



Berewood Bulletin

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Headteacher's update



Attendance

National average	91%
Spring term Berewood (all years)	93.5%
School year – so far Berewood (all years)	95.3%

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you on the last day of the spring term and it seems unbelievable that it's the Easter break already. Lots has happened since the 4th January including the removal of many layers of measures nationally and for us as a school. Let's hope that with the warmer weather arriving we all keep covid at bay and are able to enjoy our last term of this school year without disruption. Fingers crossed! Do enjoy the holidays and we look forward to seeing pupils again on 26th April (25th April is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils).

My thanks go to all the Berewood staff, volunteers, parents and carers and our partners from our school clubs: CM Sports, DanceZone South, Active8, Growing Places and Sport4Primary for their hard work and dedication to the children during the year so far. Thank you also to our PTA committee members and volunteers for helping out at the film nights and discos for the children – they really have enjoyed them.



Advance warning of changes to routes around school after Easter



Understandably, during the pandemic, we re-opened the wooden gate into the Reception and Y1 outside area by the kitchen and loading bay at pick up and drop off. This was to help support the one-way system at the time. With the final lifting of restrictions, please note that after the Easter break we won't be using this entrance any longer at pick up and drop off. Access to the school site will still be available through the gate by the forest school area and bike shed off Marrelsmoor Avenue, the field gate off Kentidge Way and also the gates at the front of the school adjacent to the staff car park.

Parents and carers collecting children from Growing Places After School Club (which operates out of the Small Hall) should still use this gate for the small number of individual pick-ups after the end of the school day.



National Offers Day (September 2022) – 19th April 2022

In the last bulletin we said that 16th April 2022 is when the national offers day for reception school places falls. It is in fact the **19th April 2022**. On or just after this day you will find out from Hampshire County Council Admissions Office which school your child has been allocated for September 2022. If you've been allocated Berewood, we will be in touch just after the Easter holidays by letter confirming what the next steps are for you and your child.



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

8 April	End of Spring term – pupils leave after lunch Reception pupils leave at 1:10 p.m. all other classes leave at 1:15 p.m.
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



Travel Plan update from Governor Sharon Corbett

On behalf of Berewood Primary School Governors, thank you to those of you who took part in our recent Travel Survey. We recognise that there are a number of issues relating to traffic around the school and this is one of the ways in which we are gathering information about exactly what are those issues. We have already initiated some small changes to support improvement and drawn up an action plan, which will seek to address concerns; however, many of the solutions are dependent upon adoption of the roads by Hampshire County Council, as enforcement of any measures taken is reliant on their involvement. We expect the adoption of the roads to be the middle of next year and, once this happens, we can quickly move forward to finding long term solutions as part of our school Travel Plan. We will be seeking your support with the next phase of this very soon.

Chair of Governors’ Update from Tammi Ashley

I wanted to write to inform you that the Local Governing Board has recently appointed two new members to our team: Kay Obi & Jenni Upstill. Kay and Jenni bring fantastic finance and community knowledge to our team and we are really pleased with the appointments.

As always, we are busy working away in the background looking at safeguarding, traffic and travel as well as staff wellbeing. We also now have Governor lanyards so if you see us on or around school grounds, please feel free to come and say hello!

On behalf of the other Governors I want to wish you a very happy Easter and I hope you get to enjoy some time with your families.

Best wishes,
Mrs Ashley

Earth Day - 22nd April 2022

The challenge of climate change is greater than ever just now, as recent world events have highlighted. On Friday, 22 April it's **Earth Day** and we'd like our pupils to do their bit by taking part in saving energy and switching off the lights for a some of this day or indeed choosing one of the other things to do from the Earth Day Menu that's attached with this newsletter. Across the schools in our Trust, we're working together to support initiatives on climate change. Our small changes really can make bigger changes - for now and for the future. You can find out more at <https://www.earthday.org>



PTA Update



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly we would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who helped out at both our disco evenings! Without you we wouldn't be able to put these events on.

It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves. The feedback we have received has been great and together we will have raised around £200. Thank you everyone!

We hope you have seen the email from school or read on our Facebook page about the Easter Events that we have taking place for the children over the next few days. We have some lovely Easter Eggs and prizes for them to win!

If you haven't joined the Facebook page please search for 'Berewood Primary School PTA' and join us as this is the best way to keep up to date with what we have going on. Or if you have any questions you can email us at berewoodpta965@gmail.com

Finally our next meeting will be held via Teams on Wednesday 27th April at 7.45pm. It would great to see some new faces there. It doesn't mean you will end up with a list of jobs to do but your support and input would be greatly appreciated. Please keep an eye out for the Teams link which will be available on our Facebook page and sent out via email from the school nearer the time.

Happy Easter everyone!

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Have a great holiday – see you on 26th April 2022.

All best wishes,

Mr Ricky Leigh, Headteacher

