



## Berry Hill Bulletin

**Nine Wells Road, Berry Hill, Coleford GL16 7AT - Tel: 01594 832262 Friday 15.11.2019**

A very warm welcome back to Term 2 - one of our favourites with lots of Christmassy things to look forward to! We've lots of other things besides - Year 5 to Skill Zone, Swimming, Forest Schools, Stem Works Work Shops for Year 4, 5 and 6, Pantomime, a class trip to Caerleon Roman remains and loads more! But first, did you know that our very own Miss Price has had her baby? Congratulations to Mum, Dad, baby Toby and brother Henry!

### ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following children who have received achievement awards for week ending 14.11.2019.:

**Class Beech:** Kieran, Emily

**Class Elm:** Daniel, Max

**Class Maple:** Jacob, Ellis

**Class Larch:** William, Charlie P.

**Class Chestnut:** Harry S, Mutya

**Class Pine:** Tio.

**Class Oak:** Louie, Charlie

**Mid Day Supervisor Awards:** Lola, Riley, Charlie, Ellie-Mae

**Highest Attendance (week ending): 02.09.2019 - 14.11.2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Class Larch: 97.45%

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Class Chestnut: 97.10%

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Class Beech: 96.99%

DATE	CALENDAR
29.11.2019	Berry Hill Lights Switch on
29.11.2019	Dress Down Day – Chocolate donation for Xmas Fayre in lieu of money. No nuts please.
05.12.2019	Infant Xmas Performance 2.00pm and 6.00pm
07.12.2019	Saturday Forest of Dean Orchestra event in Coleford for choir members.
09.12.2019	BHFA Christmas Fayre – 3.05pm-4.30pm
13.12.2019	BHFA Christmas Disco and visit by Father Xmas
17.12.2019	<b>Junior Christmas lunch</b> – <i>please note, this is no longer a Christmas Jumper Day, this will be on the last day of term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, and there will be no charge.</i>
18.12.2019	<b>Infant Christmas lunch</b> – <i>please note, this is no longer a Christmas Jumper Day, this will be on the last day of term – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, and there will be no charge.</i>
18.12.2019	Pantomime “Cinderella” at Savoy Theatre, Monmouth – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
19.12.2019	Pantomime “Cinderella” at Savoy Theatre, Monmouth – Years R, 1 & 2
20.12.2019	Break up for Christmas. Christmas Carol Service 1.30pm, Berry Hill School Hall.
06.01.2020	Tuesday. Return to school

### CHANGE TO PLANNED CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS...

Please note our planned Christmas jumper days to coincide with children's Christmas lunches have been changed, this is because of the trip to the pantomime on one of the days, and the need for children to be in school uniform to meet safeguarding requirements. Therefore instead of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, our Christmas Jumper day will now be on the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Also, as a contributing has been requested towards the cost of the coach for the pantomime, we will not be fund raising on Christmas Jumper day, and there will not be the £1 donation requested.



**HUGE thanks to our Friends PTA who are kindly donating the pantomime tickets to children as a Christmas gift.**

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

Please note the day for infant and junior Christmas lunch has changed from previously advertised. To fit with the pantomime visit, JUNIOR Christmas lunch will now be on Tuesday (and their pantomime trip on Wednesday) INFANT Christmas lunch will now be on Wednesday (and their pantomime trip on Thursday).

### NASAL SPRAY FLU VACCINE- UPDATE

The NHS have advised us that due to a stop being placed currently on the importing of supplies of the vaccine, children at Berry Hill School are now unlikely to be offered the vaccine until the New Year. As soon as we know any more, we will let parents/carers know. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

**Christmas Lantern Making Workshop for Berry Hill Village Lights turn on...** this year the switch on will be on 29<sup>th</sup> November, **starting at 5pm (to be confirmed)** at the church. Children are again being given the chance to make a lantern to carry with them for the procession. The Lantern Making Workshop will be held in school on Wednesday 20.11.2019, from 3.05pm to 4.30pm. £1.00 donation towards materials. Further information in a letter out on Monday 18.11.2019.

Dear Community,  
When we started the Christmas Tree event, (what was it three or four years ago?) we did it because we wanted to bring back to the village that very special feeling of the beginning of Christmas, of Community spirit and of coming together. The Community have made this all happen by embracing it and getting involved. The community have also been very generous when it comes to fundraising for the events and we are hugely grateful for your support. We have been very fortunate this year with some wonderful grant funding also and we are thankful to Gloucester City Council and to West Dean Parish for their generous grants. With that in mind, this year the Committee want to ask you the community to make even more of a difference. When you come to the Christmas light switch on, on Friday 29th November 2019, can we ask that you bring an item or items for the Forest Food Bank? If you were going to donate £1.00 to the lights fund, donate 0.50p and a tin of tomatoes. The thought of people, of families and in particular children going without at Christmas is bad enough, but to think they might go hungry is horrendous. This year the people of Berry Hill can make a difference. On the night of the switch on if every family or person could bring an item from the request list below, given to us by the wonderful Forest Food bank people it will really help them feed lots of Forest of Dean families this Christmas.

Please bring something from the list and let's see how Berry Hill can do what its always done, stand tall and stand out . Thankyou on behalf of the committee... Tim Gwilliam

Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Milk UHT or powdered Pasta/ curry sauces (jars), Fruit juice long life or squash Jam, Sponge pudding (long life), Instant mash potato Tea bags, Biscuits or snack bars, Multipack crisp Tinned vegetables, Sugar, Tinned meat.  
Please no fresh food, long life items only. Thank you for your support.

### **Christmas Mobile Competition**

A competition to make a Christmas mobile, from re used materials, to be hung in our school corridors in the lead up to Christmas. Open to all, one entry per child, label with name and class, not to hang more than 40cm in total, and not too heavy/solid in case of injury to a child if it falls. Deadline for entries is Tuesday 03.12.2019. Further details in a letter out on Monday 18.11.2019.

### **SCHOOL NURSING HUB**

NHS Gloucestershire Health and Care School Nursing Hub invite parents and carers to an informal drop in session at Berry Hill School on 04.12.2019, from 1.30pm-3.00pm. An ideal opportunity to talk about any issues worrying you about your child – dental health and hygiene, sleep, healthy lifestyle, diet and exercise, anxiety, behaviour, including anger, self- esteem and building resilience.

You will get professional support and signposting to other organisation that will be able to help, as well as the opportunity to meet other parents/carers who may have similar worries and concerns. For more information, please visit [www.ghc.nhs.uk/schoolnursinghubs](http://www.ghc.nhs.uk/schoolnursinghubs)

### **SHEBANK – PHONE BOX PROJECT**

The Shebang Arts Collective is working on the Phone box Project with Canopy Creative network, to develop art activities in and around red phone boxes across West Dean Parish Council. They hope to develop an arts trail in the phone booths to happen spring next year.

Come and join us at The Telephone Box( by The Globe at Berry Hill), on Saturday 16.11.2019, from 12.00noon until 2.00pm. For further information, please contact Nicola Goff at [www.nicholagoff.org](http://www.nicholagoff.org) E: [nicholagoff23@gmail.com](mailto:nicholagoff23@gmail.com) | T: 07883147126

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