

# BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



*If children are happy, they will achieve!*

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

 It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of our first term already. So much learning has been packed in, and the children have settled into their new classes. Reception seem like they have been here forever; full of confidence and a love of learning! Next week, the children will be learning all about Harvest, with a focus on learning about food around the world and also famine and deprivation, globally. The teachers have planned in learning for their children, but we are asking all children to bring in a non-perishable item (s) of food to donate on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October** please. We will be donating these to the Stroud food bank, which the children will be learning about so they can understand how their contributions will make a difference to the lives of others. Thank you.

 **Vacancies:** Can you help make sure children have happy lunchtimes? We are looking for two people who enjoy working and interacting with children to make sure that they do! We are looking for friendly, dedicated and enthusiastic lunchtime supervisors to join our team. This is an ideal role for anyone of limited schedule that has experience in a school environment and has a passion for working with children. Monday - Friday, long term role. To apply for this role, or for further information, please contact us at [vacancies@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:vacancies@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk) or visit us at <http://www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk/>

 **Bus Opening:** Refurbishments are almost complete for Bertie the bus, and so we are gearing up for a Grand opening after half term. To celebrate our new bus, we will be having aerial photographs of the children sporting the colours of the rainbow. Therefore, on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**, we are asking all children to wear tops in a specific colour. Each class has been assigned a colour as follows: **Reception: Red, Year 1: Orange, Year 2: Yellow, Year 3: Green, Y4: light blue, Year 5: Indigo, Y6: Violet.** The day shall all be about celebrating reading! Watch this space!

 **Staff leaving:** Sadly, we say Goodbye to the legendary Miss Mundy this term. Miss Mundy has been spreading her 'Mundy Magic' here at Berkeley since 2004 and has enhanced the lives of children and adults during her time here with her infectious personality, and her ability to understand children's needs and quirks so perfectly. We wish Miss Mundy every success for her next chapter, as she makes a geographical and career move. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Hunt, who has formed such wonderful foundations for children here at Berkeley for many years in Little Jesters, and in the previous playgroup. The children, staff and families shall miss her a great deal, and we wish her every happiness in this progression in her career. Thank you to both of you, and good luck!

 **BEST news:** I have been asked by BEST to highlight a fundraising event tonight to raise money for Berkeley Swimming pool. Please support them if you can, as the committee work so hard to keep the community pool open, and our children benefit each summer with swimming lessons too. It's not too late to grab a ticket or two for tonight if you fancy a night of dancing with friends...

***Come and join us for a night of live music from ABBA's Angels. A fantastic tribute band coming to Hamfields Leisure on Friday 12th October at 19.30 pm. Tickets are only £12 and all proceeds are going towards the refurbishing of our swimming pool. Tickets are available from Hamfields Leisure or via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/abbasangels](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/abbasangels)***



**Term dates for 2019/20** have been posted on our website. Please book any holidays during school holidays. Gloucestershire County Council will be notified of any holidays booked during term time, which could result in a penalty fine. Thank you.



**Parents' evenings: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October** is our first parents evening for **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils**. This will run from 1:30pm-7:30pm in the main hall. A text has been sent to you to book in your time using our electronic booking system. If you have not received a text, please see Mrs Goodall in the school office to arrange your time. Thank you. **KS2 parents' evening** date has changed to **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** (it was on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, but has changed due to prior staff commitments) and will run using the same format as the EYFS and KS1. KS2 parents will be sent a text on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November in order for you to make your bookings. This parents' evening will be to discuss how your child has settled into their new year groups, and to discuss any progress points, both emotionally and academically.



**Peer to peer news:** Mrs Houser introduced the peer-to-peer club last year at Berkeley. The club consists of Y5 & Y6 pupils learning about diversity, leadership and communication skills. They have the opportunity to practise these skills when they volunteer half an hour of their lunch hour every fortnight to support a younger child with additional needs. They also perform an assembly to the school in April for Autism awareness month. Mrs Houser and all the staff here are extremely proud of the children who have committed over the past year, and are keen to continue. Their Makaton skills have improved too. This club is wonderful, teaching children life skills which are transferable in the diverse world they are growing up in. New pupils are currently being recruited in Y5 this year. Well done to all the children, and thank you to Mrs Houser for bringing such a valuable life learning experience to our pupils.



**Community news:** Mike Trebble delivered an assembly this week to launch a competition in conjunction with the police and the town council. Children have been challenged to design a road safety poster to encourage drivers to 'slow down' and drive carefully through Berkeley town. There will be 2-4 winning designs, which will then be made into road signs in Berkeley for traffic control. Your child's artwork could save lives! Entries must be handed in to the main office by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November**. The winners will be announced on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.



And the winner is **GREEN!** Well done to the children in **Fitzharding** who get a morning of activity with the climbing wall team as a treat for their hard work and good behaviour this term next Friday morning! Congratulations! They will need PE kit, trainers & outdoor clothing.

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary



Ps. please use our new post-box outside the main reception for any paperwork that does not require a visit to the hatch. Thank you.



Please bring me in on Monday..

