

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



If children are happy, they will achieve!

Wednesday 6th June



Welcome back everyone to the final term, which looks set to be another busy one indeed! We have lots planned, and the whole school are kicking off a mini project on Monday based on the story 'The day the crayons quit!' The staff have been busy planning exciting learning opportunities, and will be launching the topic during Monday's assembly! I can't say too much, as don't want to give it all away, but on Friday 29th, the children will be invited to wear a colour of their choice to school for the day! Pop it in the diary, and check the blogs over the next 2 weeks to see what's happening!



Whilst the children were enjoying some extra time off on Monday, the staff had a long day of incredible training on 'emotion coaching' with Dan O' Hare, who is an educational psychologist, looking at ways to help children (and adults!) deal with their feelings in a calm, positive way. We have all agreed to incorporate emotion coaching into our school ethos, and as such, shall be adapting our whole school behaviour policy to reflect this. I shall keep you updated on all future developments.



The swimming pool is now ready for action, thanks to the 'BEST' committee who work hard all year to keep our community pool running. The staff spent a day in the pool on Tuesday for essential water safety skills, and I'm delighted to say, they passed their examinations with flying colours! We hope to start lessons on Monday 11th June, but we are currently short of parent helpers. We need essential 'eyes around the pool' to ensure all children are safe. 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, or pop in to the main office. Swimming sessions will be every afternoon, and all day Tuesdays. Unfortunately, very few payments have been made on parentpay for swimming, so please ensure this is paid asap. The swimming pool is a community pool (it is not Berkeley Primary's pool), and as such, we must pay our contribution to ensure our pupils can utilise this excellent resource we are lucky to have on site. A timetable for swimming can be found on the bottom of this letter. If we get enough support, lessons shall begin next week. Thank you.



Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school on their day. A reminder on swim kit for you all (as the Y6 girls have some fashion queries!) that no bikinis or tankinis are permitted for swimming lessons. Girls must have swimming costumes and boys are to wear swimming trunks/shorts (not long board shorts please). Goggles and swimming hats are optional. All children need some flip flops/crocs or similar for walking to and from the pool. I would encourage you to pack something warm for them to put on afterwards, such as a dressing gown or warm jumper and a snack, as swimming makes them very peckish!



We have so much going on this term, with sports day tomorrow (same times as before), camps, trips, plays etc, please ensure you check the diary events on our website www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk to make sure you don't miss out. Unfortunately, due to lack of demand, we are having to cancel our carboot sale on June 16th. Perhaps we will try again another time. The **school disco on July 13th** is still very much on, so make sure you grab your tickets from the main office!



On the last day of term in May, we had an extremely high number of children being taken out of school at various times of the day to go on holiday and/or to fit in with siblings in secondary schools. As you can imagine, this not only disrupts the learning in school, but it also puts an added strain on the office staff, having to collect and deliver children from their lessons. In future, if you have to do this, we kindly ask that you arrange in advance with class teachers for children to be collected at either **12:15pm** (the end of morning session) or **1:15pm** (the start of afternoon session). This will minimise disruption for all concerned. Thank you.



We welcome a new member of staff this term: Kerry Williams has been appointed as our new pre-school leader in Little Jesters. She had a whirlwind start, by being thrown in at the deep end (literally) during water safety training, so has got to know many of the staff already. Please say hello if you see her and give her a warm Berkeley welcome.



And finally, the PTA have been VERY generous and have bought Leavers Hoodies for our Y6 pupils! We took great delight in presenting these to them today, rather than leave it until they go in July! This is so that they can wear them in school (if not too hot!) and also take them on camp at the end of June! The children have been so grateful and many have thanked members of our PTA personally already. Thank you to Nicola Clark-Smith and all the fabulous PTA. The children and staff love the hoodies, and they are a great keepsake for them to remember their time at BPS.



COMING SOON: Watch this space for some swish new PE kit for staff and some new tournament kit for the pupils too! We managed to bag a sponsorship deal with 'Class People' who recruit teachers, to pay for half of it too! Result!

Enjoy the sunshine, and keep your fingers crossed it stays dry tomorrow! We look forward to seeing you all on the field for sports day!

Swimming Timetable

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary

Monday	Y5
Tuesday	LJ's, Reception, Y1
Wednesday	Y2
Thursday	Y4, Y6
Friday	Y3