



## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017



Have you booked your places for Holiday Club?



Our Explorers Holiday Club **will** be open during the February half term from Monday to Thursday. If you would like to make use of the club, forms can be collected from the office or downloaded from the Explorers page on the school website. Please return completed forms ASAP.



Once again this year, we will be holding our ever popular Book Fair. This year the fair will be held from the 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February. Every child is entitled to a £1 off voucher, which can be used at our Book Fair or in any participating bookshop. We will be sending vouchers home next week. Please take care not to lose them as we only have 1 per child. If you are able to spare 30 – 45 minutes after school to help us with the running of the fair, we would love to hear from you. Thank you.



I am sure you will agree that it is important that we teach the children how to take pride in their appearance and the school that they represent. For these reasons I am afraid that I must draw your attention to our School Uniform Policy. The vast majority of the time the children look smart. However, children are not always wearing the school tie. We have introduced the clip on style to help particularly the younger children to dress themselves and present themselves well. Please support your child by ensuring that;

- their top shirt button is fastened
- they have on a tie correctly fastened and positioned.
- their sweatshirts/ cardigans are clean and look smart
- shirts are tucked in and their sweatshirt/cardigan is long enough to cover the top of their skirt/trousers so that the shirt does not escape
- no jewellery except small studs in pierced ears
- no make-up (including nail varnish)
- socks are white, grey or dark green
- shoes are black school shoes and not black trainers

Please could I also request that the current trend of large bows is kept for out of school. As popular as they are, they do not come in subtle colours or fit with the school uniform image of being smart. Thank you for your support in helping the children to take pride in themselves and their school.



As you know, PE is part of the Curriculum and our lessons are held both inside and out. Please ensure that your child has warm clothing to wear (tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt etc.) during outdoor PE lessons. Thank you.



We have noticed that some of the children are eating the same thing for lunch every day. The menu has been designed to offer a variety of nutritious and tasty options. Please encourage your child to try something different.



We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Sears who will be leaving us after the half term break. Mrs Sears has been a wonderful addition to our Reception team and she will be greatly missed by staff and children alike. Mrs Nadin has also decided to move on and up until Easter her days will be covered by Mr Oram in Reception on Tuesdays and Mr Finn in Years 4, 3 & 1 on Wednesdays. Mr Oram is an Early Years Specialist and has already spent time with the

class and Mr Finn has been a regular supply teacher at the school for many years and is well known by all the children in the school. We are currently in the process of recruiting permanent replacements for both roles and will keep you informed. In the meantime I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Sears and Mrs Nadin the very best for the future.

Although May seems a long way off, here in school we are already busy preparing for the 'exam season'. Please be aware that the Year 6 tests (formerly known as SATs) will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May. It is imperative that all children are in school this week and we would therefore ask that you avoid booking any appointments that are not urgent. In addition to the Year 6 tests, our KS1 children will be tested throughout May and Phonics screening for Year 1 will take place w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June. Again, please avoid any unnecessary absences during these periods. Thank you for your co-operation.



Our caterers have asked us to update records of any allergies the children have. If your child has an allergy (even if you have already informed us) please pop into the office and pick up a form to complete. We will then pass this onto the kitchen for their records.

And finally, have you signed up for our very special 'Nightrider' event yet? Help us to put Berkeley on the map and raise funds for 3 charities that are at the heart of our community. You can find more information on the Nightrider Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/berkeleynightrider/>



Best regards

Debbie Marklove and staff

### Diary Dates

February 10<sup>th</sup> – Finish for Half Term  
February 20<sup>th</sup> – Return to school  
February 20<sup>th</sup> – Book Fair starts  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – Dance Festival Cheltenham – Year 5  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> – KS2 Literacy Parents Evening – 1.30 – 7.00pm  
March 9<sup>th</sup> – KS2 – Maths Parents Evening – 1.30 - 7.00pm  
March 10<sup>th</sup> – Mock Magistrates Trials – Year 5 & 6  
March 10<sup>th</sup> – Reception WOW Event 2.00pm  
March 13<sup>th</sup> – Little Jesters Parents Evening – 3.30-6.30pm  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 & 4 Rugby at Dursley Primary  
March 15<sup>th</sup> – Reception & KS1 Parents Evening 1.30 – 7.00pm  
March 20<sup>th</sup> – Science Day – Whole School  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Class 1 WOW Assembly – 9.15am  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception Trip to Puzzlewood  
March 31<sup>st</sup> – Clubs finish  
April 5<sup>th</sup> – Hockey @ Rednock – KS2  
April 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 & 4 WOW Afternoon  
April 7<sup>th</sup> – Finish for Easter