



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



Attendance for the half term ending 22.10.2021	
Whole school	96%
Reception Y1, Y2	96.4%
Years 3-6	95.0%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term – as I write this the end of the half term is upon us and the break will start from the end of the school day today at 3:00/3:15 p.m. I do hope that you have a chance to rest and relax during the break with family. As you do that, just a reminder that the virus is ever-present (and in some cases on the rise locally and nationally) so I do urge you to continue to be cautious and not mix unnecessarily.

After the break we hope to begin to resume some more of the events which remind us of how times used to be. We have carefully risk-assessed that part-school assemblies will be able to take place with Years 1 to 3 coming together and separately, Years 4, 5 and 6 coming together in the hall with adequate ventilation. These are important events that remind us that we are school community and we're looking forward to their return. Reception pupils will start to join us for assemblies later this term.



1 st November	bookings system for consultations opens at 6 p.m. (until midnight on 7 th November)
8 th and 10 th November	3:30 - 6 p.m. – Parents' consultations (see letter sent home already)
11 November	Flu immunisation – see NHS letter sent home already Remembrance Day – 2 minutes silence at 11 a.m.
15 November	Anti-bullying Week – 'One Kind Word' (letter to follow) Road Safety Week (letter to follow)
19 November	Children in Need (see letter sent home already)
26 November	Trust INSET day – school is CLOSED to pupils
6 & 7 December	PTA Christmas Shopping Days
17 December	Half day for pupils Christmas break begins after lunch
4 th January 2022	INSET day, school is closed to pupils
5 th January 2022	First day back for all pupils after the Christmas break.

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Curriculum newsletters

Curriculum newsletter including information on topics will be sent home in the first week back. Governors have asked me to ensure that this happens so that you can support children with their learning.

What to do if I think your child has or develops symptoms of COVID-19



Public Health England advice states that: If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a **PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known**. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If the child has a positive test result but do not have symptoms, they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119.

PTA Update



Firstly we would like to welcome Mike Anthony to the committee, Mike kindly offered to take on the Vice Chair role and was elected at Monday's PTA Meeting.

Our next meeting will take place on the 15th November by Zoom, link to follow, we will be holding a poll on our Facebook page shortly to see what times most people can attend. If you are currently not a member of the Facebook page please look us up at *Berewood Primary School PTA*. However, we will also email the poll out via the school so that you can email us your preferred time.

Halloween - is fast approaching and we are planning a few fundraisers online. Details of these will be available on our Facebook page from Monday 25th October and all entries and funds need to be received by 9pm Friday 29th October to be included. The draws will take place live on Facebook on October 31st, time to be confirmed. Each event is 50p or for £1.00 you can enter all 3. Please transfer all money to our bank account using the details below, quoting your child's name as a reference. Afterwards please email us at berewoodpta965@gmail.com to advise you have made a transfer and which events you wish to enter.

Sort code: 55-70-34
 Account number: 80833012
 Account name: Berewood Parent Teacher Association

If you are not on Facebook and wish to take part please email us at berewoodpta965@gmail.com and we can send you the details for each event.

Christmas - we are desperately seeking a Santa for school this year. If you know anyone who could play this part please get in touch.

Also we need some help in sourcing bags (ideally not plastic) for this year's Christmas Shopping Day. If anyone knows of any businesses who may be willing to donate bags for the children to take their gifts home

in please email us.

This year the Christmas Shopping days are planned for December 6th and 7th. We are hoping that we will be able to have the shop set up in the hall again this year and are looking for helpers. Please contact us if you would be able to help on either day.

Finally, we hope you all have a lovely half term and you enjoy taking part in the Halloween activities.

Useful resources

Internet & Online safety

The government website of the National Cyber Security Centre has some resources for helping keep children safe online. Please follow the link below:

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cybersprinters-game-and-activities?utm_medium=Email&utm_source=GovDelivery

Safe4 me – a free website from Hampshire Constabulary which include resources for families and professionals to support use of devices online and how to keep safe. Details can be found here:

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/>

Staff changes

Goodbyes

This term we said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Penfold who started her maternity leave. Mrs Baker will take over her duties in the meantime. Good luck for the birth of your baby!

We also say goodbye today to Mr Hunt, Teaching Assistant in Year 1 Maple Class who is pursuing interests outside of teaching. Good luck and thank you for your help since you joined Berewood. We will miss you!

From 1st November we will also be welcoming to Berewood

Mrs Katrin Butler (Teaching Assistant in Year 3 Warrior)

Miss Lauren McAuley (Teaching Assistant in Year 3 Victory)

Miss Toni Ponting (Teaching Assistant in Reception Rabbits)

Miss Vicky Reynolds (Teaching Assistant in Year 5 Apollo)

Show and tell toys / items from home

We love hearing about these things from home, but they are causing some issues including lost trading cards and other toys. Please can we therefore ask you to help us by not sending anything in for show and tell at the moment? The reason for this is that it causes upset when things get lost or broken and can also cause disagreements. The only time children can bring things into school is if children have been asked to do so by teachers as part of their learning. If this is the case, you will receive an official request from school by email specifying how this will work. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend and half term when it comes!

All best wishes,

Mr Ricky Leigh, Headteacher

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