

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



If children are happy, they will achieve!

Wednesday 16th October



David Drew came to visit this week to look at the wonderful art work produced across the school. He was most impressed and remarked on how articulate our children were and how they talked with pride about their learning. He noted how happy the children at Berkeley are and how lucky they were with all the opportunities provided. The children enjoyed his visit, which sparked a curious discussion about Brexit in Year 5!



Please be reminded that we operate a strict 'No Nuts' Policy in school as we have pupils with severe nut allergies. We ask all parents to ensure NO NUTS are brought into school and that they check items before putting them into lunch boxes or items sent in for snacks. We would also ask that parents ensure their children wash their hands and swill their mouths if they have any nut products before school. Thank you.



We are looking to update our logo for September 2020 and held an assembly recently to encourage the children to give us their ideas. It has been wonderful to see so many designs coming in from the children, and we would like to extend the invite to contribute to the design to all stakeholders. If you would like the opportunity for your design to become part of the future logo, please send it into the school office with your name and your child's name by Thursday 20th December. Thank you.



Please can all parents be reminded that if your child is going to be absent from school you must notify the school on the first day of an unplanned absence. For example, if your child is unable to attend due to ill health, by 9.00am or as soon as practically possible. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils. Thank you.



Well done to all our runners who took part in the Cross Country at KLB on Saturday. Mrs Combes was there to lead the group and was extremely proud of you all. Future Cross Country Dates for KS2 children are: November 9th, December 7th, January 11th. All at KLB 9:30am for 10am start.



You will remember from the last newsletter that our new sports specialist Rhian has been doing inter-house tournaments every Friday afternoon, starting with the KS2 children. They began with a Tag Rugby Tournament which was a close competition but saw Jenner as the winners. Tyndale then went on to win the Football Tournament and it's currently anyone's game in the current Archery tournament! The children are really enjoying developing their skills in all the different areas of sport.



The winter season is fast approaching, therefore winter uniform rules for Y1-Y6 will be in place from 5th November 2019. With the exception of Reception children (who are wearing polo shirts this term), all pupils must be in winter uniform, which includes a shirt and tie. Please also ensure your child has a warm coat. Please find attached a copy of the uniform policy.

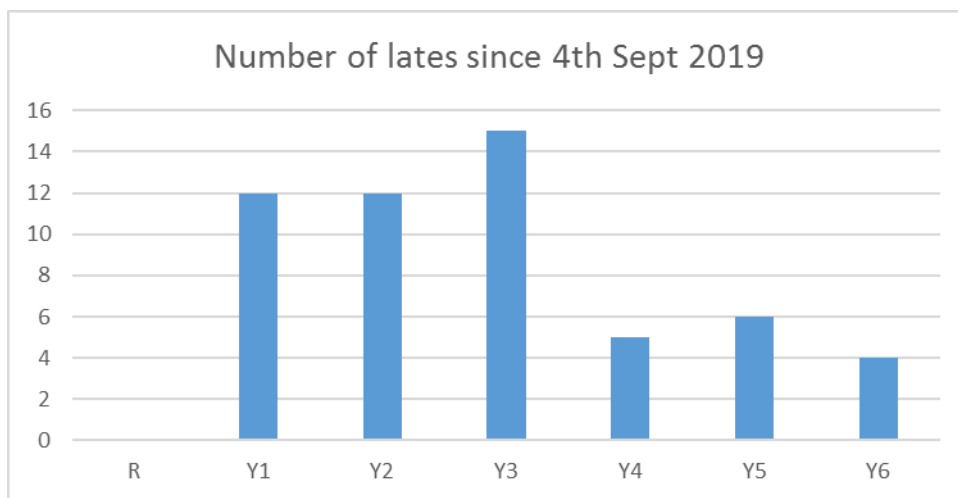


On Thursday 26th September we held the most successful Reception coffee morning to date (where the webcam and sound actually worked) and it was wonderful to see so many families attending. So many parents commented on how confident, happy and settled their children are in Reception. It was a joy to see.

All parents should have received the invitation to book an appointment for Parents Evening via email or text. Parent Evening is being held on Thursday 24th October. If you have not received a text or email please contact the school office. Please also be reminded that these appointments are 10 minutes long so if you feel you need to have a more in-depth meeting with your child's teacher then please contact the office to arrange a convenient time. If you have met with your child's teacher recently you may feel that an appointment is not necessary.



Please can all parents be reminded that the doors are now open at 8:40am and the gates will be locked at 8:55am. Over the last couple of weeks, there has been a large increase in the numbers of children arriving late for school. When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel anxious arriving to the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the office staff, the entire class and the teacher. The graph below shows the number of lates in each year group since the start of the term. Please ensure your children are in school by 8:55am at the latest. Arrivals after this time are recorded as 'unauthorised'.



May we take this opportunity to thank to all of you who have been keeping your ParentPay accounts in credit, it is very much appreciated. It is important that if you would like your child to have school dinner or use Explorers, your account **must** be in credit. We do not operate a 'buy now, pay later' scheme and would be grateful if you could please check your accounts prior to the start of next term to ensure they are in credit before any lunches are ordered or Explorers places booked. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this please contact the School Business Manager Rachael Stewart at rstewart@berkeley.gloucs.sch.uk. Many thanks



Are you worried about your child's mental health, emotional well-being or behaviour?

Parenting can be hugely rewarding, it can also be really hard work especially if your child is unhappy or you are worried about them.

You're not alone. If your child is age 0-25 and lives in Gloucestershire, drop-in to our free, anonymous, confidential helpline during our open hours and talk to one of our trained parent support advisers. We care, we won't judge, and we will take you seriously.

The Parent Support and Advice line is a drop-in service.

Choose how you contact us!

Freephone 0800 6525675 or use the Parent Support Online-chat button at the bottom of the Tic+ web page.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor which we would like to fill as soon as possible. Parent governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing body. Please see the recent email sent giving you information on what the role involves. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please ask the School Office for a Nomination Form (self-nomination is acceptable) and return the completed Nomination Form to the School Office by 12.00 noon on Thursday, 24th October 2019.





Please could all children bring a bulb to school on Tuesday 22nd October. The children will all be planting their bulbs in the large planters at the front of the school. We are hoping to create a beautiful Spring surprise with lots of different flowers and colours. Thank you.

Annual Dates for Berkeley Primary School 2019-2020

Date	Event
Any event highlighted in blue indicated opportunities for parental involvement. Please add these dates to your calendars.	
Thursday 24 th October	TREAT DAY 1 for winning House
Thursday 24 th October	Parents' evening YR-Y6 1:30-7:30pm
Friday 25 th October	INSET DAY
End of term Thursday 24th October Term 2 begins Tuesday 5th November	
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th November	Children start back at school
Tuesday 5 th November	After school clubs start (7 weeks)
Thursday 14 th November	Little Jesters Parents Evening
Friday 15 th November	Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6
Monday 2 nd December	Reception Wow afternoon for parents 2pm
Wednesday 4 th December	Little Jesters Christmas Crafts with parents 1:30pm
Thursday 5 th December	Y3 & 4 Wow afternoon for parents 2pm
Friday 6 th December	Y1 & Y2 WoW afternoon for parents 2pm
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS (Little Jesters & Reception) Christmas play 4:30-5.15pm
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Play 5:30-6:30pm
Monday 16 th December	Y5 & Y6 Wow afternoon for parents 2pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th December (DATE CHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AS ABOVE)	Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December	Treat Day 2 for winning House
Friday 20 th December	KS2 Family Carols around the tree 5:00-6:00pm
Friday 20th December – Last day of the Autumn term Tuesday 7th January– Children start back for the Spring term	
Monday 6 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th January	Children start back at school
Tuesday 7 th January	After school clubs start (6 weeks)
Tuesday 14 th January	Maths event for Parents 2-3pm 5-6pm
Friday 14 th February	Treat day 3 for winning House
Friday 14th February- Last day of term Monday 24th February- Spring 2 begins.	
Monday 24 th February	Children start back at school
Monday 24 th February	After school clubs start (6 weeks)
Monday 24 th February	Book Fair 3.30pm-4:00pm all week
Thursday 5 th March	Parents' Evening 1:30pm-7:30pm
Friday 3 rd April	Treat Day 4 for winning house
Friday 3rd April- Last day of term Monday 20th April- Summer term begins	
Monday 20 th April	Children start back at school
Monday 20 th April	After school clubs start (5 week term)

Friday 8 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 11 th May	SATS and whole school assessment week. Brain foods, early nights and no appointments that week please.
Friday 15 th May	Mindfulness Day
Friday 22 nd May	Treat Day 5 for winning house
Friday 22nd May – last day of term Monday 1st June –Summer 2 begins	
Monday 1 st June	Children start back at school
Monday 1 st June	After school clubs start (6 weeks)
Friday 19 th June-Monday 22 nd June	Y6 CAMP
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y6 children day off school to recuperate
Monday 29 th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 30 th June	Children start back at school
Friday 3 rd July	Swim Galas KS2 AM/ KS1 PM
Thursday 9 th July	Sports Day KS2 9:15am
Friday 10 th July	Sports Day KS1 9:15am
Wednesday 15 th July	The Berkeley Musical (TBC) 7pm
Thursday 16 th July	Treat day 6 for winning house
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 Production 6pm
Friday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly 10am
Monday 20 th July	INSET DAY
Friday 17th July –End of term	

Yours sincerely



Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary





Uniform

WINTER UNIFORM

GIRLS Grey or black skirt/culottes/pinafore/trousers
Bottle green cardigan/jumper – optional school fleece for outdoor wear
White shirt
School tie
Green/grey/white tights/socks

BOYS Grey/black trousers
Bottle green jumper – optional school fleece for outdoor wear
White shirt
School tie
Grey/white socks

**BLACK SCHOOL SHOES TO BE WORN – NO TRAINERS PLEASE
SHOWERPROOF COAT (DARKER COLOUR IF POSSIBLE)**

SUMMER UNIFORM

GIRLS Either grey or black skirt/culottes/pinafore
White blouse or polo shirt (tie need **NOT** be worn)
OR
Green and white dress

BOYS Winter uniform
OR
White polo shirt (tie need **NOT** be worn)
Optional grey/black shorts (**NOT** PE shorts)

PLEASE NOTE: OPEN TOED SANDALS MUST NOT BE WORN

PE KIT

Navy/Black/Dark Green Tracksuit
Aertex short sleeved shirt (with collar) with the colour of their house
Black PE shorts/skorts
Trainers (no daps please)

**TO BE KEPT IN A PE BAG – CLEARLY LABELLED
PLEASE KEEP PE KIT IN SCHOOL AT ALL TIMES**

SWIMMING KIT

Swimming trunks/shorts (not Bermuda/board shorts) – Swimming costume (not bikinis or tankinis)
Swimming towel, goggles (if preferred)

ALL CLOTHES MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED

JEWELLERY

Plain studs may be worn if you child has pierced ears and a watch may also be worn. No other jewellery is permitted.

Children will also need an overall or old shirt for art and craft lessons