

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



If children are happy, they will achieve!

Friday 30th April



Welcome to the summer term!

Curriculum news



In summer term, we commence new learning with some fresh new topics...

Reception - 'Traditional Tales'
Year 1 - 'The Great Fire of London'
Year 2 - 'Nature Detectives'
Year 3 - 'Dungeons and Dragons'
Year 4 - 'Frightful First World War'
Year 5 - 'Our changing world'
Year 6 - 'Diligent Detectives'

For further information on learning in school, please check the school blogs regularly, and also, check out our subject snapshots our subject leaders create at various points throughout the year to give you further insight into the quality of education here at Berkeley. Staff are currently working hard to adapt their planning to address any gaps identified due to lockdown. Writing across the curriculum will be a big focus this term, to enable the children to progress further and adjust to the expectations for learning in school. Class teachers will send further details on how you can support your children at home with their homework this term, with a specific focus on Spelling, grammar and punctuation (SPAG). Please remember to check out the class topic maps on their pages on our website so you can see what they are learning in school, and the class texts they are reading. Thank you all so much for embracing the new technology with our parents evening last term. We have received such positive feedback from parents and staff, who have all noted how convenient and efficient this system was.

Swimming

We are thrilled to announce that the BEST committee and a group of volunteers have been working really hard to get the pool up and running for the summer. Teachers are all completing a water safety course on Saturday 22nd May allowing them to supervise & teach the children in the pool. As we all know, swimming is a hugely important life skill as well as a fun way to keep fit and we are looking forward to being able to start lessons soon. We will send further details regarding swimming timetables and payment in due course.





Fundraising news

The BFG have some fantastic fundraising events organised, with the first being a 'Break the Rules Day'! On Friday 14th May, we would like to give everybody in school the chance to break some school rules for the day! Children can choose to break as many rules as they would like from the attached poster. The 'fine' for each rule broken will be £1. We really want to make this fun and memorable for everybody to raise money for The BFG and of course we will remind the children that all other school rules still apply.

Details of further upcoming events will be sent out in due course.

Thank you again to everyone that contributes towards these events and towards the BFG, all support and engagement is really appreciated. The next BFG committee meeting is on May 10th and if anyone has any additional ideas regarding further activities we could offer, please feel free to pass these onto your class rep, who can then feed this back to the school and the committee. Or of course join the BFG itself, new members are extremely welcome!



Staffing news

We welcome a new member of staff this term. Miss Butler has been appointed as a new Teaching Partner and will be working in Years 3 & 4. She has had a great start and has been using this week to get to know the children and staff. Please say hello if you see her and give her a warm Berkeley welcome.

We are also very excited to welcome back Mrs Franklin following her maternity leave. She will fulfil the PPA role Mrs Lanceley had 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!

Alisha has been promoted to Deputy Manager in Little Jesters following a successful interview before Easter. We are all thrilled for her, and know she will continue to add her passion for Early Years provision in our thriving nursery. Marie has now joined the Jesters team too, and is loving her time with our Jesters!



Contacting Staff

Please be reminded that if you wish to contact any member of school staff, this needs to be done through the official channels. Our school telephone number is 01453 810254 open from 8:30am - 3:30pm, if your call is not answered, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. 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. 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.



Drop off and Pick up times

Please can we kindly ask all parents to ensure you stick to your allocated times for school drop off and collections. Punctuality is paramount to ensure this runs smoothly and efficiently, so would kindly ask that you allow sufficient time to tackle the traffic lights. We are not sure how much longer we will experience this disruption, but will definitely be pleased when they've completed the current works outside school.



Parent Reps

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our class parent reps for all the support they have shown the school and parents since October. They have provided another way of uniting the school community as well as enhancing the quality of relationships and channels of communication between teachers, parents/carers and the children. They are also official influencers now too; gathering parent viewpoints and helping influence certain decisions within the school. It has been a real success.



Uniform

Thank you all so much for responding so well to our request for your children to wear a polo shirt in their house colour for PE. It has made a huge difference to standards, and also to team games during lessons. We really appreciate this. As the warmer weather sets in, please remember that summer uniform can be worn. However, if wearing a shirt, ties must be worn please. Polo shirts are summer uniform and do not need a tie.



Exciting News

Thornbury Sailing club have very kindly donated an old fishing boat to the children at BPS! Her name is Mildred, and she is currently getting ready for her journey to school. Mildred will be added to the school field, and will be fully converted into a role-play boat for the children to play in. We will also be asking the children for their help in designing Mildred's makeover too! Wow! Exciting times.



This shall be a busy, but fun term ahead!

Yours sincerely

Miss Robbins and all the team here at Berkeley Primary



THE BFG PRESENTS

BREAK THE RULES DAY

Rules that can be broken are:

- Wearing nail varnish
- Wearing make-up
- 1 item of non school uniform
- Chocolate in your lunchbox
- Juice instead of water
- Temporary tattoos
- Hair colour

HOW IT WORKS:
 CHOOSE HOW MANY RULES YOU WANT TO BREAK! BRING IN £1 FOR EVERY RULE BREAK!

WHEN:
 FRIDAY 14TH MAY