

BERROW PRIMARY Church Academy



12/01/2024

Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas and managed to steer clear of many of the bugs that are certainly circulating widely. The New Year is always a time for us all to reflect on the year past and continue to make plans for the year ahead.

I have certainly enjoyed my first year at Berrow and learnt a great deal. I am truly grateful to all of the families for being so supportive of me, sharing their thoughts and ideas and welcoming me to the community. I hope that we can continue to work closely together to make Berrow a truly great school for children, staff and the the community.

I wanted to share a prayer sent by Ed Gregory who is the Bath and Wells Diocesan Director of Education...

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied:

'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

I wish you all a happy and healthy 2024,
Charlotte Bradley

Staffing

It has been great to welcome new staff to Berrow this term and they have certainly been made to feel welcome. Y4 have settled in well with Mr Purchase and Y5 with Mrs Utteridge. Mrs Cashman our new SENCo is getting to know lots of children and families. Miss Hunt our academic mentor is working closely with Y6 in the mornings and across the school in the afternoons. Our new learning support assistants are Miss Moreton and Miss Tarren. Miss Moreton has started and Miss Tarren starts on Monday.

St Mary's Church

We wanted to let you know that it was announced this week that Reverend Jonathan will be leaving St Mary's and St Bridget's on 31st March (Easter Sunday). We will certainly miss him and look forward to working closely together over the next few months.

Little Learners

Welcome back from us too. Just a reminder for anyone that hasn't yet submitted an application for a school place for September 2024 that this needs to be done by 15th January 2024.



PCSO Visit

Our local PCSO has been in school today working with all Year 5 and 6 children on Crime and Consequence. It is always beneficial to have experts to come and share their roles and knowledge with our children.

Safeguarding

A reminder at the start of the new year that our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Charlotte Bradley with our Deputy being Claire Little. Kayleigh Cashman is also a deputy in training. Our safeguarding Governor is Dan Milford. If you need to share anything with them please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

We are working really hard to improve our attendance at school. We know that at times this may be difficult and if you are struggling with any aspect of getting your child into school please do come and talk to us as we really want to help.

It's important for us to know if your child is going to absent from school, we monitor absence closely. You can inform us by using the phone absence line, Weduc report an absence or pop in to the office. If your child is absent for a holiday or a day off for other reasons other than sickness and medical appointments, please can you complete a term time absence form which you can collect from the office..

A reminder our gates also open at **8.30** for pre-learning before our day officially starts at 8.45am. If your child is not in when the register is taken, they will be marked as late and any time after gam is an unauthorised absence. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the Diary

16th January National Young Leaders Y5 children
23rd/24th and 6th/7th Feb Bikeability
5th Feb Y3 Family Worship
6th Feb Y2 Build it like Brunel workshop

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Be Ready



Be Respectful



Be Safe



Lighting up a love of learning