

Thank you to all of our children, staff and families for their continued support and hard work.

Attendance and Lates

Sadly, our whole school attendance and late figures are not as good as they should be:

Current Attendance = 94.66% (National Average = 96%)

Remember that gates **close promptly at 8:45am** and any children coming to school after this time receive a late mark in the register.

Punctuality is extremely important, please bear in mind that if your child is:

5 minutes late every day they lose 3.4 days education a year

10 minutes late every day they lose 6.9 days education a year

15 minutes late every day they lose 10.3 days education a year.

Mini First Aid

Berrybrook were extremely pleased to win a Savlon competition to invite Mini First Aid into school to teach Year 4 and 5 First Aid! The children had a fantastic time learning how to stop someone choking, CPR, the recovery position and how to dress various wounds.



Healthy Eating

As a school we always promote healthy eating, please work together with us by ensuring snacks and lunches are appropriate. As always, we ask that **snacks for playtime is a healthy item**, e.g. fruit or a healthy cereal bar, no chocolate or crisps etc.

Lunch boxes should include healthy foods which do not need refrigerating, including some type of sandwich or wrap. A dessert of some kind can be included.

No fizzy or energy drinks are allowed in school. Water is always best and is readily available in school, please send a water bottle for your child to use every day.



Severn Trent 'The Wonderful World of Water' Assembly

Years 1 to 6 welcomed Severn Trent in to school to teach the children about the water cycle and how water gets from the rivers to our taps. The children learnt about the cleaning processes and what happens to the water after we have used it. In addition, Severn Trent showed us how we can save water and limit water wastage. Later in the year, Severn Trent will be bringing their education buses to Berrybrook to build on our learning even more.



Road Safety

Please remember to ensure that you show the children how to use the pedestrian crossing on Underhill Lane.

Our wonderful crossing guard Carla would love to say hello to you all and see you safely over the road.

Important Dates

1st November - Inset Day

2nd - 5th November - Shakespeare Week

8th - 12th November - Maths Week England

10th November - Parent Consultations

11th November - Remembrance Day

15th November - Odd Sock Day

15th - 19th November - Anti-Bullying Week

23rd November - Individual/ Sibling Photos

26th November - Wellbeing Friday

Year 2 Educational Visit to Ash End Farm

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed the first educational visit from Berrybrook in nearly two years! The class visited Ash End Farm as part of their Science topic 'Animals including Humans'. The children explored a variety of animals and their offspring, learning facts about their diets, habitats, body parts, life cycles and how to categorise animals. Some children (and staff) were even brave enough to hold and feed an owl!



Year 1 Educational Visit to Wild Encounters Zoological Gardens

On Thursday 14th October 2021, Year 1 visited Wild Encounters Zoological Gardens as part of their Science topic. The children and staff had an incredible day, from seeing the fields and scenery on the way out to Halfpenny Green to meeting the various animals throughout the day. The day was topped off by the sensational bird show, with children visibly in awe of and emotional at the experience and learning a great deal about all of the birds and animals on display. The Zoological Gardens are well worth a visit for families.



Wellbeing Friday

On Friday 8th October, not only did the children and staff at Berrybrook celebrate World Mental Health Day but they also took part in their first 'Wellbeing Friday'. During the day, all classes ran activities based on the 5 Ways to Wellbeing (Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Learn and Give) with an emphasis on how these activities can support the children with their wellbeing now and in the future. Activities included: Orienteering, Yoga, Meditation, Compliments Cards and Autumn Leaf Collecting. The children will continue to take part in one Wellbeing Friday every half term, with different activities to develop a variety of ways that they can support their mental health and wellbeing.

Good Luck

On behalf of our staff, children and families, we would like to wish



Miss Hackett (Reception Teacher) the very best of luck as she gets married over half term. Miss Hackett will return to us after half term as Mrs Timmins.

Welcome

We would also like to welcome Mrs Irvine, the new Senior Lunchtime Supervisor to our team. We hope she enjoys working here as much as we do.