




Friday 30th September 2011



WOW! What a term so far.

 Today was the first day of the working party and a great start has been made. Don't forget tomorrow; Saturday we will be cracking on with more jobs so please come along and lend a hand.

 The Y5/6 football team played their first league match last night and had a 2-0 win WELL DONE BOYS.

 The playground is beginning to take shape! Playtimes & lunchtimes are so much more enjoyable for everyone. This is how it works for the children; The playground has now been zoned. The top 'Chill Zone' (near Playgroup) has board games, floor chess and draughts, finger knitting, drawing (paper), chalk board (on wall) whiteboard (on wall) comics/books. The next zone 'Game Zone' (middle and largest area) is for playground games – stilts, hoops, small bat & ball, skipping ropes etc. The bottom zone 'Magic zone' includes the Barn (parent shelter) in here are dressing up clothes, large pieces of fabric, singing post.

The House captains have a rota for setting up and tidying away each day with the help of others.

The middle zone is allocated to a House each day but members do not have to use it if they choose to do other activities BUT children from other houses cannot use it on a day that is not their allocated one (this is to restrict numbers for safety). Within all zone we do not allow TAG, Stick in the mud and other 'wild running games' as these were causing a lot of bumps and grazes as well as making others feel vulnerable. However this does not mean all running is not allowed.

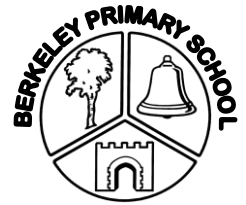
The other zones are for everyone to use as they choose.

Over the next few weeks we will be adding;

- other playground markings for additional activities
- large floor cushions for the top zone (Thank you to those who have volunteered to help sew these)
- safety mirrors for the bottom zone
- place for puppet shows at the back of the Barn (It would be great if anyone could sew a few of these; keep it simple!)

To enable us to keep this going we will need:

- ❖ dressing up clothes (any age) Thank you to those people who have already sent in donations they are FAB!
- ❖ comics/books
- ❖ wool
- ❖ puppets
- ❖ paper (if anyone has a contact for unwanted paper we would be grateful)
- ❖ simple board games including chess, draughts, Ludo etc (break times are only 30 mins max)





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This is also part of our Anti Bullying programme. We are encouraging positive play that is inclusive for all children. The focus is on thinking of others and their right to enjoy playtimes.


The Midday supervisors are enjoying playing with the children and encouraging the children to play constructively across the school.


We hope that you will talk to your children about playtimes and how much they could get out of them in an enthusiastic and positive way. Making friends with children outside their class is also something we encourage so everyone feels safe and secure with all members of the school community. Thank you for your continuing support.


 On Tuesday we have a specialist Dance teacher coming in to work with years 2, 3, 4 & 6. Each class will have a slot and will be working on the theme of 'Dreams'

 The cookery Club will be doing us proud with biscuits and cakes at the Macmillan Coffee morning event after school today so please go along and support them in the school hall.

 Have you got your shoe box ready for wrapping Friday 14th October? Don't forget all for a very good cause that we are pleased to support here in school.

 Thank you to everyone who has already paid for the Jack and The Beanstalk Panto on November 11th. I also need your permission for your child to take part; slip is below. Please return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

 On our school website we have added a page for each class. On here will be the letters specific to that class, tips for homework and anything else the teachers wishes to add for your information. It is in its early days yet but we would welcome your suggestions for what you would like to see on it.

 For our new reception parents there is a Phonic Information afternoon 2pm to 3.15pm on Friday 14th October. Come and learn alongside your child and pick up ideas for supporting your child on the Phonic journey.

For the Y1 & Y2 parents there is a Phonic information evening for you on Wednesday 12th October at 6.30pm with Mrs Robbins and Mrs Baker. This is building on from the Phonic journey your child has completed so far.

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive it is always appreciated.



I give my permission for my child(ren) to attend the Jack & The Beanstalk Panto on 12th November

Name..... class.....

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I have paid £4.50 per child on Parentpay Pay Point

Signed..... Parent/Carer