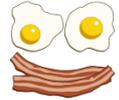


BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



If children are happy, they will achieve!

Friday 4th May



From Monday 14th-Friday 18th May, Y6 can have breakfast with their friends and staff here in the school hall from 8am-8:55am. All staff shall be on hand to help the children with a relaxing, sociable start to the day, where no one shall mention the 'S' word!



To help the children understand current and historic news, we have decided to help them by experiencing the Royal wedding, Berkeley Style! On Monday 21st May, we shall televise the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan in the main hall, with Royal learning activities in class. We invite all children to come dressed to impress for the occasion (bring uniform to change into after if worried about wear and tear)



The swimming pool will soon be ready for action, thanks to the 'BEST' committee who work hard all year to keep our community pool running. A timetable for swimming lessons after half term will be published shortly, but as ever, we need some help please from some willing volunteers! If you fancy topping up your tans at Costa del BPS, whilst being an 'extra pair of eyes' by the pool, please email your availability to admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk. Swimming sessions will be every afternoon, and all day Tuesdays. Payment details for swimming shall be sent shortly, and added to parentpay. Thank you.



Thank you so much for your patience and understanding at 'the hatch' this week. As you know, we are currently short-staffed in the main office. If you have messages for class teachers, please send your child in with a note, or email the school so we can filter 'traffic' in the mornings. We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Goodall as our new school administrator, who shall officially start with us on June 4th. She will be coming to help out on Fridays before her start date, but as we have a very busy office, with so many jobs to complete to help the smooth running of the school, we shall be closing the 'hatch' every Wednesday until further notice.



I am going to have to have another nag about uniform I'm afraid! Children are pushing the boundaries, particularly in KS2 with inappropriate footwear, garish socks, leggings, jewellery and trainers. Please ensure your children wear the correct uniform to school. Thank you.



As you will may have seen on our facebook site, the PTA are hosting a CAR BOOT SALE on Saturday 16th June. There will be a BBQ and a BAR so please come along from 12-2pm to grab yourself a bargain. If you would like a pitch, please pre book by emailing the school. Thank you.



As we say a 'temporary Goodbye' to Mrs Baker and Mrs Franklin this term, who are almost ready to pop, we welcome Mrs Goodwin into Y3 and Mrs Sansom into Reception after half term. Please give them a warm, Berkeley welcome!



We are interviewing candidates next Wednesday for the position of Deputy Headteacher. The Learning Council pupils in Y4 and Y5 have been busy preparing questions, as they will be interviewing each potential deputy! Having the children involved in the recruitment process is vital for us here at Berkeley, as we want to recruit the very best, and the children know how to find just what they're looking for! We are having a big focus on enhancing our curriculum to increase

creativity and depth and breadth of learning across all subjects. The successful Deputy will work with me and our team to plan, prepare and implement this vision across the school! This week, Mrs Lanceley and I went to visit each candidate in their schools to see them teach in their own environment. The field is very strong, so I am confident we shall soon have news of an outstanding new teacher!



You may have seen lots of hype in the news and on social media lately about 'The daily mile' in schools, which encourages children to keep active, by running/walking a daily mile over the course of the school day. I'm pleased to report that BPS are ahead of the game on this, as Mrs Lanceley introduced this across the school last term. It has had an extremely positive impact, and we have seen benefits in children's learning and well-being. It has increased levels of concentration, as children are not sitting for long periods of time. Getting outside and exercising has helped release those endorphins and as such, we have seen a huge, positive change in children's behaviour and attitudes to learning.

And finally...disco news! Tickets now on sale at the hatch (but not on a Wednesday!)



Keep your fingers crossed for sunshine for Sports day this month on Thursday 24th!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Robbins'.

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary



