



Berewood Bulletin

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Headteacher's update



Attendance

So far this school year up to week ending 4th March 2022

National average	91%
Berewood (all years)	94%

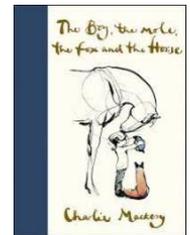
Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a good half term and that the storms did not cause too much damage or upset over the first weekend of the holidays.



World Book Day – last Thursday 3rd March 2022

What a wonderful day it was in school with World Book Day 2022. Its focus was about reading for pleasure. Thank you for sourcing such wonderful outfits for the children. It really was a very special day in school. We came together in our key stage assemblies to see each other's costumes, share a love of reading and I read a little bit of one of my favourite books called **The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse** by Charlie Mackesy. It's a delightful book with some super illustrations and important messages in these trying times.



PTA film nights – ENCANTO – 3rd and 10th March 2022

On Thursday night we also had the first film night since lockdown! How exciting to be back in school again and doing some collective events. I was pleased to see how much the children enjoyed it. Thank you to our PTA and parent volunteers who came on the night to make sure it could happen! It's much appreciated. It's the turn of our Y3-Y6 pupils next Thursday 10th March 2022.



Welcome to some new colleagues

On the 1st March 2022, I was pleased to welcome three new colleagues. They are Mrs Katie Smith – Teaching Assistant in Year 2 Oak Class, Mr Matthew Freshwater – Teaching Assistant in Year 3 Victory Class and Mrs Lisa Catterall – Teaching Assistant in Year 4 Endeavour Class. We're glad you have joined us and look forward to working with you.



'Dress up as a superhero' day – 18th March 2022

We're joining schools across the UK in a dressing-up day to remember – whether it's as Wonderwoman, Superman or as a superhero of your own creation, or a local hero in your community. Just pay a small fee (50p is suggested, but there is no minimum donation) and please, feel free to dress to impress. Please see the letter sent home in February for more information.



Here are our latest set of dates. As more dates are confirmed, we will update this and send it out.

7 March 2022 and 9 March 2022	Parents Consultations via Zoom, 3.30- 6.00 p.m. (all classes except 3 Victory and 2 Oak) – see letter sent home already
14 and 15 March 2022	Parents Consultations via Zoom, 3.30- 6.00 p.m. (Year 2 Oak class only) – see letter sent home already
18 March	Red Nose Day – see letter sent home already and note earlier in the bulletin
31 March	PTA disco night – more information to follow
7 April	PTA disco night – more information to follow
8 April	End of Spring term – pupils leave after lunch
11 – 22 April	Easter Break
25 April	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
26 April	Term re-starts for pupils
2 May	Bank Holiday
9 to 13 May	Year 6 National tests (SATs)
22 May – 25 May	Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL – Marchant's Hill
30 May – 1 June	Half term
2 June	Late May Bank Holiday (moved nationally to make a long Jubilee weekend)
3 June	Extra Bank Holiday to mark The 70 th Jubilee for HM Queen Elizabeth II
6 June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
7 June	Term re-starts for all pupils
14 June	Class photographs
21 July	End of the school year – pupils leave after lunch

Chair of Governors' Update

I was recently able to take a walk round school and witness the teachers, professional services staff and children in action.

I feel very fortunate to be able to go in to school (following all covid-19 protocols of course) and I am always pleasantly surprised by how quiet it feels as you walk round and it was really lovely to see all the children happy and engaged in their learning. The highlight of my visit was listening to a very powerful poem about racism read aloud by a Year 6 pupil, I was so impressed in fact, he was given a Governor's Award for Effort!

The Governing Body have been particularly impressed with the new displays in the corridors and so wanted to share some photos:

Reading display in Reception



Y4 Africa Display



continued overleaf

Author of the month display outside Y5 classes



The Local Governing Body would like to thank the teachers and children for their hard work in pulling these together.

A special thank you



On a separate note, Governor Mrs Nicola Blackmore's term of service comes to an end next week and she will be stepping down from the Local Governing Body. On behalf of all the governors I would like to thank her for her dedication and input over the last four years.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ashley

Mrs Tammi Ashley
Chair of Governors

PTA Update

by Mike Anthony - Chair



Please also see the minutes of the January meeting, sent with this bulletin

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would just like to take this opportunity to say hello to you all.

After taking on the role of Chair at our last meeting in February, I would first like to pass on a huge thank you from us as a committee to Holly Spencer for all of her hard work and efforts during her time as Chair of the PTA. Prior to becoming Chair, Holly was Vice Chair, and has always been a visible parent at meetings prior to taking on an official role. It is with Holly's help that we have seen a number of events raise a great amount of money over the years which go towards supporting the school with various projects.

We are excited to help build upon this and grow the Berewood PTA to further support events and raise money for our school - all of which we can see the benefit from.

So from here, I'd like us to create a support network where we can get:

- more involvement
- at least one classroom representative to be the voice for their child's class, creating a better working link with the school
- a team of volunteer helpers that we can call upon (not all at the same time, nor the same individuals all the time)
- new ideas and feedback.

PTA Update – continued

It's important that we work together, but also share how things are going and therefore most communication will be on the news bulletins from school and on our "Berewood Primary School PTA" page on Facebook.

Our upcoming film nights have shown just how popular an event can be and we are encouraged by how many are willing to support us with some of their time, which is greatly appreciated. I'm sure the children are looking forward to it - and we will see you there!

Furthermore, we are planning 2 disco nights coming up on 31st March and 7th April. More details about these are to follow soon.

Finally, we would like to encourage new and existing parents/carers to join our monthly meetings (currently still digital via MS Teams) to help share your thoughts and ideas to help make future events even more successful.

All of us have some experience to give alongside a common interest in the school, but please don't think you are going to be assigned a role by just attending! We are looking for more ideas, thoughts, what works well, what could change and things like this. Your voice matters and these meetings give you the chance to bring it to us to discuss.

We look forward to working more with you together.

Kind regards,

Mike

Mike Anthony

Chair of PTA Committee

Have a great weekend.

All best wishes,

Mr Ricky Leigh, Headteacher

