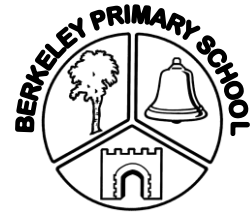


BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Friday 11th February 2011

Welcome to another BPS newsletter.

FILM CLUB: FRIDAY 18th MARCH 3.30pm – 5.10pm

How to Train your Dragon



Thank you to everyone who supported the Purple Day last week. We raised £164.40. The Rotary Club were very pleased.



Week beginning Monday 21st March is our Science week as well as the Book Week. We will be having a book sale after school Monday, Tuesday and Thursday that week. Please come along and have a look and possibly use the £1 book token that the children recently took home. You may wish to look at science books or books to support next terms topics: Reception- world travel/transport, Y1 Seaside, Y2 jungles and Rainforests, Y3 Explorers, Y4 Habitats, Y5 Victorians and their inventions, Y6 Britain since 1950.



We are struggling to fill the post for After School Club Playleader. We are extending the closing date to Friday 1st April in the hope that we are more successful. Without staff we are not able to open as quickly as we would like so please ask around and point them towards the school office for an application pack. We are looking for two people with NVQ3 or equivalent. The post is for 5 days a week in term time 3pm to 6pm. Food Hygiene and First Aid qualifications would be an advantage but not essential as training can be organised. We would like people who enjoy working with children and are able to provide a relaxed and fun atmosphere in the club. Good communication skills are essential and an ability to work well with others in a team. Salary is £16,830 pro rata. If you are interested please contact Mrs Dummelow in the school office for further information. As we are committed to safeguarding all children applicants will be CRB checked and references followed up.



We are also looking for a Midday Supervisor to work every lunchtime. The role is to support the lunchtime organisation and work with the other Midday supervisors preparing the hall and supervising the children. The hours are 12.15 – 1.15pm Monday to Friday in term time. The pay is £12,787 prorata. If you are interested please speak with Mrs Dummelow in the office for an application pack. The closing date is Monday 28th March 2011.



As from Monday 14th March you will be able to pay for swimming, class trips/visits and visitors into school through ParentPay; our online system for paying for school lunches. When you log in you will have the option of paying for school lunches or any trips etc that are listed there for your child's class. If you have a payment card then money can be placed on that and the school will have access to it on line. We are looking towards not having money brought into school at all for trips, visitors and swimming from Tuesday 3rd May 2011. Up to this date we will accept cheques and cash as before but we strongly urge you to use the payment method as described above so you are up and running before the cut off date. If you have not already got a payment card then please order one from Mrs Dummelow as soon as possible as there is a long waiting time for them. Thank you.



We have been looking at our Behaviour Policy and during the INSET day last week we have made some important changes. The policy has been attached to this newsletter for you to read and be aware of. We ask that once read that you return the slip to confirm that you will be supporting the school in addressing inappropriate behaviour. It is very important that all parent/carers are a partnership in guiding and supporting the children in developing positive behaviour and attitudes.



As part of the changes to the Behaviour Policy we have listened to the School Council who have requested that we have 4 houses rather than 3. This is to help with inter house events, sports day and other opportunities that may arise.

It was decided that we would use names of famous people (apparently this is something the Vale of Berkeley also do so it would be a good way of keeping a part of the school with us once it closes in July.)

Scott, Jenner, Fitzhardinge and Tyndale have been chosen to replace the river names and each House will have its own colour.

Each child will be allocated a new house randomly which means not all family members may be together. They will each be awarded a coloured button badge for them to wear on their uniform. (we are awaiting their arrival at present) The badges will be given out in a special assembly and House Captains will be voted in from Y6 and Y5.



Playtimes have also been reviewed with the children and we will be changing these also.

The playground will be zoned; Playground games area, junior area for energetic games and a quieter zone for any children who want to play quietly/less energetically.

Each day the Playground toys zone will be for a different house. It is up to the children if they want to play there or not on their day. Fridays will be the day that the winning house is able to go into the Playground games zone in addition to their normal day.

We are looking to encourage children to play more responsibly in that they consider other people and their right to play safely. Some of the older children will receive training on how to watch out for children who may need someone different to play with or are having an off day.

The Midday supervisors have also taken part in training as part of their role in the playground. They have had opportunity to build on their existing knowledge and skills so they continue to play an active part in the safeguarding of our children.

Again your support is important so that the children are getting a consistent message from the people who are important to them. Thank you.



In December the Governors and staff met together to write the Mission Statement for the school. We put together our vision for the future of Berkeley Primary School and we came up with the following:

OUR MISSION AT BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL IS THAT WE WILL:

Stretch and challenge all minds

Unleash our imagination and step into a wider world of opportunities

Persevere and push ourselves

Enjoy and focus on learning on new things

Respect and understand ourselves and all others

Together we will be a **SUPER** team of global citizens striving to achieve our potential

Each week in our Celebration assembly we give children certificates that are linked to these areas of our mission. This is to celebrate and share with others how pleased we are with those children and how other children could strive to achieve these qualities and attitudes.

The display in the school reception reinforces the statement and expectations.



The Swimming Pool committee are holding a quiz evening tonight 7.30pm and all are welcome. £20 for a team of 4 to include a ploughman's supper. There is also a bar.

The next committee meeting is on Tuesday 29th March at the Berkeley Arms 8pm. Anyone interested in helping out on the Committee more than welcome.

Also they are looking for people to become Lifeguards for after School Swimming from approx 3pm to 5pm the Pool Committee will pay for the training. Anyone who is successfully trained will then be paid for lifeguard duties.



Stone Cricket Club are looking for young cricketers aged 6 years and above. The training starts Monday 28th March 6.30-7.45pm. Anyone interested please contact Shona Darley on 511538.



The Governors are looking to recruit a Clerk to Governors. If you would like to find out more about this paid role then please see Mrs Dummelow in the office. We are looking to recruit as soon as possible.

This is a very long but I hope an informative newsletter for you. Please share this with other community members as we often get asked about what is going on in school and we want to include as many community members as we can.



I/we have read the schools Behaviour Policy together with our children and I/we agree to support the school in line with the policy.

SignedParent/Carer Date.....

Children's names.....

