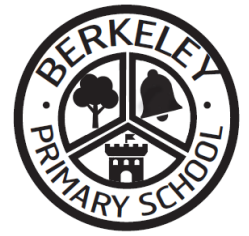


BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 26th March 2018



HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!



Firstly, we would like to thank you all for your understanding during our recent unplanned, but unavoidable closures. We hope you managed to enjoy the snow and some bonus family time.



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Hopefully you will all have seen the article in the Gazette recently about our fantastic achievement in KS2 Maths last year. 100% of our children reached or exceeded the expected standard, placing Berkeley Primary in the top 1% of schools in England! A huge well done to the children and staff both past and present. You can read the whole article along with the letter from the Department for Education on our website.



Some year 3/4 children took part in a rugby festival at Dursley last week, showing some brilliant rugby skills. The first two games were drawn 4-4. Unfortunately, we lost the next game 6-2, but showed great improvement in the last game...winning 8-3. The level of skill and commitment shown by the children was amazing! As always, we thank the parents for lifts and more crucially their support!



We have noticed a little slip in the standard of dress lately. We are very proud of our uniform and so many people comment on how smart the children look when they come to school. We would like to remind you that leggings are not part of the school uniform: girls should wear grey/black skirt, pinafore or trousers. Ties must be worn with shirts, which should be tucked in please.



We have had a bit of a re-vamp in the hall, adding a splash of colour to the front wall. We are excited that our new School Vision Statement will soon be proudly displayed on this wall and as soon as it is in place, we would love you all to come and take a look.



Please look out for Sponsor forms for #run4mums. Unfortunately only 1 per family were sent out last week, so extras have been sent out today. Our Little Jesters and infants have been out on the field 'running for Mums' this afternoon to help raise money whilst keeping fit. Thank you so much to all the money already sent in, which shall be split between the charities.

I Love my Job

You may have heard the news that I have been officially appointed as Headteacher with immediate effect. It was a rigorous, gruelling interview process over two days, but also very thorough. It included tasks that were highly beneficial to help me develop teaching and learning across the school. The best part was being interviewed by the children from our school council; they were so professional and slightly nervous too! Thank you all so very much for your unwavering support and congratulations. I am thrilled to be leading the school I know and love!



This week we have some WOW days (the webcam isn't our friend at the moment!), an Easter egg hunt for the children, visits to the church for LKS2 and the small task of running a collective marathon for #runformums! A quiet end to the Spring term then!



The fabulous Open the Book team from St. Mary's church, come into the school each week to deliver assemblies to the children based on stories from the bible. Every December, our KS2 children visit the church where they are invited to 'Experience Christmas', and this week Years 3 & 4 will be visiting the church to 'Experience Easter'. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Open the Book team who give up their time so freely to enhance the learning of our children. We would also like to wish a fond farewell to Reverend and Mrs Avery who are leaving our community for pastures new. We are sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best for the future.



We have successfully appointed a new School Business Manager, Mrs Rachael Stewart, who will start with us after Easter. We are sure you will all make her feel welcome, and offer patience whilst she learns the ropes! Mrs Palmer has been temporarily covering this role, alongside her many roles, and can now return to her beloved front office. These changes do mean that we are saying Goodbye to Mrs Rymer who has been covering Mrs Palmer's job in the front office for some time now. Mrs Rymer has done a sterling job for us, and we all wish her every happiness and offer our gratitude for her sterling job and smiley face!



Please remember that Thursday 29th March is an INSET day. All staff will be in school as we have Child Protection training. Have a wonderful Easter break everyone.

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all staff at Berkeley

