

BERROW PRIMARY Church Academy



28/03/2024

Although it feels like Spring is yet to come, we have reached the end of term 4. This term has been filled with school trips, family worships, gardening and celebrations of learning. We would like to wish all our families and friends a very happy Easter and a well-deserved break. Thank you for continuing to support Berrow Primary Church Academy. We are looking forward to what the Summer term will bring.

New Barn

Our Year 3 & 4 crew visited New Barn last week for an interactive workshop about the life of someone from the Stone Age. They learnt how to build shelters, use Stone Age methods to drill holes and tried to create embers. They also created cave art on pieces of chalk using carving tools. All the children gathered around a fire in a realistic Neolithic hut, passing around the different tools and utensils they may have used during that time. They ground wheat to make flour, made their own butter and grinded natural ingredients to make a medicine. A very busy enjoyable day. Thank you to all the adults that joined us to make the trip be able to go ahead.

Easter Service



It was lovely to see so many families join us for our Easter Service this week. The children really enjoyed taking part and visiting the Church. Thank you for all the adults who were involved.

This service also marked the last school service for Rev. Jonathan Philpott. We would like to wish him well on his next adventure and thank him again for supporting of the children, school and community. He will be greatly missed by all children, staff and families as well as everyone at St. Mary's Church.

Easter Journey

Year 3 & 4 visited St. Mary's church last week for their annual Easter Journey. They enjoyed the live experience. Thank you for all the Volunteers at the Church for arranging this for our children.

Spring Flowers

You may have noticed our flowerbeds and grounds are beginning to look bright and cheerful. A big thank you to Westcroft Farm for your generous donation.

If you would like to help us to improve our outdoor area, please get in touch.



Staffing

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Eileen Rufus and wish her a very happy retirement. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the past 42 years. You will be missed by all the children and adults at Berrow and we would just like to wish her a very happy restful retirement. Miss Skinner will be finished her interim contract with Berrow at the end of term 4. She has thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Berrow family. PPA cover for Year 3 and 4 will now be covered by internal staff. Mrs Olding is stepping up to be the job share class teacher with Mr Fowler and will be leading Fireflies on a Wednesday from next term.

Art

A big thank you to Ronnie Broadley, for giving up her time to art workshops for our Year 4 crew. They absolutely loved the experience and learning how to print using different materials and techniques to create some group pieces based on the four seasons.



Thatcher's Orchard

After successfully securing a grant from Thatcher's, on Monday, we planted our very own orchard. Growing our own orchard will help our children to learn about how living things grow and survive. This is a part of our outdoor learning and forest school development. A huge thank you to Julie Nichols (Vice Chair of our Academy Council) for securing this donation. Our children thoroughly enjoyed planting our apple trees. Thank you to all our volunteers and Berrow alumni who also visited to help us. We hope all our children, families and member of our community will enjoy watching our orchard grow.

School Improvement work

We are excited to be starting our building project on 2 April. We will be sharing our progress with you all for the duration of the project. If you have any questions, please email our Operations Manager, Debbie Parker debbie.parker@bpc.theplt.org.uk.

Attendance

A reminder our gates also open at **8.30** for pre-learning before our day officially starts at 8.45am. Tutoring and targeted teaching starts at 8.30am. If your child is not in when the register is taken, they will be marked as late and any time after 9am is an unauthorised absence. Children must in in class by **8.45am no later**. Learning starts at 8.30am as soon as gates open. If your child is absent please call the office and leave message on the absence line or use the Weduc absence reporting this is so we know your child is safe and we are not expecting them. Thank you for your continued support.



Little Learners

The children have enjoyed learning about "what is on my garden" this term. Planting flowers, learning about bugs, talking about weather and seasons and much more. We hope the children have been sharing their learning with you at home. Next term we will be learning all about the things we care about including, family, the world, our environment and animals We have limited funded spaces available until August now as we have lots of new families joining us. Spaces are available for September 2024.

This terms Value Is Forgiveness

THOUGH WE ARE OVERWHELMED BY OUR SINS, YOU FORGIVE THEM ALL.
PSALM 103:3



Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others.
COLLOSSIANS 3:13

Dates for the Diary

15th April – Term 5
w/c 15th April - school reports.
26th April Year 3 Swimming starts 10 weeks.
30th April- Road Safety Workshops.
6th May- Early May Bank holiday.
22nd May- Fossil Workshop year 6
24th May- Last day of Term 5
3rd June- Term 6 Begins

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