



BULLETIN NEWSLETTER – Monday 26.09.2022

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Your children were **AMAZING** during the interview process, for the appointment of a new Head Teacher, last week.

Their *politeness, friendliness, co-operation and questioning* were noticed by all candidates and our governors. The governors were thrilled to be back in school and experience the child/ren's enthusiasm that our staff are so lucky to be part of each day. **Thank you to the children.**

Below are our Achievers in the Celebration Assembly so far this year – WELL DONE!

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| Beech | Indy, Neveah |
| Elm | Brogan Leigh, Tobi, Zach and Pixie |
| Maple | Joey, Niamh, Milo and Georgie |
| Larch | Joe, Ruby, Nacio, Teigan |
| Chestnut | Ryleigh, Poppy-Mae, Tennyson, MaxE |
| Pine | LoganM, Charlie, Archie, Isla |
| Oak | Charlie-Mae, Cayden, Kimberley and Artem |

Our attendance this term so far is 95.3%

We celebrate Class Attendance and are aiming for 100%. If your child is absent due to illness, please ring 01594 832262, by 09:30am on the first day of absence and speak to Mrs Hayley Elsmore, or Mrs Hollie Porter. If we have not heard from you, we will contact you. **Updated Dfe Statutory Attendance Guidance** has been released and we will send an eSchool email sharing the information, once Governors have ratified it; after which it will be on our website.

PUPIL VOICE: We have our leaders in school all with very important jobs, voted for democratically by the children in their class. Already the **School Council** have played important roles in reviewing the assemblies and interviewing the candidates for the new Head Teacher at Berry Hill

| School Council | Learning Ambassadors |
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| Beau & Ezra, Joey & Rhewi Charlie-Rae & Ben FreddieW & Ella Maddox & Millie Harriet & Oliver | Myles & Georgia, Evelyn & Etta Mia & MaxE Archie & Freya Jenson & Dom |
| Sports Leaders | Eco School |
| Rory & Alfier Marnie & Amelia Henry & Neave Emilia & Jacob Kacey & Harry | TobiH & Harrison, Fenne & Violet Ruby & Josh Sonny & PoppyC Ben & Orla Marcia & Kimberley |

The **Dates for the Diary** was sent on the 6th September – eSchools is the main place you will find out dates.

| DATE | CALENDAR |
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| 26/09 | European Languages Day |
| 30/09 | MacMillan Coffee morning (see eschool email) |
| 07/10 | Larch Cake Sale |
| 10/10 | STEM: Year 2 (Maple) Introduction to Coding; Y3 (Larch)Next Steps in Coding |
| 12/10 | Superhuman Day – DRESS UP. What reflects your hobbies and interests. Please bring long life food for Food Bank Harvest collection. |
| 14/10 | Maple Cake Sale |
| 19/10 | Reminder Buddies will not be open |
| 21/10 | Elm Cake Sale |
| 21/10. | Break up end of school day |
| 03/11 | Return to school |

Parents' evenings will be after Half term.

In the next Bulletin, next term's dates will be shared

Our School Office is open from 8.30-3.15pm Monday-Friday during term time. Contact is preferred by telephone 01594 832262 or email admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

Clubs: Larch and Chestnut to be collected from school

following Netball Club. There has been some mixed communication with some children, so for the safety of all our children, please collect from school. Starting: **FRIDAY, 30th September and all Netball Clubs from that date.** We will send a separate eSchools email to all relevant families.

Health and Hygiene

We have achieved a 5* rating from the *Foods Standard Agency* for high standard of compliance of food and hygiene in our kitchen. This impromptu inspection demonstrates the high standards Mrs Claire McKenzie and Miss Jo Boseley work to in our kitchens. Very Well Done!

Senior Mental Health Lead

Congratulations Mrs Stevens, who has been awarded Dfee Senior Mental Health Lead. This is a fantastic achievement and supports the excellent work we do at Berry Hill. Very Well Done!

Berry Hill Friends:

The AGM is arriving. Please come and support your child's activities through the Friends Association. Like-minded parents wanting to work together for the school and the children. A poster to decorate and return, will be coming home; all parents/carers welcome. As well as AGM Committee discussions, details of a Halloween Disco will be discussed, while Miss Tonks will kindly look after your school aged children.

Buddies Breakfast and After-School Club

Now COVID restrictions have lifted, please bring your child to the door to sign and confirm whether your child will need Breakfast. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Book and Cancel by emailing:

buddies@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

BOOK PLACES for the following day, you need to contact us **BY 12 NOON on the previous day**. This includes booking for a Monday morning by noon on Friday. Places cannot be booked after this, and if a place has not been booked, please do not come as we have set staff/pupil ratios and we have to say your child cannot stay.

Payment should be received prior to attendance – non-payment will result in no further bookings until payment is up to date.

CANCELLATION: if you have booked a place, you no longer need, please cancel by **12 NOON BEFORE THE SESSION** your child should be attending so we can offer to a family on the waiting list. None, or late cancellation will be charged. Please see further information on the Buddies tab of the Website.



Whole School Reading for enjoyment outside.

Road Safety

We have had an assembly on Road safety and using the Crossing Patrol, following a few 'phone calls from concerned people in our community that some pupils are not safe. Last Thursday, a pupil went straight out in front of a car, only saved from injury by the quick reaction of the driver to break. The Crossing Patrol is provided for the safety of all our families, with and without adults. Please can you remind your child/ren about their road safety.

Medical and contact information:

A final plea that all medical and contact forms are returned updated. We have been unable to contact some parents, who have not updated their information. Please see this as a priority as it is for us to contact you especially important in an emergency.

Please return as soon as possible - even if nothing has changed - we can tick you off knowing we have your correct details.

Parking

There have been complaints from the parents, who do not follow the correct parking rules as well as neighbours and general passing public. Those who continue to park in the incorrect places may be issued a fine from the police.

PLACES AVAILABLE IN OUR FABULOUS ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL - aged from 3 years

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Are you interested in your child joining our Acorns Pre-School? Come and look for yourselves as we welcome visits and would be proud to share with you, our excellent Pre-School provision.

Acorns is staffed by experienced Early Years experts and run by our Early Years Supervisor, Mrs Debbie Watkins. Children in Acorns Pre-School are carefully integrated with our Reception Class (Beech) and so provides an all-through, high quality Early-Years' experience for our youngest learners.

Places are available for children from the term after their 3rd birthday (EYs funded) and from their 3rd birthday (paid). Early Years funding and Employee Vouchers are accepted. Please email our School Office at the email address above for more information. See the Acorns tab on the school website for more information, or call 01594 832262 to talk to our administration Team.

SCHOOL UNIFORM A full range of our school uniform is available from Mapac Group Ltd parentcustomerservices@mapac.net or telephone **01923 255525**. Alternatively, there is ordering information available on our school website (see documents on the bottom of the Home Page, and also on the SCHOOL LIFE tab/UNIFORM). Orders can be paid by either credit or debit card. Delivery to school or home is offered. Our School Uniform Policy is available on the school website (see POLICIES tab).