



Our Achievement Assemblies are now taking place in class bubbles, and these are our STAR ACHIEVERS for the past three weeks. Well done to you all!

18.09.2020: Beech-Emilia and Max; Elm-Evelyn and Joe; Maple-Courtney and Sonny; Larch-Kya and Riley; Chestnut-Jenson and Josh; Pine-Lillian and Theo; Oak-Jamie and Layla.

25.09.2020: Beech-Nevaeh and Toren; Elm-Lilia and Josh; Maple-Freddie R and Mia; Larch-Aalish and Ben; Chestnut-James and Kacey; Pine-Xanthe and HarryC; Oak-Hannah.

1.10.2020: Beech-Alfie and Raine; Elm-Theo and Lila; Maple-Tennyson and Riley; Larch-Emilia and Freya; Chestnut-Ocean and Jude; Pine-Oliver and Cassie; Oak-Efe

Parking in Nine Wells Road: please watch your children cross safely.

Crossing Patrol on Wednesdays will be at the later time to correspond with the Superlearning After School finishing.

Rugby Club: Please note that we still need to have the details of who is meeting the children at the Rugby Club. Please email in to the office including if it is a Child minder.

Supporting learning at home remains as important as ever. Please support your child to complete their homework and return on a Friday to be marked. Please also encourage your child to read regularly - to an adult where possible. We will soon be launching an online reading platform to encourage reading at home - more information to follow.

Great news - hot meals are back! See the home page of the website for menu options, which will remain the same each week until half term. Universal Free School Meals continue to be available for all children in years Reception, 1 & 2, and Free School Meals for all eligible children. We would encourage you to take up a free school meals for your child, so please speak to us if you think your child may be eligible. Please note the cost is £2.30 per day, and **MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE** - a meal cannot be provided to your child unless you have paid for it.

Buddies Before and After School Club is running, but with restricted numbers. Places **MUST** be paid for via ParentPay prior to attending. Please ensure your book ahead - no later than 12 noon for attendance that day. If you have booked a place, and no longer require it, please let us know as this place can be offered to another child. If not cancelled by 12 noon, you will be charged for the place. More information from the school office Tel: 832262 or email admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

DATE	CALENDAR
Each Wednesday after school until the end of term – 21.10.20 ELM - 4.10pm MAPLE - 4.15pm LARCH - 4.10pm CHESTNUT - 4.15pm PINE - 4.10pm OAK - 4.15pm	Superlearning After-sSchool Club for year groups 1 to 6. Children remain in the classes after school, and are collected in the usual place at the times below. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to experience an extra session of high quality teaching from their class teacher.
Mon 19.10.20	Flu nasal spray for children. Please complete permission online or return paper copy to school.
Friday 23.10.20	Term finishes at normal end of school time. Please note, due to Covid-restrictions there will be no Harvest Festival.

Our school office is open daily from 8.30am – 3.05pm. Contact by telephone or email is appreciated where possible, and if needing to visit our office, just one adult in the foyer at a time please, and the wearing of a face-mask is appreciated. Tel: 01594 832262 / email: admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk
Class teachers can also be contact by email – contacts can be found on the Class pages.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION for all school children. Take a digital image on the theme of **CRACKING COLOUR IN AUTUMN**. Due to Covid restrictions, entries to be emailed to headteacher@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk by 3pm on Friday 6th November. There will be a prize for the best image in Infant, and Junior category. All images will be printed in school and displayed in the library.

SCHOOL LIFE:

House Teams - Each child is allocated to a house team - **DRAGONFLIES**, **SQUIRRELS**, **FROGS** or **FALCONS**. Children earn House Team points which are totalled weekly and a tally kept, with one house awarded the **HOUSE TEAM CUP** each week. We aim for each class to do a **DAILY MILE** to support us in developing healthy minds and bodies. We have recently joined the Active Glos initiative to work our way around the world with miles completed.

COVID UPDATE: We continue to follow daily guidance to maintain our school as Covid-secure. Thank you for supporting us by sticking to social distancing guidance while on our school site, and our drop-off and pick-up times. You must keep your child away from school if they are unwell, and get a test if your child or any of your family is exhibiting Covid-19 symptoms. Please keep us informed so we can act appropriately to reduce the risk of infection in our school and community. Should a positive test be received by your child, a member of your family, or if you are contacted by Test and Trace, please let us know. We have strict processes to follow informed by Public Health England, and will keep parents fully informed.

A poster has recently been sent home supporting your decision about whether to send your child into school. It's also saved to the COVID INFORMATION page on the school website.

In the event that someone in your family has had a positive test, please let us know, as we have strict processes to follow

Please note that wearing of face masks on our school site is not enforced, but to help reduce the risk of infection, adults are encouraged to wear a mask when dropping-off, collecting children or visiting our office. Thank you for your support.

Support with mental health and wellbeing

There is much reported currently about the pressure on families due to the continuing coronavirus situation. There are many sources of help available to families, and to children. For support and advice you can contact

Young Minds Matter - youngmindsmatter.org
(Provide a range of support and advice for mental health - adults and children, see their website for further information).

For any school related concerns Family Support advice, you can also contact Mrs Jacqui Reddan (jreddan@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk).

A further excellent source of family advice can be found on <https://www.familylives.org.uk/>

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR: We have clear expectations of behavior so that our school remains a calm and productive learning environment. Our school rules are revisited at the beginning of the year with the children, and have remained the same as last year. They are:

- Be kind and helpful
- Be polite and respectful
- Work hard and challenge ourselves
- Listen to others
- Be honest
- Look after property

We display these around school and use them for discussion if we have concerns about choices children make. In class there is a traffic light system whereby children start on green, can move up to silver and then gold, in which case a certificate will be issued, or down to amber and then red - in which case a 'Red Behaviour Slip' is issued and the child visits a member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss. Dependent on the outcome, contact may be made with home to share or address concerns. For further information on POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT in our school, see the policy on the website.

The Forest Foodbank has been awarded a Volunteer Group of the Year Award by FVAF. This is an amazing recognition for all the hard work and dedication of the team. Well done to them! See their website <https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/>

KEEP US UPDATED:

Remember to update your contact information with us if you change your home or mobile phone number, your address, or your email address. It is extremely important that we can always reach you in the case of an emergency.

Medical forms are also needed – let us know if your child has a medical condition by completing and returning this form. We can then ensure appropriate support is in place.

If your child needs to take medication during the school day you must provide us with written confirmation including child's name, class, name of medication, dosage and frequency. This must also be signed and dated – forms are available in school for you to complete. Your child's name must also be written clearly on the medicine.

DATA PROTECTION information (including Privacy Notice) is available to read on the STATUTORY INFORMATION tab of the school website.

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.

We have been made aware that some sweatshirts/cardigans have been produced with the wrong school logo. Please contact Mapac and they will replace the item for you free of charge.

Our School Uniform Policy is available on the school website (see POLICIES tab).