



Berewood Bulletin

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Headteacher's update



Attendance So far this year up to the week ending 11.02.2022	
Whole school	94.8%
Reception	93.9%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	96.2%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	93.2%
Year 6	87.2%

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of next week heralds the arrival of half term and I hope you are looking forward to spending some time with the children at home. I know that we're looking forward to sharing with you the new topics for classes after the break and we're busy preparing the next set of curriculum newsletters.

Safer Internet Day

This year Safer Internet has collided with Children's Mental Health week so we decided to move this and will focus on it just after we return. I am attaching a Digital Parents' Guide available from Vodafone though, which is a helpful guide on the things to be aware of when using the internet.

There's Only One You!

I've been delighted this week to see the work done with children on the theme of 'Only one you', which was our focus for the start of Children's Mental Health Week. I visited classes and saw first-hand much of the work that has been done. I have also seen the wonderful pebble fish that have been created and are coming together in a school to show just what a diverse and eclectic mix of people make up our Berewood Community. In the assemblies this week I shared with the children the ideas from the book *The World Needs More Purple People* by Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart. It tells the story of a girl who finds out from the grown-ups in her life a number of simple rules for being a Purple Person – such as asking questions (even questions about questions), working hard, laughing a lot and a couple of other ideas too, including being the real you. Because you're the only you we've got. We chose the story as it fits nicely with the work being done elsewhere in Children's Mental Health Week.

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. I know that it often seems easy to discuss such matters between parents on social media and that's fine to a point but I know it can get frustrating too. If there's a genuine issue which warrants our attention, please do get in touch instead, via the school office, we want to help if we can.

Have a great weekend.

All best wishes,

Mr Ricky Leigh
Headteacher



16 th February	PTA Meeting, to be held online, 7.45 p.m. (see PTA update in the bulletin)
2 nd March	Safer Internet Day at Berewood – email to follow next week
21 st - 25 th February	Half term
28 th February	Term restarts for all pupils
3 rd March	World Book Day – letter to follow
7 th March	Parents' consultations, Day 1 of 2 – letter to follow
9 th March	Parents' consultations, Day 2 of 2 – letter to follow
18 th March	Red Nose Day – letter to follow

Removal of plan B measures – what it means for face coverings at Berewood

A quick reminder as many of you seem to be approaching classroom doors without masks. **We want to keep all colleagues in school so please help us to do this by following the simple guidelines below. Many thanks.**

To make things easy we have included a simple table of what to do at Berewood:

Situation	School instruction
Drop off and pick up, if outside of classrooms and well away (over 2 metres / 6 foot) from the classroom door	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Do not congregate too close together ◆ Wearing a face covering is still strongly recommended for parents and carers
Approaching the classroom door to speak to a member of staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Keep a safe distance if possible ◆ Still need to wear a face covering* to approach a member of staff on the door
Visiting the school office or attending an appointment in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All visitors and staff MUST wear a face covering* in all communal areas, when travelling around the school site in corridors and in the main lobby. (Trust requirement)
	<p>*We understand that not all disabilities may be visible. We warmly welcome the wearing of a sunflower or exemption lanyard at those times when a face covering is required or strongly recommended at Berewood.</p>

Many thanks for helping to keep us all safe. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

PTA Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our next meeting is due to take place Wednesday 16th February at 7.45 p.m. If you are free then we would love to see you there!

Please don't feel by joining us for the meeting you will end up with a list of jobs to do, that's not how it works. But having your support and input means we can, as a team, continue to support the school and put on some fun events for the children.

We are changing from Zoom to Teams this month. Please just press on the link below and this should connect you.

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9459426856648>

Also due to the very low number of completed Consent to Share Forms we will be extending the deadline to March 7th. Currently out of 333 members on the Facebook page we have only had 56 forms completed.

Please complete your form following the link below so that you can remain part of the Facebook group and continue to support the children and the school.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=4L7-dw42YEmdr11Hk3dXJ0Fz0boWtP9FgG2KNOYoe5UNlq3TIY0T1NSR0JUS0s3OUUyTUJFQ05GNC4u>

As a thank you if we get more than 150 forms completed then all those who have submitted a form will be entered into a free prize draw to win a £30 voucher for the Shalimar.

If you haven't joined the Facebook group yet then please join us now, complete your Consent to Share form and maybe win yourself a great prize. You will find us by searching for **Berewood Primary School PTA**.

Finally, we hope to arrange some Film Nights for all the year groups after half term. Thank you to all those who took part in the polls, there was certainly one film that was very popular. Further details on these nights will follow shortly.

Regards, The PTA Committee

Keep your child safe online

It is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.

Talk to your child about the importance of creating a safe online environment, including keeping any log-in details and passwords safe.

These resources will support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:



- [Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) - resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP - support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) - [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Inclusive Digital Safety Hub](#) and [Online Safety Hub](#), created by South West Grid for Learning in partnership with Internet Matters - support and tailored advice for young people with additional learning needs and their parents or carers
- [Parents' Guide to Age Ratings](#) explains how the British Board of Film Classification rates content, and gives parents advice on choosing online content well

OFFICE REMINDERS

Staying off after being sick with diarrhoea or vomiting – At Berewood we follow the NHS guidance on these matters and ask that children are kept at home for 48 hours **after the last incidence** of diarrhoea or vomiting. So for example if the last incidence was Monday afternoon, they could return to school on Thursday morning. Many thanks.

Medical appointments – thanks for continuing to work with us to provide details of these and for trying whenever possible to book these outside of school hours. When collecting children for these appointments, please do remember to let us have sight of the appointment letter or text message. We appreciate it can be frustrating to have to provide the proof, but legally we need to know where children are during school hours, hence our request to see appointment letters and reminder text messages.

