

# BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020



Berkeley Primary School will be celebrating World Book Week on 24<sup>th</sup> February-28<sup>th</sup> February. This week will be all about the joy of reading. The children be read to, read with and have the chance to share stories with peers and other classes. Teachers are busy planning some memorable reading moments and finding ideas to launch our next class texts! This is set to be a fantastic week to look forward to after half term. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Following recent talks with children about their reading, we have listened to their requests for some more books to read as the children progress higher through the book bands. We were running incredibly low on Lime and White books, and so I set to work, exploring a plethora of texts and the school have invested in a considerable amount of new, varied texts for the children, both fiction and non-fiction. We have also invested in some more phonetically decodable texts to provide even more range for our early readers in order to help them gain confidence and grow a love of reading. The children all expressed a desire for more 'reading for pleasure' (R4P) time in school, and as such, we have created a rota for them to do just that...on the bus! It is wonderful to see the children exploring books together, and getting immersed in other worlds.



We look forward to launching our next topic after half term though class texts, where we are focusing on 'Aspirations, hopes and dreams' with a whole school topic title of...'When I grow up...' Teachers will be keeping you updated throughout the term via the blog (as always!) and also our new app, MarvellousME.

Earlier this month The Salutation Inn at Ham held their regular 'Locals Behind the Bar' event where they give locals the chance to step behind the Sally bar and see how difficult (or easy) it is to be a bartender after only 15 minutes till training! The locals serve for an hour and a half (from 6pm till 7.30pm) and have the opportunity to collect tips and rattle buckets for the charity of their choice. This month they chose to donate the money to us to develop and improve our outdoor learning area for our Early Years provision and we are thrilled to announce they raised a fantastic £140. Many thanks to all involved. Such kindness and generosity for the children of Berkeley Primary!

As detailed in the last newsletter, after half term, we are launching an exciting new app called 'MarvellousMe' which will improve school communication, giving you regular insight into what your child is learning, and any rewards, certificates, stickers,



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housepoints etc they receive in 'realtime'. Every child has now received a letter with the login details for the app. If you have not received a letter please contact the school office. Today's superhero day and assembly has excited them all, and they are super-pleased to know that parents can 'high-five' their achievements!



On Tuesday, the children took part in 'Safer Internet Day'. The focus in KS2 was giving and receiving permission in different scenarios both online and offline. The children were very knowledgeable in this area and consolidated their understanding by considering how actions online and offline might make others feel. They also talked about gaining permission from Parents/carers and friends before doing something and also about asking parents/adults before giving permission. In KS1, Smartie the Penguin took the children on a story which informed them that a few things may happen on their devices such as an advert pop up, talking to people online and if something has changed e.g. somebody else has used our device and not returned it to its original settings. They also learnt that if someone is talking to them and they either are an unknown person or they are being mean - they should tell an adult and get some help. The key points were... always ask permission (if it is okay) to go online. Once on, always ask an adult to help when faced with questions or choices such as "do you want to buy ... ?" Never give out any personal information; name, age, address, birthday or where you go to school. Have fun...stay safe! Please see the attached leaflets for further information.



After half term, all parents apart from Reception will receive an invitation to book an appointment for Parents Evening via email or text. Parent Evening is being held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 1:30pm – 7:30pm. If you have not received a text or email by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 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. Parents' evenings for Reception will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March to give Mrs Ferris time to settle in. Further information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.



Reception class opened their doors this week, giving families a chance to 'Meet the teacher' and see what the children do all day in school. It was truly fabulous to see so many families in school, with the children literally flying towards them on arrival, eager to show them their classroom and work. Thank you all for coming in; we hope you enjoyed the chance to come in and meet Mrs Ferris. She is super excited for Term 4, and will be coming in over the holidays to get everything ready for the children.



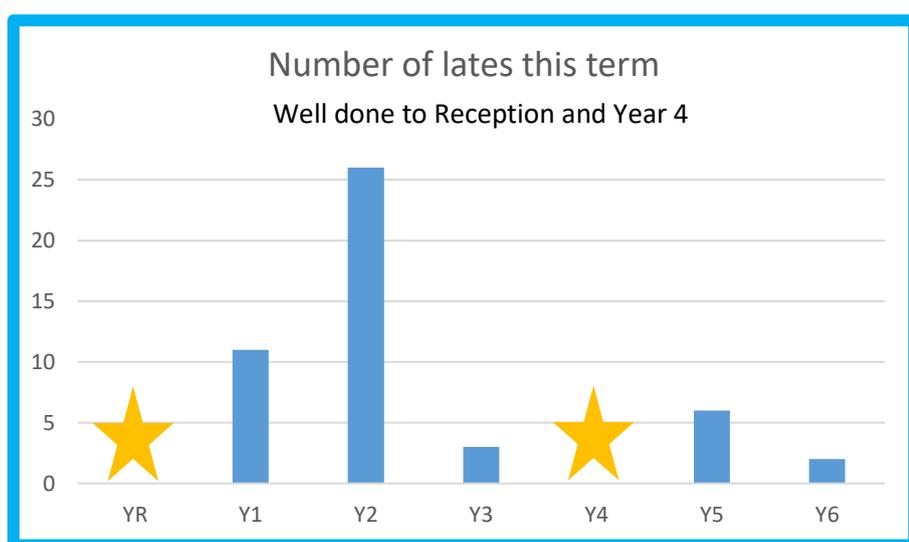
Congratulations to **JENNER** house, and to the Golden Ticket winners this term who have been awarded the treat day to NINJA WARRIOR to reward them for all their hard work and behaviour this term. We even had a Dine and Shine table put forward this term for consistent, exemplary lunchtime behaviour, good manners and kindness. Teamwork makes

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the dream work! We hope they all have a superb time! Also, congratulations to the children who have consistently made it to the 'I stand out' behaviour ladder this term, and therefore entered the raffle for 'Afternoon Tea with the Headteacher'. It's a real highlight of my job to spend time with children, who bring work to share that they are proud of, and have time to talk. Yesterday's afternoon tea was wonderful with 11 children sharing their work with pride! Well done to George C, Archie, Amelia, Frances, Leo, Mason H, Henry V, Owen and Lottie St.



## Upcoming Events

Items highlighted in blue are for parental involvement/action. Other items are for information only.

Date	Event
<b>Any event highlighted in blue indicated opportunities for parental involvement. Please add these dates to your calendars.</b>	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children start back at school
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	After school clubs start (6 weeks)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair 3.15pm-4:00pm all week
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Run4Mums (and Dad)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 1:30pm-7:30pm – Not Reception
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening Reception
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Treat Day 4 for winning house



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

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary

