



Welcome back to our 2nd Autumn term, where we enjoy the lead-up to Christmas. Unfortunately, we will be unable to host our traditional annual infant Christmas play this year, but will be looking at how we can make Christmas fun for the children within our covid guidelines. More information to follow.

Thank you to all who have signed-up for our Parent Consultations by telephone. These will be taking place this week and next, and are a great way for us to update you on how your child has settled into their new class since our return in September.

If you haven't yet signed up for an appointment, please do so via your eschools login.

FUNDRAISERS:

Harvest Festival donations to the FOODBANK:
Huge thanks to everyone that contributed to this. 15 bags of food were collected across the classes, and donated to this very worthwhile cause. The Foodbank has written to us thanking you all for your generosity, and asking me to pass on their thanks. I will be sharing the letter with children in assembly this week. Thank you!

REMEMBRANCE - we are unable to sell poppies in school this year, but it is so important that our children remember those that gave their lives or serve in our military to protect our country. If they would like to, children are encouraged to wear something red to school on Friday 13th, and bring a donation (£1 suggested). Money will be quarantined before being sent on to the Royal British Legion.

ANTI-BULLYING AND FRIENDSHIP WEEK – ODD SOCKS DAY – Friday 20th November
To raise awareness and to help children understand the importance of celebrating and respecting difference and diversity, they are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks on this day. 😊 Just for fun - no donation needed!

DATE	CALENDAR
Fri 06.11.20	Photos took place in school. Due to covid restrictions, all photos were individual, except for twin siblings attending the same class bubble. Children brought home information on Friday, so please check their school bags. All ordering is done online, and not through school.
Fri 13.11.20	WEAR SOMETHING RED FOR REMEMBRANCE AND BRING A DONATION (£1 recommended)
Fri 20.11.20	ODD SOCKS DAY – Antbullying & Friendship – no donation needed
Wed 25.11.20	STEM Y4 Lego workshop
Th 26.11.20	STEM Y5 Knex workshop
Fri 27.11.20	STEM Y6 Robotics workshop

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. Tel: 01594 832262 / or email admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk

eschools is our main communication system, and many of you are already making use of the APP to say in touch. More information here: <https://academy.eschools.co.uk/parents-app/>

COVID UPDATE: We continue to follow all guidance to maintain our school as Covid-secure. Thank you for supporting us by socially distancing while on our school site, and we strongly encourage the wearing of a mask. Please ensure you 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, keeping 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, if you are contacted by Test and Trace, or you or your child has been in close contact with someone that has tested positive, please let us know. We have strict processes to follow informed by Public Health England, and will keep parents fully informed.

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

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

As you know we planned to launch our **online reading platform**, and unfortunately have experienced a long list of technical difficulties in setting it up. We were due to email out to parents today, having finalised reading books choices over the weekend, only to find that the system does not work adequately when more than one book-band is allocated to a child. This is hugely disappointing, and we will source a system as quickly as possible so that we can, as planned, give our children a wide range of easily accessible reading books to choose from, and enjoy at home. I will keep you informed.
Mrs Hunt.

A message from our local police regarding children and Covid Restrictions in our community:

"Police are continuing to get reports of youths gathering in skate parkes, parks and other open spaces. With cases being confirmed in a number of local schools over the past few weeks, we must work together to stop the spread of COVID 19 and adhere to the lo9ckdwon restrictions. Whilst we appreciate children can 'mix' with other children in school, this is contained and managed by the school within their own bubbles. When children area outside they are mixing with other childrend from different year groups and different schools, therefore it is untraceable if a child should become ill. Please, we urge paretns and carers to keep children at home when they are not in school, whilst England is in full lockdown."

Staying safe online:

Following some parents sharing concerns about what their children are accessing on the internet, we urge you to check their browsing history carefully, and to ensure parental controls are fully in place to keep them safe. It is very easy for children to access information that is not intended for them - with two recent examples being the use of Games Consoles (where children can be contacted by people they don't know via chatrooms) and Tik Tok messages and shared videos. Our school website has many suggestions of sites where parents and carers can access advise on internet safety for children - see the LINKS tab on 'Berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk'.

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).

Would you be interested in attending any of these 3 fabulous courses? All offered by Adult Education in Gloucestershire, and free to attend (subject to eligibility) - contact fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk for more information, and to book your place.



Keeping Up with the Kids Maths



A free* online course for parents with children in Junior School.

Do you find your children's maths homework challenging? Daniel can take the mystery out of maths. As a primary teacher he can work with you to explain the terms used in school.

Find out how to:

- ✓ Give your child a boost in their maths
- ✓ Get tips to help your children learn their tables and more
- ✓ Find out about fractions
- ✓ And much more

Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am from 12th November

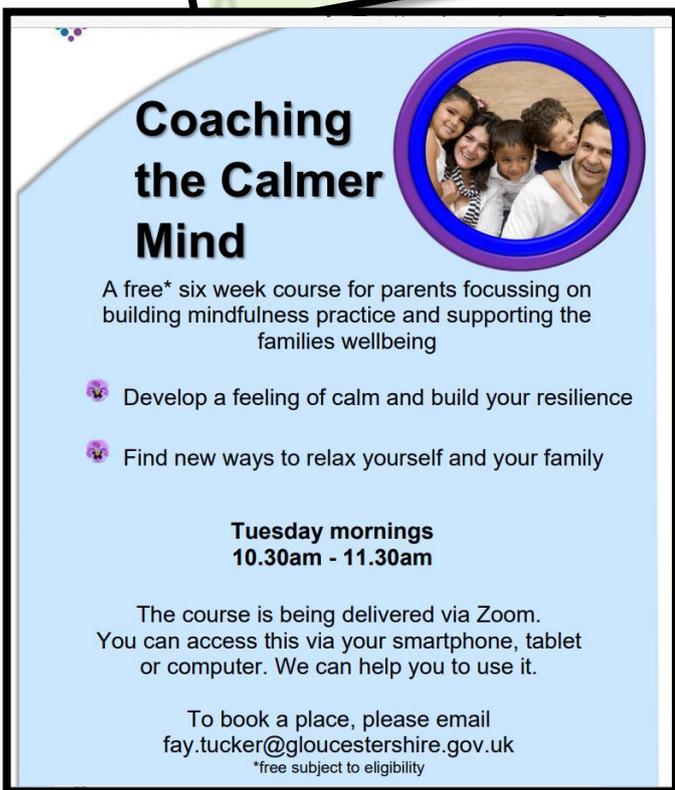
This course is being delivered via Zoom

You can access this through your smartphone, tablet or computer.

We can help you use it!

To book a place please email fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

*free subject to eligibility

Coaching the Calmer Mind



A free* six week course for parents focussing on building mindfulness practice and supporting the families wellbeing

- 🌸 Develop a feeling of calm and build your resilience
- 🌸 Find new ways to relax yourself and your family

**Tuesday mornings
10.30am - 11.30am**

The course is being delivered via Zoom. You can access this via your smartphone, tablet or computer. We can help you to use it.

To book a place, please email fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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Happier and Calmer: Wellbeing at Home



A *free online course for parents

We will be guiding you through the latest science on how to build a happier and calmer home

- 🌻 Find ways to settle yourself in these uncertain times
- 🌻 Discuss ways to make your family calmer
- 🌻 Get tips to make you feel happier
- 🌻 Develop yoga and mindfulness skills

**Courses are running on
Wednesdays and Fridays**

9.30 - 11.00am

The course is being delivered via Zoom. You can access this through your smartphone, tablet or computer. We can help you to use it.