

What To Do If There Is Heavy Snow.

We are aware of the enormous inconvenience to parents when the school has to close due to extreme weather conditions (for example heavy snow). In the event of heavy snow, the school will always try to provide a workable alternative to closing the school. There are a significant numbers of staff within walking distance of the school we will try to open with a reduced staff and offer alternative learning. In the event of heavy snow we will text you letting you know if: –

- The school is closed (only in very extreme instances)
- The school is open with reduced staff (many staff cannot drive to work but there are enough staff to open)

If the school is closed it will also be announced on BBC Cornwall and the Pirate fm school closure site

You can telephone the school **after** 8:30am to check (please do not telephone before as we will be using the telephone line to co-ordinate staff for the day) - School number **01208 74969**.

If we open with **reduced staff** it means many staff who normally come in by car (class teachers in most instances) are trapped at home BUT staff within walking distance will be opening the school to provide alternative learning. You can send your child into school on these days if you **need** to do so. Your child will be safe and warm and will be learning. In order to send your child in when we have a reduced staff please remember:-

- The school is open with a reduced staff should the parents **need** it (this is an alternative to closing);
- Children will need appropriate outdoor clothes (they will be playing out)
- We will let you know in the text message if school dinners are available or if children need a packed lunch;
- If conditions worsen parents need to be **certain** that they can return to collect their child;
- Parents need to be contactable during the course of the day.

These arrangements are only for very extreme conditions and should ensure that the school never has to close (unless conditions are so extreme that people cannot even walk into school) and parents can be confident that the school will be open in most instances.

Berrycoombe Primary School

Newsletter



January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Winter is here, can we remind you that the children need waterproof coats and sensible shoes and if possible some sort of reflective item when walking the school run which could be in the dark. We have included in this newsletter, information in the event that we have heavy snow, what are the procedures and how we will endeavour to keep the school open and how we will notify you of the decision.

Wear Red or Green Day

On Friday 14th February you are invited to wear red or green to school for a £1 donation. This money will then be divided between the Helicopter Appeal and the NSPCC.



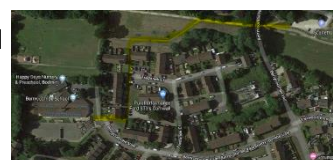
We're supporting
NSPCC

Car Parking

Please remember when parking your cars for school drop off or pick up that we have several residents who need to be able to access their cars at these times of the day and also in emergencies.

Don't forget that there is room at Scarlett's Well to park and then follow the Camel Trail in to school. *Keep your eyes peeled for the next event week which will include walk to school week.*

We know that parking can be difficult around school times but we hope that we can work together to keep everyone safe and free to access where they need to be.



Berrycoombe and Beyond

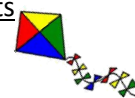
Don't forget our board near the office. We want to showcase all your achievements outside of school. Please let us know so we can add you to our board. And if you have a picture then please email it to psa@berrycoombe.cornwall.sch.uk. So far we have dancers, skiers and fun runners.



Parent Pay

We are pleased to say that Parent Pay will be up and running from Monday 24th February. We will no longer be accepting cash payments from this date (excluding camp for 2020). Activation letters will be sent out on the week commencing 10th February. Please ensure you have sent in your email address before this date. On **Wednesday 12th February** there will be a drop in session to support with activation **8.30am-9.30am** and **2.30pm-3.30pm**.

BLP Session for parents



Do you know what BLP is and how it can help your child? Do you understand how it is used in school? Do you want to know more about it?

Come and join Mr Walton on Thursday 6th February at 9am or 2.40pm. (If a 5pm session would suit you better please come in and let us know at the office.) We look forward to you joining us.

Term Dates 2020

10th February NSPCC sessions
12th February Parent Pay sessions 8:30-9:30 / 2:30 -3:30
13th February Year 6 Parent Consultations
14th February Wear green/red day (for NSPCC/Air Ambulance)
Half Term 17 – 21 February
5th March World Book Day
17th March Year 5 Bikeability
26th March SATS Information evening 5.30pm
Easter Holidays 30 March- 14 April
8th May Bank Holiday
11th May SATS week
Half Term 25-29 May
5th June INSET Day

CORNWALL COUNCIL
Adult Education
Your local Link into Learning



Family Learning

FREE 5 week course for MUMS and DADS
(Booking essential. Please call 07800 865 710)

Why not try: **Nurture me...nurture my family!**

Being held at: **The Chestnuts Centre, Bodmin**

On: **Monday 24th February 2020
1-3pm**

Family Learning runs FREE courses for mums, dads and grandparents all over the county. We aim to help you in developing healthy ways to cope with the demands of daily life and to develop positive communication strategies to use at work and at home. We may be able to help with the cost of childcare. Just give us a call. For more info contact Pam on 07800 865 710