



Friday 10th March 2017



Spring is here and we are
busy, busy, busy!



Ok NightRiders, not long to go now until we light this community up with all your wonderful creations! You should have now received your Jesters hat which you will need to display in your window please. This will make the trail more exciting and challenging for all the children taking part, with certificates and prizes up for grabs! Prizes will be given to children who can take the most photos of the houses to share on our Facebook page! Simply mail them to @berkeleynightrider .

Maps for the trail (taking place on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th March 7pm-9pm) are now available to purchase from the school office and also the local Pharmacy. The cost is £5 and all proceeds will go to the 3 charities we are supporting in conjunction with #BSQ2BSQ. The Jesters hat quiz is attached to every map. Please invite friends, family and anyone else you think might be interested in taking part in the trail. Make it a night/weekend to remember! Let's light up Berkeley and show our support for the community and the incredible work they do for charity.

Special thanks must go to Lisa Higgins, Claire Spiers and Miss Robbins for organising this fantastic event! Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated! If you're on Social media, please share, share share this event and get #BSQ2BSQ mentioned! It's already quite a hit with many celebrities! Thank you in advance! We look forward to seeing Berkeley in a 'whole new light!' 😊



Thank you to all the parents that came to our recent Parents' Evenings. It is always lovely to see so many of you here in school and the positive feedback the staff receive is always welcome.



Tuesday 21st March is World Down's Syndrome Day, a day to raise awareness and to celebrate people with Down's Syndrome, of all ages, who are part of our communities – at home, in schools and colleges, in workplaces, clubs and social groups. We would like the children to come in to school on this day wearing **odd socks!** Mrs Hull will be leading an assembly to help us all understand Down's Syndrome and we will all be taking off our shoes and showing off our socks.



We are very pleased to report that attendance up to the February half term was close to 97% - a great achievement. Please help us to maintain this level by avoiding term time holidays and days out. Overall, our level of latecomers is low, however it is still above where we want it to be. Please remember that arriving late is disruptive for children and staff alike and should your child arrive after registration closes, the register will show unauthorised absence.



A quick reminder that if your child attends Breakfast Club, please do not arrive before 7.30am. The staff use the time before this to get the activities set up and the breakfast things ready and are therefore unavailable to supervise early arrivals. Thank you.



Our PTA are currently looking for a new Secretary to join them. The pay is not great (!), but you are guaranteed a warm and fuzzy feeling when you realize the difference that your efforts make. Meetings are generally held once per half term (reportedly in a local hostelry) where plans for the next event are put in to place. If you are interested, please contact one of the PTA members directly, via Facebook or pop into the office.



Following on from our last newsletter in which we wrote about the importance of our school uniform, it has been a pleasure to see the children coming in every day looking extremely smart. It invokes a real sense of pride in myself, the staff and the children themselves seeing everyone smartly dressed and ready for the day ahead. Thank you all for your co-operation.



We are delighted to tell you that we have 2 new members of staff on the team. Mrs Tainton has joined us as a Teaching Assistant in Reception and Mrs Hunt as a Teaching Assistant in Year 1. Both bring with them a wealth of experience and I am sure you will all make them feel very welcome.



We have had a few reported cases of headlice recently. May we ask that you check regularly for symptoms and treat if required. Thank you.



Our Whole School Science Day is fast approaching. Experiments are ready and our Scientist is booked and raring to go. If you have not yet paid the requested contribution, it's not too late. Please log into ParentPay and select the Science Day payment item. Thank you.



Parents of children in Year 3 & 5 should by now have received exciting news about camp outs we are organising for the summer. Unfortunately, we forgot to add the permission slip to the bottom of the letter (doh!!). Therefore, to save paper, we have popped it onto the bottom of this newsletter. Please complete and return to your child's class teacher ASAP.



And finally, a big thank you to everyone who came along to our Book Fair. We are delighted to say that we earned a fabulous £99 in commission to spend on books. Thank you all for your support.

Best regards

Debbie Marklove and staff

Diary Dates

- March 13th – Little Jesters Parents Evening – 3.30-6.30pm
- March 15th – Year 3 & 4 Rugby at Dursley Primary
- March 15th – Reception & KS1 Parents Evening 1.30 – 7.00pm
- March 16th – Year 5 & 6 Rugby at Stinchcombe
- March 20th – Science Day – Whole School
- March 22nd – Class 1 WOW Assembly – 9.15am
- March 22nd – Reception Trip to Puzzlewood
- March 31st – Clubs finish
- April 5th – Hockey @ Rednock – KS2
- April 6th – Year 3 & 4 WOW Afternoon
- April 7th – Finish for Easter

YEAR 3 & 5 Camp

I give permission for Year to participate in the camp out on the school field on 16th June (Year 3) / 28th June (Year 5).

I understand that payment can be made via ParentPay.

Parent/Carers name

Signature