

BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

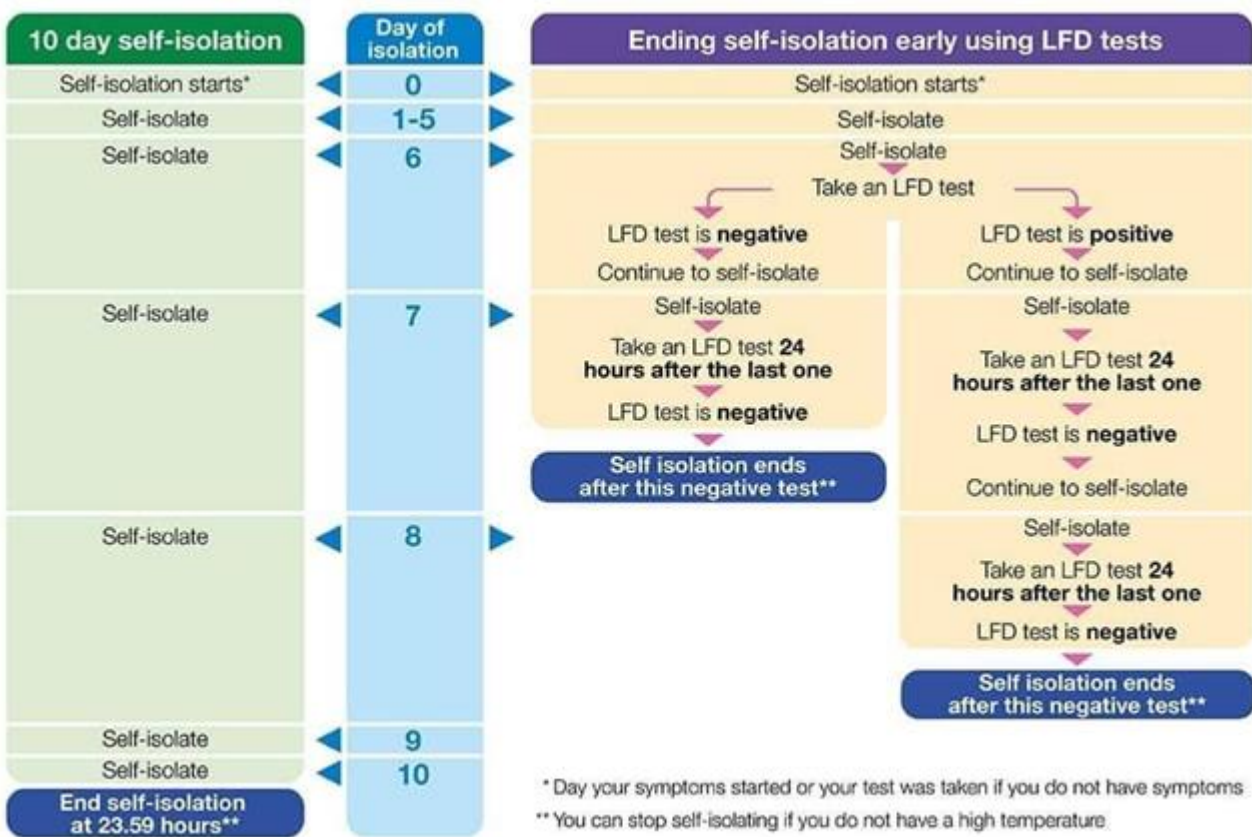
If children are happy, they will achieve!



January
NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone to a brand new term. We are all so relieved, as I am sure you all are that we could actually return this year, in contrast to the start of last Spring! Updates continue on a daily basis for schools, and much of my holiday reading has been from the DfE. I shall always inform you of any changes as soon as we receive them. I attach a useful article which outlines the latest information for schools at the time of writing this which gives an accurate picture of government guidelines, and not media speculation. Click this link if you wish to read it <https://www.tes.com/magazine/news/general/new-covid-rules-what-you-need-know?fbclid=IwAR34ndAZUibSjCUF8wsQqVzE3i0d7CPgGCsqcZSxyLCLu-hKtl4fJk4ch00>

I also attach a simple flow chart, to help with clarity for anyone testing positive who need to isolate:



Thank you all for your generous and kind words, cards and gifts over Christmas for all the team here at BPS. Thank you also for supporting the school, and being part of all the festive celebrations at the end of term. It was such a special end to the term, and we appreciate all the effort all the families go to.

