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Berkeley Primary School has been awarded the Silver Eco Award!!!!!!

Look out in the Stroud Life, Echo and Citizen newspapers to see what the school has been up to in order to be top of the Eco Schools Challenge County leader board.



Thank you to the children of Eco Club, Mrs Baker, Mrs Smith and Mrs Knott who have been our Eco Warriors.



The Young Voices choir at the NEC, Birmingham went very well. The children and parents had a super evening and the children did us all proud. Well done and thank you to Mrs Baker, Miss Cosgrove, Mrs

Carter and Mrs Watts for accompanying them.



You may have noticed the new parking arrangements outside the school. We politely ask that you do keep



the areas clear as indicated for the safety of all children.

A Christingle service will be held at St Mary's church Berkeley at 11.00am on Sunday 11th December. This is a child friendly service which all can participate in and children will each go home with a Christingle.

They are also holding a Crib Service at 3pm on Christmas Eve to which all are welcome. Children can dress up in costumes and help tell the Christmas story. Come early to allow time to get your outfit on! We are reliably informed that Midnight the donkey will be putting in an appearance again this year! The service will be followed by a bring and share tea. We hope you will be able to join us.



Have you ordered your children's Christmas lunch??

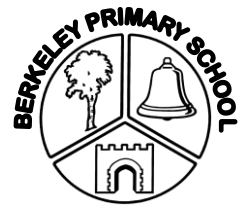


We are very aware as a school that we have many children who work consistently hard, are well behaved and are thoughtful and kind towards others. To show that we recognise and value these attributes we are introducing a STAR award. This is a gold coloured star badge that will be presented by the Chair of Governors in assembly to one child in each class that has been nominated by the class teacher. The teachers and other adults in the school will nominate one child per class at the end of each full term to receive this award. The badge is to be worn throughout the child's time at the school to celebrate their excellent learning and personal attributes.



HUGE thanks must go to some extremely talented and enthusiastic parents who very kindly offered to paint a magical scene for the forthcoming Infant Christmas Play. The children and staff love it and really appreciate your time and hard work. It's fabulous! Thank you also to those parents who have also very kindly offered to give their time to provide refreshments and mince pies for our dress rehearsal. We truly value all your support.

Regards



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Debbie Marklove and all of the staff at Berkeley Primary School

Did you know that your child could qualify for free school meals? That means no bills but delicious, healthy meals for your children.

School meals will give your child a real appetite for learning and help them to achieve their full potential. There is nothing healthier for your child and your family's budget than free school meals. As someone else is preparing the meals for your child, it saves you having to worry about the effort and expense of making packed lunches every day.

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one or more of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week.

Children who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seeker's Allowance in their own right qualify as well. All pupils who do not qualify for free school lunches must be charged the same amount for the same quantity of the same item.

How to apply

The Directgov website helps you to find out information on the application process in your area. Simply enter your post code and follow the link to your Local Authority:

<http://local.direct.gov.uk/LDGRedirect/index.jsp?LGSL=4&LGIL=0>

Alternatively, contact the school office who will be able to give you an application form, or tell you who to call at your local council.

Free school meals have changed

Berkeley Primary School uses parent pay so no one will know if your child is receiving free school lunches.

School meals have improved over the past five years and are the best way to make sure your child is getting all the

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