

# BY BROOK VALLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Thursday 6 May 2021

Theme for Worship:

### **Friendship – Supporting each other!**

“Friends are like the walls of a house. Sometimes they hold you up; sometimes you lean on them, but sometimes it’s enough that they are standing by”

The story of the paralysed man and his friends.

### **Message from Mr Pike**

Many thanks to all of you who were able to attend our virtual teacher-parent meetings last week. I have created a very short questionnaire for parents to complete to help us review the virtual meetings and booking system. Any comments and feedback will be appreciated and help us plan for the future. Please use the following link to access the questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/YyvknhZwtuHeyBky9>

On Tuesday, I enjoyed a hot chocolate with the following pupils from Year 5 and 6. The pupils chosen by their teachers were: Year 5 – Caleb, Martha & Martha; Year 6 – Katie, Finley & Isla.

It was fantastic to hear that Martha R in Year 5 had received a letter from 10 Downing Street in response to a letter she wrote earlier in the year. Martha wrote a brilliant letter to the prime minister about her concerns about climate change and the destruction of animal habitats. Well done Martha!

The children in Year 5 and 6 all took part in a live Microsoft Coding workshop which the children all really enjoyed. The Year 5 children also had their final Sheldon Maths and Drama lessons this week.

This year, annual written reports will be sent out to parents in Term 6.

### **Victorian Day**

On Tuesday, year 1 and 2 had great fun travelling back to the Victorian times. We spent the day learning what Victorian school was like, the lessons they were taught and played some games that Victorian children would have played. Thank you for your enthusiasm Falcons and Kestrels and thank you to parents for the fantastic costumes!

### **Year 6 Leavers Hoodies**

The children will be bringing home a letter today about ordering a leavers hoodie, if you would like to order one for your child please return the slip by **Monday 17 May** and ensure payment is made by **Friday 28 May**.

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*“They will soar on wings like eagles” Isaiah 40:31*

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### Cricket Club Refunds

Year 5 and Year 6 are bringing home a refund today for the cricket session that was cancelled last week so please look out for these. Thank you.

### PGL – June 21

Just a reminder that the PGL parent information evening is being held on **Thursday 13 May at 6.15pm.**

### PGL – November 21

Please remember to pay the deposit of £30.00 as soon as possible to secure a place. Please make cheques payable to By Brook Valley School. Thank you.

### Berkeley Castle

The children brought home a letter last week about a trip to Berkeley Castle on Thursday 20 May, if you would like your child to attend, please complete the attached reply slip and return to school with payment **by Monday 17 May.** Thank you.

### Virgin Health Care

Last week, the children brought home a Virgin Care Information form, please could we ask that you return these to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### Class Photographs

We have received some class photographs from those who ordered online, these will be sent home with your child today so please keep a look out for these. If you haven't ordered yet and wish to place an order, you can still do this online until the end of May.

### After School Clubs for Term 5 and 6

In term 5, there are currently spaces available in the Year 1 and Year 2 Multi Sports club on a Tuesday, 3.00pm – 4.00pm. If your child would like a place, please complete the reply slip attached and return it to school.

In term 6, we also have spaces available in the Year 3 and Year 4 Bath Rugby club which is starting on Monday 7 June. The cost of this club is £15. If you would like to book a place for your child, please complete the attached reply slip and send the slip and payment to school by **Monday 24 May.**

### School Lunches

If you would like your child to have a hot school lunch, please don't forget to order it online through ParentPay by midnight Wednesday for the following week. If you have not ordered online, please send your child in with a packed lunch. Thank you.

<b>Order By</b>	<b>To have meals in week commencing</b>
<b>12/5/21</b>	<b>17/5/21</b>
<b>19/5/21</b>	<b>24/5/21</b>

### Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in the school foyer. If you know your child is missing any items, please check the box outside the office. Also please could you check your child's uniform to ensure it has the correct name it, on occasions children do accidentally pick up someone else's uniform.

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### **Contacting School if Your Child is Absent**

Please ring the school (01249 783006) as soon as possible on the first day of absence – the school has an automated answering system so a message can be left. Please leave your child's name and the reason for their absence. If it is a prolonged absence, there is no need to ring the school every day but please do let us know if you do not expect your child to return by the end of the week. If you have not contacted us by the end of morning break (10.30am), we will try to ring you to enquire about the absence.

Please also remember that if your child has been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea they should return to school **48** hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

### **Holidays in Term Time**

Since the beginning of September 2013 the rules of taking holiday during term time have tightened even further. You may have seen this on the National News. Now, Headteachers **cannot authorise any holidays** and parents who still choose to take their child out **will** be fined by the local authority. Attendance is seen as a very high priority and a very significant factor in ensuring children attain their maximum potential each and every year. Please support your child, their learning and the school by booking your holidays out of school term times. A copy of the absence policy is available on the school website [www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk](http://www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk)

### **Head Lice**

Please continue to check your children's hair for unwanted visitors. The children work very closely with each other and this gives head lice the chance to spread very easily. Advice and treatment of head lice can be sought from any pharmacy.

### **Medication in School**

Unfortunately staff are unable to administer medication, e.g. antibiotics etc. to children. Parents can come into school to give medication if required

### **Bubbles After School Club**

If you need to contact Bubbles at all during the Bubbles hours please call 07587 133510.

### **School Vacancy**

We have a job vacancy to commence in September for a TA/MDSA, 20 hours per week, term time only. For further details and an application pack, please email [admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk).

### **2020/2021 Diary Dates**

#### **May**

Thursday 13	PGL Parents Meeting
Thursday 20	Year 1 and 2 – Trip to Berkeley Castle
Thursday 27	Induction Evening for New Reception
Thursday 27	Last day Term 5
Friday 28	TD Day – school closed for pupils

#### **June**

Monday 7	First day Term 6
Tuesday 8 - Friday 11	PGL
Friday 18	Year 5 and 6 – Trip to Living Rainforest –
Details to follow	

#### **July**

Friday 23	Last day of academic year – School finishes at <b>2.00pm</b> <b>No Buses &amp; No Bubbles After School Club</b>
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#### **TD Day for 2021**

28 May 2021

#### **TD Days for next Academic Year**

1 September 2021  
4 January 2022  
18 February 2022  
27 May 2022  
25 July 2022

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**Y1 and Y2 Multi Sports – After School Club**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, in Year \_\_\_\_ would like a place in the Multi Sports after school club on Tuesday afternoons.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the reply slip to school as soon as possible.**

**Bath Rugby Y3 and Y4 – After School Club**

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, in Year \_\_\_\_ would like a place in the Bath Rugby After School Club on Monday afternoons starting Monday 7 June 2021 and I enclose payment of £15.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the reply slip to school by Monday 24 May 2021.**

**Owls, Falcons and Kestrels Class Trip to Berkeley Castle**

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, in class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Berkeley Castle trip and enclose payment of £15.40. (Cheques payable to By Brook Valley Primary School).

Berkerley castle would like to take photographs of the children's visit for their website/social media. I do/do not want my child's photograph to be taken. **Please delete as appropriate.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the reply slip and payment to school by Monday 17 May.**