

# BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*If children are happy, they will achieve!*



## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018



**BABY NEWS:** Some lovely news to report, if you haven't already heard. Two of our Berkeley babies have arrived! Mrs Baker and Mr Clarke have both had baby girls in the last two weeks. Daisy Baker and Beatrix Clarke are both loving life in their new families and understandably, their parents are smitten. Just Mrs Franklin to go now!



**LOST PROPERTY:** Our lost property basket is overflowing, and has been for some time. Mrs Fryer will be putting all items out on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June in the parent shelter from 3pm after school. Please take a look to see if any items belong to your children. Any items left over will be added to a 'uniform sale' of £1 per item on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June after school. Thank you



**DISTRICT SPORTS:** The children did Berkeley proud yet again at this year's annual competition with other schools in the district. The competition was extremely strong, but our children were seldom off the winner's podium, proudly 'flossing' away in a victory dance. We achieved a record number of Gold, Silver and Bronze awards this year, and the children were incredible! Team spirit is always high with Berkeley, and we did not fail to disappoint this year...we have retained our title as the 'loudest school' with all the cheers of encouragement for each other. Well done everyone, and thank you to all the parents who came along to support this event!



**NEW KIT:** The children were sporting Berkeley's brand new kit last week for District sports, and they looked amazing! Staff from other schools all commented on how slick it looked, and it certainly helped Berkeley stand out from the crowd. The staff are also enjoying their new kit, with the colour scheme chosen by our male teachers...very 'Jack Wills-esque!' With funding not at its best in education, we were thrilled to gain a sponsor for this kit in Class People. This is a recruitment company for teaching, who many of our staff have come through. This is the first time Berkeley has had new kit in over 14 years! If you still have kit at home, please return it washed to your child's class teacher.



**SWIMMING:** We are so lucky to have a pool onsite to utilise for our swimming lessons. Children have enjoyed their first week, with essential water safety skills being taught. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parent helpers who volunteer their time to help with swimming. Your help means that we can run lessons in our very own LIDO! Thank you!



**SCHOOL-RUN SAFETY:** We are seeing several children leave their parents/carers before and after school to run off and play with friends in the playground. This has, and can result in children being unsupervised whilst parents/carers are distracted and therefore, accidents have occurred. Please **do not** let your children out of your sight during these times. Your children are **your** responsibility outside of school hours, and as such, we expect you to keep them with you until you either see them into class in the morning, or leave the playground at the end of the day. Balls and bikes/wheeled toys are not permitted during these times. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.



**DISCO TICKETS:** Although Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> seems a long way off, it will come round soon enough! Please purchase your children's disco tickets at the main office asap if you would like them to attend. Parents do not need to stay during the disco as staff and PTA will cover all supervision, so it might be a chance for you to get a break on a Friday evening!



**CRAYON DAY:** The children have been doing various, exciting lessons this week, based on their Crayon whole school topic (and also some World cup lesson opportunities too!). There has been some incredible artwork, letter writing and even learning about perceptions through an understanding of what it's like to be colour blind! All children are invited to dress in their favourite colour on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, to fill the school with colour, and aid learning in PSHE and how colours can change your moods and feelings. Pop it on your calendars and let's fill Berkeley with a cacophony of colour!



**STAFFING NEWS:** This term, we say a very sad farewell to Mrs Hull, who is leaving to fulfil family commitments in July. Mrs Hull has been such an incredible asset to Berkeley, and has made such a positive difference to many children's learning opportunities during her time here. Thank you Mrs Hull, but I am leaving the door open! You will be missed massively! We also say farewell to Mrs Hargreaves, who is an absolute legend! Mrs Hargreaves is a teacher, who has been working as a Teaching partner to support the maths learning with our children across the school. She will be hugely missed, but is off to enjoy retirement, doing what she loves best, riding her horses. Thank you Mrs Hargreaves for everything you have given to the children and staff at Berkeley!



We recruited two new Teaching partners this week! Mrs Nightingale will be joining the children in class 2 this term, and will be following them up during their transition into Year 3. Mrs Young will be joining us in KS2 in September. Welcome to the team!



**WEBSITE & HOLIDAYS:** Please check our website regularly, as all diary dates are published for you there. The home page also flags up upcoming events for your information. Take some time to have a look at the blogs to see what your children have been learning in school...it will help with those 'can't remember' conversation stoppers you may have when you ask them about their day! Term dates for 2018/19 are available too. Please ensure you book holidays around term dates published. We have had a high number of children absent from school this term due to holidays. I attach the GCC penalty leaflets for taking holidays during term time for your information. The link to our website is [www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk](http://www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk)

Enjoy the sunshine!

Yours sincerely



Miss Robbins and the team at Berkeley Primary School