



Friday 23rd November



Sporting News: On the 14th November, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls went to Rednock to compete in a football tournament. After tough competition, and plenty of close moments, the girls won one game, drew one game and lost one game. This meant that they came second in their group and third overall. The girls tried their best, even if a few were scared of the ball. Well done girls! On the 21st November, some boys were picked for a football tournament, which took place at Rednock School. It was an opportunity for Year 5 and Year 6 to highlight their football talent. The boys won all of their games except for the last one, which was a 1-1 draw, even after extra time. This meant that they went to penalties. Unfortunately, the boys lost on penalties with the final score being 3-2. I know the boys were all disappointed but they did Berkeley proud! Fabulous children indeed! 😊



Uniform: The winter season is setting in fast. We are officially declaring winter uniform rules for Y1-Y6. With the exception of Reception children, all pupils must be in winter uniform, which includes a shirt and tie. Please also ensure your child has a warm coat, as a number of children are still coming to school without a coat. We do understand that uniform items can be lost from time to time. Should this be the case, please write a note to the class teachers to inform them.



Snow days: There have been sightings; flickers of snow/hope have filled children's heads with the possibility of snow days ahead! 😊 All schools are issued with warnings as and when a potential closure may occur. Berkeley act fast in these situations to ensure families can make the necessary arrangements, and wherever possible, will give 24 hours notice of a snow closure. In the event of a closure, parents will be text, and an alert banner will be added to the school website. I do not think snow is imminent, but with the great British weather, you never know what's around the corner. Please make sure the office have your updated mobile numbers, and also, please let them know if you are not receiving text messages for any reason so that we can rectify this.



ParentPay: Y4 and Y6 camp may seem a long way off, but we have set up a system on parentpay to help you spread the cost. You can pay in instalments from as little as £10. Perhaps it's a good incentive to get your little angels to help with chores to pay for their camp?! If you wish to discuss payments, please come and see our school business manager, Mrs Stewart, who will be happy to help you. We kindly ask that you ensure your payments for school meals are always in credit. Thank you.



Information, Newsletters & Letters

Please note: Our newsletters are made available in **Adobe pdf** form.

Parent Information



Curriculum News: As well as the class blogs and pages, take a look at our new **Subject Snapshots** in the Parent Section on our website. www.berkeley.gloucs.org.uk which can also be found under **Curriculum News** in each of the class pages for the children. These provide just what the title suggests, an insight into the range of learning across the school in different subject areas. We will add to these each term. Might help with those "I can't remember" comments from children about what they do all day in school! Enjoy!



Community Links: As you know, we work closely with St Marys in Berkeley, and shall be holding our annual Christmas KS2 concert there on Wednesday 12th December. They would also like us to highlight other Christmas activities available for families –

- ♥ Messy Church at 11.00am on 2nd December
- ♥ Christingle service at 11.00am on Sunday 16th December
- ♥ Crib service at 3pm on Christmas Eve followed by a bring and share tea
- ♥ Family Christmas Carols at 10.30am on Christmas Day



Christmas dates/happenings: So much is happening over the next few weeks, with the run up to Christmas being a busy, but extremely magical time of year in school. The PTA are running another Christmas Movie night, which is always popular. Please see the attached flyer for further details. We have been asked by Sharpness and Berkeley community to provide a Christmas themed window display for the Community Nativity Windows. We are delighted to be taking part, and shall be lighting up our children's masterpiece on the same night as the Movie night for all to see! Please check our website regularly for dates and information. I have copied the main dates for your diaries below:

Wednesday 5th December: PTA Christmas film night/Nativity Window

Wednesday 12th December - KS2 Christmas Concert 6:00pm

***Thursday 13th December – Choir, bell ringers and recorders to perform at the Jenner museum
6:30pm***

Monday 17th December - EYFS Christmas Show 9:45am & 6pm

Tuesday 18th December - KS1 Christmas Show 9:45am & 6pm

Wednesday 19th December - Christmas dinner and Jumper Day - Last day of term



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, both with the main school and with our Little Jesters. 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 or visit us at <http://www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk/>



Procedure for queries/concerns: If you wish to contact any member of school staff, please do so through the official channels. Our school telephone number is 01453 810254 open from 8:30am - 3:30pm. The office email address is admin@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk where all messages will be passed on and you should receive a response within 48 working hours. Please do not contact staff through any other email address, as our main system provides efficiency and monitoring to ensure all concerns are addressed. Class teachers are available at the end of every school day, should you wish to speak with them. If you need further support/information, please request an appointment with the Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Vizard with the school office. Mrs Vizard is available on Friday afternoons. Mrs Williams, our school Inclusion Manager is also available to meet with parents between 1:30pm-3:15pm every Friday if you have any concerns about your child (ren) whether academically or emotionally. She has a wealth of experience, and works with a plethora of outside agencies to support children and families. Again, please contact the main office for all appointments. We kindly ask that you could please respect staff well-being and do not contact staff directly outside of working hours using any other methods of contact. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary