



Berry Hill Bulletin - Friday 18.09.2020

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We are now at the end of our second week in school, and our learning is well and truly underway. All children have settled into their new classes and are working hard on their catch-up curriculum to ensure missed learning from the Summer term is embedded fully. Please be reassured that children that are already confident in learning being covered will undertake activities to further extend their understanding.

Superlearning club on Wednesday after school this week was very well attended, with all children fully engaged in the fun activities provided by their class teacher. Thank you for your support in allowing your child to stay on to benefit from this learning. More to come next week, and then every Wednesday up until half term.

Because of covid-restrictions Parents Evenings will not run in school during October. Instead, Teachers will be completing a brief summary of how your child has settled into their new class, which will be emailed home. If you wish to follow this up, you will be invited to do so by email. Meanwhile, to contact Class Teachers with any concerns or queries you have, email contacts can be found on the Class pages of the school website.

Supporting learning at home remains as important as ever. Homework is being sent home to be returned on a Friday (so that marking can be done, and the books quarantined before being sent home the following week). Your child should be able to access their homework independently, and may benefit from your support in settling to complete it. Please help them with this.

Reading at home regularly is also vitally important to support developing reading skills. Please make time to listen to your child read, and ask them questions about the books they are reading. More advice on how to support reading is on the Curriculum/Reading tab of the school website.

DATE	CALENDAR
	Have you watched the MEET THE TEACHER sessions for your child's class? Check out the class pages of the school website for a welcome to our new school year, and important information, including homework.
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-school club running 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 – 4.15pm. 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 / email: admin@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk
Class teachers can also be contact by email.

The maintenance work on the Boiler House is now completed, so children are welcome to ride bikes and scooters to school and store them in the bike shed adjacent to the Junior playground. We strongly recommend that they are locked during the school day for security, as school cannot be responsible for any loss/damage. Please also remember that, to keep our community safe, bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school site.

Buddies Before and After school club is running, but with restricted numbers. Places **MUST** be paid for prior to attending via ParentPay. 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.

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

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 our Family Support Worker, Mrs Jacqui Reddan

(jreddan@berryhill.gloucs.sch.uk).



The **Family Information Service** offers a free confidential advice line providing guidance and emotional support on any aspect of parenting and family life.

Find out more here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2097644/support-for-parents-advice-line.pdf>

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

The Forest Foodbank is available to provide support to families in need. 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 have also been sent home. You must inform us if your child has a medical need by completing and returning this form.

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 on the medicine clearly.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and a Clerk to governors.

Information on both roles are available on the school website in the following places:

* Parent Governor - GOVERNOR TAB

* Clerk to Governors - VACANCIES TAB

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 a different colour 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).