

Berrycoombe Primary School Newsletter



November 2020

COVID 19

It is a huge act of trust to hand your children over to a school in the middle of a pandemic. I want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to make sure that school is as safe as possible. During the lockdown, in addition to our existing measures (like class bubbles), all staff are now wearing a mask **outside** of their class bubbles to further reduce the risk of transmission. That is why your children may be talking about the fact that adults are wearing masks in the corridors outside of classes.

Our staggered start and finish times

Year Group	Entry/Exit Point	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	Main Gate	8:45	2:40
Y R/1	Main Gate	8:45	2:30
Y 1/2	Main Gate	9:00	2:45
Y 2	Main Gate	9:05	2:50
Y 3	Bottom Gate	8:50	2:35
Y 4	Main Gate	9:05	2:50
Y 5	Bottom Gate	8:55	2:40
Y 6	Bottom Gate	9:00	2:45

A reminder about social distancing.

- Can please ensure you remain 2 metres apart from others when coming onto school grounds
- Only one adult per family to reduce numbers at collection times



Many thanks for your support

Keeping warm

In order to keep classes as safe as possible we are following government guidance to ensure classes are well ventilated. This means that windows and doors are open even in winter. We have our heating cranked up but the classes are not as warm as usual. Can you ensure your child comes into school with a vest and a t-shirt on under their polo shirt and jumper. Sitting in class, several layers help children stay warm more effectively than a bulky coat. Many thanks for your support

Bodmin Foodbank

Every year the foodbank donates Christmas boxes to local families. This year they believe that they are going to be busier than ever due to COVID-19 and they have sadly been unable to do as much fundraising as they normally do. If you could help out with any of the following items they would be truly grateful. You can drop items into school by the end of November and we will pass them on. They would be particularly grateful for-

- Christmas biscuits
- Crackers
- Tinned Ham/vegetables/fruits
- Christmas chocolate/sweets
- Mince pies- be aware of the date
- Christmas Puddings

Don't Forget!

Friday 13th November is Children In Need you can wear non-uniform, fancy dress or your pyjamas for a donation of £1 to Pudsey



There is an extra inset day on the 11th December to help us better prepare for the eventuality of moving to online learning

Term Dates 2020

Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 10 th December	INSET Day
Friday 11 th December	INSET Day
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

Remembrance Day

Following a request from one of our pupils last year pupils who are part of a uniformed organisation e.g. Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs, Beavers, Army cadets are invited to wear their uniform in on Wednesday 11th November to mark Remembrance Day.



The Big Berrycoombe Christmas



This is a difficult time for all of us and to ensure that the children have something to look forward to Berrycoombe is going to go big on Christmas.

Each class will be practicing carols outside their classrooms and we will be filming these and posting them on the website in December as part of a virtual carol concert.

We are also going to have Christmas parties with a special visit from a certain someone.

I have checked and it turns out that Santa is immune to the virus on account of his special Christmas magic (in case you were worried).

In the final week of December we will have a very special event week

The Big Berrycoombe
Christmas

We will keep you updated and provide you with full details in December.