



CONGRATULATIONS to our Class Bubble STAR **ACHIEVERS** for the past two weeks, well done to you all!

01.10.2020: Beech - Rory & Alfie; Elm - Selina & Nacio; Maple - Lexi & Henry; Larch - Ellis & Orla; Chestnut - Akeyla and Tristan; Pine - Jamie A & Riley; Oak - Jacob.

12.10.2020: Beech - Myles & Niamh; Elm - Marnie & Romeilly; Maple - Sophie & Max; Larch - Maddox & Charlie; Chestnut - Isla & Charlie-Mae; Pine - Alfie & Sophie; Oak - Oliver.

(There is no Achievement Assembly held in the first, or last weeks of term).

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.

We had a great take up for our hot school lunches this week. A new menu is in place for after half term, please see the Home page of the school website for our two-weekly choices.

Remember, please get in touch if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals for your child. This also brings additional funding benefits to school, so we positively encourage you to apply. More information on the school website, or contact Family Support Worker Mrs Reddan 01594 832262.

Meals are great value at just £2.30 per day, and must be paid for in advance via ParentPay. Please note, a meal cannot be provided for your child if it is not paid for.

If you are providing your child with a **lunchbox from home**, please remember to ensure the contents are nutritious and healthy, and so will fuel your child for the afternoon. Children should only be bringing one small chocolate bar in their lunch, and no sweets. For NHS advice on healthy lunchboxes and some advice on home cooked contents, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>

DATE	CALENDAR
21.10.20 ELM - 4.10pm MAPLE - 4.15pm LARCH - 4.10pm CHESTNUT - 4.15pm PINE - 4.10pm OAK - 4.15pm	Last Superlearning Club (may restart again later in year). Huge thanks for supporting this fabulous opportunity for catch-up learning, and for all the helpful feedback given with the questionnaire responses. As requested by many, Class Teachers will be providing information on learning covered during sessions.
Mon 19.10.20	Flu nasal spray for children.
Fri 23.10.20	Term finishes at normal end of school time. Please note, due to Covid-restrictions there will be no Harvest Festival, but we are collecting items for the Food Bank – see information below.
Thur 05.10.20	School starts for pupils (staff are in school on Weds for an inset day, but no pupils)
Fru 06.11.20	Photos in school. To covid guidance, more info to follow – but there will be no opportunity to take photographs with preschool siblings this year.

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 / 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 stay in touch.

More information here: <https://academy.eschools.co.uk/parents-app/>

FOODBANK Harvest Festival donations:

Due to coronavirus restrictions we are not holding a Harvest Festival this year, but welcome donations for the FOODBANK who are always grateful to benefit from your generosity at this time of year.

Items needed: Toilet paper, dry dog food, tinned pasta, sponge puddings, jellies, rice pudding, canned fruit, instant mash, canned potatoes.

Please send items into school by Thursday 22nd October, to be collected before the end of term. Thank you.

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

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.

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/>

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).

HOME LEARNING: We know that children learn best, and make most progress when they are supported in their learning at home. Following the period of missed schooling due to coronavirus, we are providing the following to boost learning, and to ensure the best provision should be need to lockdown again:

Catch-up curriculum - our provision this term to revisit key learning from the Summer term has been very effective, and all children will be learning their own year group curriculum from next term, with the aim that it is fully taught by Summer 2021. Where children have gaps in learning, targeted interventions will help catch these up, and may be offered after school. We will contact you if we think your child will benefit from this input.

Children's reading at home: To support learning at home and the development of this crucial skill, we are launching an online reading platform - more information to follow this week.

Homework: Thank you for continuing to support this at home. We do expect children to complete their homework tasks, so please liaise with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns.

Lockdown learning: in the event that we have a local lockdown, and either individual bubbles or the whole school needs to close, teaching and learning will be facilitated via a class page on the eschools platform. Through this platform, you will access your child's class page, which will enable them to follow a timetable, and be taught at home in a more structured way than previously.

As a practice run for using the site, Half term homework will be set via the use of this platform, and login information and further detail will be sent home this week.

The homework features a range of Autumn themed activities, including the photography competition mentioned last week! If you have problems accessing the site, please email your child's class teacher.