



BULLETIN NEWSLETTER – Friday 18.12.2020
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A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all! Have the best time, and see you all back in school on January 4th for our new term.



CONGRATULATIONS to all our children for our fabulous attendance this term. From September we have 97.2%, which is the highest it has ever been. Well done to everyone! The winning class was PINE with 98.2%. Congratulations to them!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY IN STAYING COVID-FREE BY STICKING TO OUR TIER 2 GUIDANCE, and the guidance in place for Christmas. Check out all the usual social media channels, news sites or the NHS for the most up-to-date guidance for our area.

Please remember that you MUST get your child tested if they develop Covid symptoms. If the test result is received before 23rd December and is positive, you MUST email Headteacher Mrs Sally Hunt so that we can follow Test and Trace procedures for children in your child's class. Thank you for your support.

headteacher@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

We have received several complaints from our neighbours about parents parking obstructing their properties during drop-off and pick-up times, and also during the wet-weather, parking on the grassed areas of Nine Wells Road, and churning it up. Please, please park with respect for our neighbours. Thank you for your support.

DATE	CALENDAR
TERM 3 Mon 04.01.21	Children return to school
Fri 12.02.21	Last day of term, return Tue 23.02
TERM 4 Mon 22.02.21	Inset day – no children in school
Tu 23.02.21	Children return to school
Thur 01.04.21	Last day of term, return Mon 19.04
TERM 5 Mon 19.04.21	
Mon 03.05.21	Bank Holiday
Fri 28.05.21	Last day of term, return Tu 08.06
TERM 6 Mon 07.06.21	Inset day – no children in school
Tu 08.06.21	Children return to school
Wed 21.07.21	Last day of term
No dates as yet for 2021/2022 as we are awaiting Bank Holiday guidance from Gloucestershire County Council.	

Our school office is now closed for the Christmas break. We re-open on Monday January 4th at 8.30am. Normal office hours are then 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. Tel: 01594 832262 / or email admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

We are now maintaining the CALENDAR on the website – check it out for important date reminders.

Following staff training on our online reading platform earlier today, information will be emailed home over the next couple of days, keep a look out! Well done to everyone that contributes to the class READOMETERS. Mrs Boiling is totting up the results to find the winning class, and we'll let you know results in the New Year!

If your child was not in school on the last day of term and you would like to collect their belongings, the school office will be open on Tuesday 22nd December from 12-2pm.

Buddies Before and After School Club will continue to run in January with restricted numbers. Places **MUST** be paid for via ParentPay prior to attending. Outstanding payments for this term **MUST** be paid in full before children can attend next term. Places cannot now be booked for Monday 4th as bookings must be made in advance. Please email Mrs Reddan or our admin team to book for Tuesday 5th January onwards. It is essential to book ahead, if you turn up at Buddies a place cannot be guaranteed so please don't put yourself, or our staff in this position. To book, contact us 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

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).

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

Do you care for a child with additional needs, disabilities, medical conditions or SEN?

Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum

Gloucestershire Parent Carer Forum is an organisation of Parent Carers who volunteer their time to support each other and work together to improve local services for families.

We can offer you:

- regular meet ups (online and in person)
- a friendly Facebook group
- free training
- opportunities to influence decision makers

Joining the forum is quick and easy. You can do it online in the time it takes to make the kettle boil.

Membership is free to all Parent Carers (of children 0-25yrs) in Gloucestershire

www.glosparentcarerforum.org.uk

Our **FOODBANK** would be really grateful for any donations of sponge puddings, jellies, rice pudding, canned potatoes, gluten-free biscuits, breakfast cereal, pasta and snacks (with long sell-by dates).

Contact details on their website:

<https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/>

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY HERE!

To properly get in the Christmas spirit, if you haven't already, check out Beech, Elm and Maple Class own version of the Christmas Story, saved as a video on each of their class pages. Fabulous, and will bring a smile and maybe even a tear to your eye! Truly magical!

So many of our children enjoyed our Christmas lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday. Huge thanks to Mrs MacKenzie and Miss Boseley for the delicious meals, and to the whole lunchtime team for making it such a special occasion. The children looked amazing in their Christmas jumpers and outfits. Great fun!

A reminder that our menu will remain the same for next term, with just one slight change to the vegetarian options, please see menu on the website (attached on the bottom of the home page). A new menu will be in place after February half term.

Our children have all made an extra Christmas Card this year which will be sent to residents of our local care homes. What a lovely way to think of others and spread some Christmas Cheer. Well done to everyone!

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).