



Berewood Bulletin

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Our Berewood Bond

We are helpful and kind ▪ We are respectful and safe ▪ We are resilient and hardworking

Headteacher's update

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's October today and with it, the rain has come too! We're enjoying having the school operating as normally as possible within the current pandemic and it seems as if coronavirus has been replaced with the fuel crisis. Whatever next? As if that wasn't enough, coronavirus cases remain in the area and so we **continue to urge you to ensure that if your child is suffering from any of the symptoms to NOT send them to school but keep them at home and seek a PCR test as soon as possible. We all need to do our part to reduce transmission in school as much as possible.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

Concerns

Please do continue to talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance as we always want to resolve issues at the classroom first. If that proves unsuccessful after a period of time, then it is of course possible to ask to see a member of the school's senior leadership team who will try and assist you further. We want to help if at all possible.



- 6th October – Y5 Viking Show in the hall
- 10th October – World Mental Health Day (letter to follow)
- 14th October – Individual school photos – full uniform please (email to follow)
- 19th October – Y2 visit to the Chichester Planetarium (see letter sent home today)
- 18th October – PTA meeting (via Zoom, link to follow)
- 2nd November – Vision screening for Reception pupils
- 26th November – Trust INSET Day – school is **closed** to pupils.

Proud to be part of the **UNIVERSITY OF CHICHESTER** ACADEMY TRUST

Long hair and jewellery

Just a reminder from our uniform policy (published on the website) that the following should be adhered to please:

- no jewellery should be worn to school
- only plain, simple watches should be worn to school
- long hair should be tied back tidily with a sensible, soft fastening

This is especially important for the swimming weeks for Years 5 and 6 and for all children in PE sessions.
Many thanks.

Mid-morning snacks

Children in reception, year 1 and year 2 do not need to bring a mid-morning snack as the government's fruit and vegetables scheme arranges for deliveries each week free of charge for the children in these year groups.

Children in years 3 to 6 can bring a mid-morning snack to school if they wish and this should be fresh fruit or a cereal bar. Sweets, chocolate bars, biscuits and fruit winders or similar products are not suitable as a mid-morning snack.
Thanks for helping them to keep to this rule.

Masks

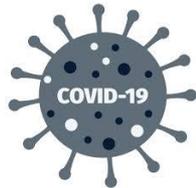


Nationally, guidance has changed, but we still recommend you wear a mask if you're coming onto site though this is no longer a firm requirement. **The virus is very much out there and so we want to try and do our bit as well to keep everyone safe.**

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading – a message from the NHS

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 18 and over can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#) now and 16-17 year olds are being offered 1 dose of the vaccination by 23 August
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>



Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Applying for a secondary school place (Year 7) – deadline 31st October 2021

If your child is currently in year 6, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2022. You can name up to three schools on your application. Please see the Hampshire County Council website for more information – follow this link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/year7>

PTA Update

We are currently in the process of buying all the gifts for this year's Christmas Shopping event for the children. This will be held on December 6th and 7th this year. We are hoping that we may be able to return to having a shop in the hall but this will depend on the Covid situation at the time. However, please email us if you would be able to help out on either day just in case. Currently, if you are able to help with wrapping please also email us at berewoodpta965@gmail.com



Panto tickets money

Can we please ask for all remaining pantomime ticket money to be paid by October 2nd.

Our next PTA Meeting

Our next PTA Meeting is Monday October 18th and we hope many of you will be able to join us on zoom.

Have a lovely weekend.

The PTA Committee

Attendance Matters!

Current attendance is... **95.9%** (for the week ending 1st October 2021).



Our target, this term is 96% or higher so we need to keep going please. Please keep trying hard to get your children to school every day we're open — and on time too!

Winner of the healthiest classes so far this term are:

Y3 Victory Class and Y2 Birch Class

Since our return I have noticed some children being off school in term time for events which I can't authorise. Children must attend school every day whenever possible and must not be absent from school for day trips, shopping, birthdays, baby-sitting or parent/carer or sibling illness. **Attendance at school every day we're open and every day they're well enough is the key for children to be successful at school and in life. Vital things are missed if your child is absent even for just one day without a good reason.**

Berewood Primary School follows the Hampshire County Council Code of Practice with regard to school attendance, and has an annually revisited Attendance Policy. A copy of the school's attendance policy is available on our website.

The green cross code (a quick reminder!)

Though there are traffic calming measures in place, the crossing by the field gate on Kentidge Way remains a challenge and does need pupils to stop and check and take extra care when crossing. If there are any queries related to this then please do get in touch.



THE GREEN CROSS CODE

A thorough knowledge of the Green Cross Code is vitally important to primary school children **over 7 years:**

1. First find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass, look all around again and listen
5. When it is safe go straight across the road - do not run
6. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross

STOP - LOOK - LISTEN

Have a great weekend – Mr Ricky Leigh, Headteacher
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