The Christmas Deer hunt was a huge success, and it was so nice to see so many families out with their maps taking part. Please return your completed maps to school (children to hand to their teachers) by Monday 10th January as we have some great prizes up for grabs, wrapped and ready to go!



Did anyone spot Buddy?

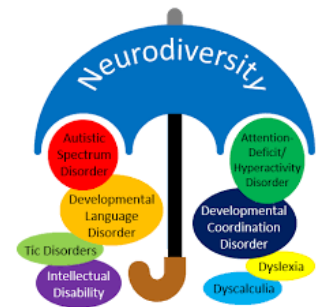


Fundraising continues this term, with the first event being pyjama day this Friday! The BFG are asking for voluntary donations please in return for a relaxed day in cosy Pj's. I would encourage dressing gowns and slippers too, as we have to keep all windows open at present and it's a bit nippy! The BFG also have a school disco this term, an adults only Quiz night and an Easter egg community trail! More information to follow, but the dates for these are on the Spring Term dates attached and our website. Thank you once again for all your efforts with our fundraising last term, and to our fab BFG volunteers for all their time, energy and enthusiasm for all things BPS!



Each term, the children will have a role model to learn about in class assemblies to help us encourage children to DREAM BIG and learn from inspirational people who have made a positive impact in our world. This term, we will start with Sir David Attenborough, and would encourage children to bring in any facts or items of inspiration they feel they could share around the work of Sir David Attenborough to broaden their learning and help others too. Please also encourage conversations about these role models with your children to help deepen their learning and embed the values we hope to promote and inspire.

At the end of term, all staff had Neurodiversity training during our INSET day. The focus for the training is to ensure we help all children and staff to learn in the best environment for their learning needs. The training was hugely insightful, and also highlighted the good practice already in place in our classrooms. One key action moving forward is that all our white paper has been replaced with pastel yellow, as research has shown this supports reading for people with dyslexia. All children and staff will use this colour, and interactive boards will also use the same colour in classrooms and assemblies. If you receive paper letters, they will also be on yellow paper as we want to be inclusive for all families.



NEW FOR 2022


Taking on board feedback from our parent survey, we will be opening classrooms up this term for '*Learning Look ins*' where you will have chance to come into school and spend time with your children looking through their books and talking to them about their learning to see their progress. We shall send out covid-friendly arrangements, times and dates for these in shortly, but they will be in the final 2 weeks of term to coincide with parents' evenings to help you get a fuller picture of your children's progress and next steps to learning.

This term's themes in each class are **Dinosaurs, Amazing UK, Australian adventures, Eurovision, Ancient Egypt, Danger Zone, and It's all about the money.** To read more, check out the theme maps on the class pages on our website.

Here's to a happy and healthy term!

Miss Robbins and all the team here
at Berkeley Primary

Spring Term 2022

Date	Event
Term 3 begins for pupils Tuesday 4th January	
Friday 7 th January	Pyjama Day (Donations for BFG)
Monday 17 th January	CLUBS COMMENCE FOR SPRING TERM
Friday 28 th January	BFG Meeting 5pm
Friday 4 th February	School Disco for BFG Infants 5-6 Juniors 6:30-7:30
Friday 11 th February	Parent reps meeting
W/C Monday 14 th February	Book fair
Friday 18 th February	REWARD DAY 3
Term 3 ends for pupils Friday 18th February Term 4 begins Monday 28th February	
Monday 28 th February	Book Week
Monday 28 th February	Twilight training for subject leaders
Friday 4 th March	BFG Meeting 5pm
Friday 11 th March	Non-uniform day (Bring a bar of chocolate for BFG)
Friday 18 th March	BFG Quiz night (Adults only)
Thursday 24 th March	Parent/teacher online meetings 3:40-5:40pm
Thursday 31 st March	Parent/teacher online meetings 4:30-6:30pm
Final two weeks of term	Learning Look ins (Dates TBC) More info to follow.
Thursday 31 st March	CLUBS FINISH FOR SPRING TERM
Friday 8 th April	REWARD DAY 4
Saturday 9 th April	BFG Easter Egg Trail begins
Term 4 ends for pupils Friday 8th April	
	
Term 5 begins Monday 25th April	

Subject to change and additions. Please keep up to date with all school correspondence.

