursue her teaching career closer to her home in South Gloucestershire. Mrs Fowkes has been a valued member of our teaching team and shall take away fond memories of all the children she has taught at Berkeley. We are sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Fowkes for all her hard work and dedication to your children. We wish her good luck with her continued teaching career. We shall be interviewing next week with a view to a new teacher starting in Y5 after half term.

It's Maths, but not as you know it! Schools all over the country are taking part in NSPCC Number Day and we have decided to join them. This is a fantastic way to have fun with maths and help to make a significant difference in preventing abuse. Number Day is on **2nd February** and we are suggesting that your child comes to school dressed in a numbers related outfit, or one with a number on it, for a donation of £1. You can be as creative as you like as long as somewhere there is a number on the outside. On that day the children will also take part in various Maths challenges in their usual Maths groups.

The governors and I had the task of finding me a 'second in command' last term, and as a result, congratulations must go to Mrs Franklin for being appointed the role of Senior Teacher. Mrs Franklin is a huge support to the whole school, and will be excellent in this role.

Oh no it isn't! OH YES IT IS! It's only time for the pantomime this month! **Friday January 26th** will see Aladdin fly in to Berkeley on a magic carpet to entertain your children. There will be a small contribution to pay on parent pay for this, so please check your accounts as these payments can often get overlooked.

There are still a number of outstanding payments for those attending the Young Voices concert on Friday 26th January (which is the same day as the panto, but the children will leave after the performance, so they won't miss out). Your tickets have arrived, and can be collected on receipt of payment. Thank you.



Vacancy: Our caterers are currently recruiting for a kitchen assistant. The hours are 10:45am-1.45pm Mon-Friday term time only. The role includes some food preparation and serving. You must have a current driving licence. If you are interested, pop into the office and we will be happy to introduce you.



Following the success of the webcam event in Reception last term, as promised, we are taking this on throughout the school. Each class will be opening up their classrooms and allowing you to come along and be a 'fly on the wall' in their lessons. Each Webcam WOW event will take place during an afternoon and below are the dates for your diaries. Timings TBC.

Webcam Wow afternoons	
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 5
Friday 23 rd March	Year 1
Monday 26 th March	Year 4
Tuesday 27 th March	Year 3
Friday 25 th May	Year 6
Friday 29 th June	Year 2

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all staff at Berkeley



Parent Survey Results

