



Just one more week to go before we break up for the Easter break, with Thursday next week the last day of this school term. Children return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

We will be holding parent consultations by telephone during the first and second week of next term, more information will be sent next week.

Children have undertaken assessments in Reading, Writing and Mathematics this week, which along with completed work in class will enable teachers to assess where children’s learning is secure and any gaps that need filling. More information to follow with this, and catch-up plans for next term. One thing we have noticed already is that, children that have read widely on our myON reading platform have made tremendous progress in their reading – so if you’ve not yet encouraged your child to login, we strongly recommend you do! More info below and to the right.

**EVEN THOUGH SCHOOL IS OPEN, OUR NATIONAL LOCKDOWN REMAINS IN PLACE. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE RULES TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY IN STAYING COVID-FREE.**

**Some reminders please:**

**When** on our school site stay socially distant from others - 2m where possible - and please wear a mask.

**Your** children **MUST** stay with you at all time, including preschool children, to minimise mixing.

**Just** one person from each family to come to drop and collect.

**Stick** to drop-off and collect times, and leave our school site promptly to reduce mixing. Children walking to school alone should not arrive early.

DATE	CALENDAR
Wed 31.03.21	Discovery after school club for all classes. Ends 4.15pm
Thur 01.04.21	Last day of term, finish school usual time, return Mon 19.04.21
Mon 19.04.21	Children return to school
Mon 03.05.21	Bank Holiday Monday – no school
Thur 06.05.21	Y2 STEM activity – Introduction to Coding
Fri 07.05.21	Y3 STEM activity – Coding
Fri 28.05.21	Last day of term, return Tu 08.06
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

Please note, term and holiday dates for 2021-22 and 2022-23 are now posted on the school website (on the School Life tab, under BHPS Calendar Term Dates). The 2021-22 are subject to change of the extra bank holiday as directed by GCC (this information not yet confirmed).

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](mailto:admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk)

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

Please remember to read at home with your child regularly – our myON digital reading platform will support with book choice, and during lockdown we have also purchased a large number of new reading books to support children’s enjoyment of and enthusiasm for reading at home.

An added benefit of myON is that children can select an audio option for the books to be read to them – this is great for younger and less confident readers. As the text is highlighted as it is read, this is a great way to access story and information books independently, and to learn while they enjoy!

**A REMINDER PLEASE TO ALWAYS LET US KNOW WHO WILL BE COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL IF NOT YOU, INCLUDING IF THEY ARE WALKING TO THE RUGBY CLUB.**

**Buddies Before and After School Club** is in place but with restricted numbers. Places **MUST** be paid for via ParentPay prior to attending. Please ensure you 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jreddan@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk)).

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



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](http://www.glosparentcarerforum.org.uk)

**PLEASE REMEMBER** that children are welcome to ride bikes or scooters to school, but should not be riding these in the school grounds. Any bikes or scooters left in school must be stored in the bike shed next to the junior playground.

### Some important updates for you:

- Miss Kerri Walding, who has been teacher training in Chestnut will finish her placement at the end of next week, we wish her well with the remainder of her course. Miss Amanda Mifsud, who has been placed in Oak Class will stay with us, moving to Larch Class for her final teaching practice which will be supported by Mr Marsh.
- At the end of next week Mrs Calcutt will be leaving Maple Class to begin her maternity leave, and Mrs Kate McIntyre will be joining us to job-share with Mrs Hodgson, who will be with us until July.
- Covid reporting during the Easter Holidays: Between 2nd - 7th April please contact the following helpline to inform of a positive Covid test. Run by Glos CC, they will make contact with school staff so that Contact Tracing can be implemented as necessary. [COVIDschoolenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:COVIDschoolenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk)
- STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) activities will be taking place over the next few weeks for Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Year 2 and Year 3 are first, with coding activity days, see calendar above for dates.
- Cycling proficiency, which was missed for our current Year 6 due to Covid, will take place next term, dates to follow.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM** A full range of our school uniform is available from Mapac Group Ltd [parentcustomerservices@mapac.net](mailto: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).