

# BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*If children are happy, they will achieve!*

December  
NEWSLETTER



**School Values:** This term has seen lots of positive change here at BPS, with our new behaviour policy, reading incentives, and the curriculum design I shared in the last newsletter. Another change we've made is to streamline our values in light of our ethos. We wanted this to be something the school community could remember easily, and something which captures the essence of BPS. Be kind, be confident, be you does just that, and encourages us all to value the unique qualities we all possess and to celebrate that. It also follows the rule of 3, in line with Ready, Respectful, Safe with our behaviour policy too. Something children to remember and live by here at BPS.



**BFG:** Berkeley Fundraising group have raised a fantastic total of £680 so far this term with your help, and we still have the community deer trail to go!

Fancy some festive fun this December and take a wander around Berkeley?

The school and the BFG have organised a Deer Trail to take place between **Friday 17th December – Friday 24th December**. Some festive fun for all the family, and a good way to raise funds for your school. Santa's reindeer have been placed in various locations around Berkeley. Use our map to find each reindeer and the letter attached to them to spell the special Christmas word. These reindeer have been designed and created by resident artists at Berkeley Primary school! Trail maps can be purchased now for £2 via parentpay and once payment has been received, the map will be sent home with your child. Send the completed map back into school by Friday 7th January 2022 for your chance to win a special prize. Have fun!



**School choir:** A huge well done to our school choir who were extremely brave last week when they performed Christmas carols at the light switch on in Dursley! The children sang, accompanied by a live band in front of a huge crowd on a very cold evening indeed. We are so very proud of them, and also thanks to our staff and parents for going along to support them. Thank you for bringing the children...they were fabulous! What an experience for them! Their next gig is the Young Voices concert in January! Exciting!

**EYFS:** Something else we are proud of this term is that Our EYFS continuous provision model has been used for teacher training at Cheltenham and Gloucester University to demonstrate outstanding practice. A video Mrs Ferris and Mrs Combes made to share the environment they have worked so hard to create has been used, and also our explanation of continuous provision in practice. This makes us very proud indeed.

**Baby news:** Mrs Ferris has some wonderful news to share too; she is expecting her second baby and we are all thrilled for her. Her maternity leave will commence after Easter, and Mrs McCombie will be covering during her absence. Mrs McCombie has worked in EYFS with us before, and will be working with Mrs Ferris & Mrs Combes one day a week after Christmas to help smooth the transition for the children.



**PE news:** Last week the children in KS2 were lucky enough to have a representative from Gloucester Rugby come and teach the children a rugby lesson. The children all had a great time learning various skills from passing, attacking, defending and team work. Sam, from Gloucester rugby, said he really enjoyed meeting and coaching the children and said it is clear to see there are some talented tag rugby players at Berkeley Primary School! We are hoping Gloucester rugby will be able to offer an extra-curricular club for rugby in the new year and as soon as arrangements have been made, we will let you know - so watch this space!



**House names:** The JLT announced the new House names to the school via a virtual assembly. After all the votes were counted... the winners who are joining **Sir Captain Tom Moore** are **Marcus Rashford**, **Julia Donaldson** and **Sir David Attenborough**. We think the children have made some excellent choices, representing a whole spectrum of aspirational people they can look up to; all have made significant contributions to the world they live in.

**Y6 role models:** Congratulations to our Y6 House prefects and Sports captains! After successful applications, Poppy, Bronagh, Scarlett and Frances have already taken up their position as role models for the younger children, and are looking forward to helping out at upcoming events. Dexter, Jude, Evie and Rebecca have been voted by their peers to represent BPS as the Sports captains for upcoming tournaments and sporting events. Superb!



**Parent Survey:** Thank you so much to everyone who completed our parent survey. We have responded to individual questions and requests, and have included more general responses in our results which you can find on our website here <https://www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk/children/curriculum> We shall use these results to strengthen practice, and will highlight this in our communications in the new year.

**Christmas arrangements:** We are very much hoping we can still proceed with the infant children's christmas performances next week, and ask that you help us with this too. Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of covid, and please wear a face covering when you enter the building. Once seated, these can be removed. If there is a local outbreak, we will have to cancel. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our outdoor concert on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December to end the term with our KS2. Entry will be £2.50 per adult (payable on the gate with correct change preferable please) and you will receive a voucher for some mulled wine and freshly homemade mince pies to keep you warm, made and served by our fabulous BFG, including our resident Chef 'kind of a big deal' Veale who was trained by Gordon Ramsay don't you know?! True story.

Thank you all so much for your continued support through another challenging term due to so many changes once again. We wish you all health and happiness over the festive period and beyond.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

Yours sincerely



Miss Robbins and all the team here  
at Berkeley Primary



**The Christmas post box is back! Please ensure you put children's names and year groups on the front before posting. Children can post these in the parent shelter.**



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