



November 2020 Newsletter

We are happy to have welcomed all of our children back after their half term break. We are extremely proud of how all of the children have returned so focussed on their learning.

Bagel Breakfast

We are really pleased with the successful start to our free bagel breakfast scheme this term.

Feedback from the children has been extremely positive and the majority of children are now enjoying their bagel to start their day of learning.



Key Dates

Autumn 2

Tuesday 3rd November 2020 — Friday 18th December 2020

Please note **Nursery and Terrific for Twos** will finish for Christmas on **Thursday 17th December 2020**.

Spring Term 1

Tuesday 5th January 2021—Friday 12th February 2021

Half Term : 15/2/2021—19/2/2021

Attendance

We are really proud to share that everyone's hard work to continue to improve attendance at Berrybrook is continuing to be successful.

Our current school attendance sits at **94.5%** (Not including self-isolation absences).

Well done everyone!

We would like to continue to remind parents and families that good school attendance is essential in supporting your child's learning and progress in school.

We understand that attendance will continue to be affected by the current coronavirus procedures around self-isolation. Please ensure if your child is isolating that they complete the remote learning emailed or sent by teachers.

We now have a new attendance award scheme where children will have opportunity to achieve bronze, silver and gold termly awards for attendance in addition to their reward for 100% .

Morning Drop-Off Times

Please see the drop-off times for each class below. If you have more than one child attending please bring all children at the time your first child's is due to be in.

Nursery and TftTs: 8:30am	Year 2: 9:00am	Year 5: 8:55am
Reception: 8:45am	Year 3: 8:50am	Year 6 : 8:35am
Year 1: 8:40am	Year 4: 9:00am	

Plans for Christmas Celebrations in School

We would like to share our plans for Christmas in school in light of the changes we are having to make due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, we will not be able to allow children to bring in Christmas cards for their friends this year. Instead each class will be making their own class card in school that everyone will sign and contribute to. We will also not be able to accept gifts coming into school for either children or teachers this year.

Christmas Dinner

We will still be having Christmas Dinner for the children at school.

Christmas Dinner day this year will be on Wednesday 16th December.

Christmas Parties

We recognise it is important to still ensure the children get to enjoy their Christmas parties in school. These will still go ahead within their own class bubble.

Christmas parties will take place on Friday 18th December.

Children will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes on this day and school will provide the snacks for children.

Christmas Performances

As you are aware, we are currently restricted to no parent visitors in school. This will unfortunately impact on our annual Christmas performances.

However, each class will still get the opportunity for perform an element of the Christmas Nativity which will be performed in a whole school assembly.

Head boy and Girl, along with Deputy Head Boy and Girl have suggested the idea that we could all donate a small amount to charity in place of the money we would usually spend on Christmas cards and gifts.

Their suggested charities are :

Children in Need: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

World Wildlife Fund: <https://www.worldwildlife.org/>

Cancer Research UK : <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

Terrific for Twos

We have places available in both Terrific for Twos for January 2021

Please see the link below for the admissions form

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=w8brB3Rwh0OmJbnZGLpKI23LHJwlvQ1GpSIAY_LKXrJUQlg2UURaVlhENjQ1MVpTSUpaMEQzMDJIRS4u)

[id=w8brB3Rwh0OmJbnZGLpKI23LHJwlvQ1GpSIAY_LKXrJUQlg2UURaVlhENjQ1MVpTSUpaMEQzMDJIRS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=w8brB3Rwh0OmJbnZGLpKI23LHJwlvQ1GpSIAY_LKXrJUQlg2UURaVlhENjQ1MVpTSUpaMEQzMDJIRS4u)

