

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 9th February 2018

 Well Term 3 seems to have flown by, and not without lots of germs and horrid bugs! Let's hope for a healthier start to term 4 with Spring in the air...as I write this, it is snowing outside?!

 Some exciting news to share with you all. Cam Woodfields Junior school have joined our Multi Academy Trust, and we look forward to the opportunities this will bring for the future of CBAT.

 Congratulations to Helen Curullo, one of our school governors and a parent here at BPS, for her incredibly successful marathon fundraising evening. Helen hired the school to host the first ever 'Berkeley Gin Festival', which saw many members of the community coming together to support Helen's charity, The Ectopic Pregnant Trust, whilst sampling some of the world's finest gins. Bespoke glasses are still available to purchase, should anyone wish to buy one.

 This leads me onto a fundraiser we are planning in school, which we are calling...**#RUN4MUMS!** Three of our energetic Berkeley mums are running the London Marathon this summer, and our children are going to get the opportunity to support them, whilst learning how to keep fit and healthy. For those of you who experienced our 'On Ya Bike' fundraiser last year, this will take on a similar format, but instead of cycling...you guessed it: the children will be running. Collectively, the children will run a marathon over 3 days from Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th March. They will raise money for CLIC Sargent and the Ectopic Pregnancy Trust. The children are always keen to fundraise, and as a community school, we like to involve them as much as possible. I shall send out sponsor forms and more details nearer the time. 

 It appears that #RUN4MUMS will provide the children with an insight into this year's BSQ2BSQ! This July, BSQ2BSQ returns, in the form of a Triathlon! It promises to be even bigger and better than last year, which will be hard to beat. As the school got involved in this phenomenal community charity event last year, our children (and staff) have been asked to become the Swim Squad for the final part of the event! Exciting! Lots of ideas are in the pipeline, which I shall keep you posted about nearer the time, but July is going to be amazing in our community and the children will LOVE being a part of it all.

 Monday 26th February is the start of World Book Week which is always a pleasure. I would like the children to bring in a favourite book, perhaps one they enjoyed when they were younger. We shall be celebrating the pleasure of reading throughout the week and the wonderful world of words. **Thursday 1st March** is ROALD DAHL day to celebrate this magnificent author. As such, we would like all the children (and staff) to dress as a Roald Dahl character of their choice. Time to get your thinking caps on. Maybe even join together with friends to become the characters in a book? The book fair will be with us from Monday 19th February too for those of you who wish to browse the new collection.

 We are adapting Parents' evening this term, having considered all parental feedback from our online survey. We shall continue with the same set up in the school hall, but will not be holding separate days for maths and literacy for KS2. We shall attempt to do both subjects together

Parents' evening dates
Wednesday 28 th February: Reception and KS1 1:30-7:30pm
Thursday 8 th March: KS2 1:30 – 7:30pm



We say some farewells today to Mrs Fowkes and Mr Gascoyne, who are both embarking on teaching jobs in Bristol next term, closer to their homes. We wish them well in their continuing careers. We also say Goodbye to Miss Abley and Mr Russell who have enjoyed their 2nd teaching placement here with us and shall return to The British school next term. Miss Fudge and Mr Chaffey shall be returning to us too.



As with all departures, we make way for new arrivals. Next term, we will welcome two new teachers to our school. Mr Hart shall be starting in Y5 and Miss Fitzgerald will be in Y4. Both are excited to teach our children and be a part of our team. Although the children are not here next week, many of the staff will be, including our new arrivals to help them prepare for the new term.

Here are some dates to let you know what's happening and when next term:

Monday 19th February: Term begins, book fair arrives.

Monday 26th February: Little Jester's parents' evening

Monday 26th February: Cheltenham dance festival (Makaton club)

Wednesday 28th February: Reception and KS1 parents' evening

Thursday 1st March: Roald Dahl Day

Thursday 8th March: KS2 parents' evening

Thursday 15th March: Y5/6 Rugby at Stinchcome 1pm-4pm

Friday 16th March: Science day!

Monday 19th March: KS2 Girls football tournament 11.45-4.45

Wednesday 21st March: World Downsyndrome Day: wear odd socks to school

Wednesday 21st March: Y3/4 rugby tournament @Dursley 1pm-4pm

Friday 23rd March: Y3/4 Viking trip

Wednesday 28th March: KS2 hockey TBC (Last day of term)

Thursday 29th March: INSET: Child protection training for all staff



Have a lovely week with your families. See you all next term. ☺

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all staff at Berkeley



