

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

If children are happy, they will achieve!



Monday 22nd March 2021



It is so lovely to have all our children back, and to try and get back to some sort of normality. It has not been without its trials, with a number of sniffles and colds generated, but with Spring in the air, we are hopeful for happy, sunny, healthy days. Our new teachers have had possibly the strangest induction to teaching at Berkeley Primary ever, and are now loving being with all the children and getting to know the team. It feels very much like they have always been here to be honest, and they've embraced our school ethos here.



Miss Heward: This first term at BPS has been unusual to say the least but still brilliant! I have joined a very supportive team and have been able to teach a very kind and welcoming class. BPS is full of smiling faces which makes each day enjoyable. I am looking forward to enjoying a full summer term with these Year 1s!

Mrs Lawday: Wow, what a term it's been! I have loved becoming part of the fabulous team here at Berkeley. The children have been amazing and the whole team here at Berkeley have made me feel very welcome. It was so lovely finally being able to meet my class in person and put some bodies to their zoom faces! I have loved getting to know my class and I am really looking forward to spending a full summer term with them.



 At the end of this term we see Mrs Lanceley stepping down from her PPA role. This pandemic has affected people in different ways, and Mrs Lanceley needs to spend time now supporting her husband with his business. The door will always stay open for her to return for supply and any sporting projects...she cannot stay away! Whilst we are extremely sad to see her go, our team fully support her decision. She and I have worked together for 13 years, and share such fond memories over the years. I am sure those of you whose children have been taught by her will have many fond memories of their time with her. She's been an outstanding teacher, an inspirational colleague, and an incredible friend. Please join us in showing your gratitude for everything she has brought to Berkeley and wish her and her family every happiness moving forward. Thank you Mrs Lanceley! We love you!

 Fortunately, the timing for Mrs Lanceley's departure coincides with the return of the wonderful Mrs Franklin! After Easter, we welcome back Mrs Franklin for her new beginning again following her maternity leave. She will fulfil the PPA role Mrs Lanceley has been doing, and will be working in year 5 and reception during



the summer term. The children in Year 5 already know Mrs Franklin and are looking forward to her return, as we all are. Welcome back!

We also advertised for some new teaching partners this term, and as such, will be interviewing potential candidates this week. More on this once we have been through the recruitment process.



On Friday we raised a total of £156.10 for Comic relief which is fantastic, and for such a good cause. I don't know if you managed to watch any of the footage on Friday evening, but it was truly touching to see so much kindness in our world. This pandemic has forced so many people to lose their income, meaning we need to help people much closer to home, and every penny helps to support families in need. Thank you so much for your donations.



Last week was Down's Syndrome Awareness week and we invited the children to wear mismatched socks to help raise awareness and change outdated perceptions of Down Syndrome. Lots of children got involved and it was fantastic to see all the different sock combinations! Please can we ask that children now adhere to the school uniform policy and wear either black, grey or white socks. Thank you!



Please make sure your child is wearing PE top in the colour of their house. The house colours are **Jenner – Red Fitzhardinge – Green Moore – Blue Tyndale – Yellow**



Roadworks have begun, and they have installed temporary traffic lights outside school. Please be mindful of this at pick up and drop off times. Ensure you allow an extra 5-10 minutes for this to ensure the least disruption to the school day. Thank you.



Further to the World Book Day newsletter from Mr Chaffey which was sent via Marvellous Me on 1st March, please be reminded you have until Sunday 28th March to save £1 off every £5 order but you must send a message on any of the social media platforms to get the discount. Please see the newsletter for the social media platforms. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday 25 th March	Little Jesters Parents Evening
Tuesday 30 th March	KS2 Parents Evening
Wednesday 31 st March	EYFS & KS1 Parents Evening
Thursday 1 st April	End of term

If you have not yet booked a parents evening appointment and would like to then please contact the school office. Thank you.

With very best wishes

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary