



December 2022 Newsletter



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year! Enjoy the break together.

Don't forget to read page 3 to find out more about another school in PHMAT.

Attendance and Lates

Although our attendance is currently better than last year, figures are not as good as they should be:

Current Attendance = 92.98% (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.

Photographs

Please remember that **no photographs** should be taken of other children whilst on the school site, no matter the relation. As not all parents agreed to photos being taken at events, **please do not take photographs during any assemblies, plays etc.** There will be time afterwards to take photos of your child.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair whilst it was in school. Having taken over £700, we are extremely pleased to announce that we now have **£359.11** to spend on books for the children to borrow and read from the class and school libraries!



Christmas Jumper Day Donations

Once again this year the children and staff donated produce to The Well food bank to help those who are less fortunate than us. **108kg** of produce was donated and has been delivered to The Well! Thank you to everyone who donated.

School Uniform

We are really proud of our uniform at Berrybrook and of how smart the children look; however, please remember that **trainers are not part of school uniform.**

Boys

Girls

Jumper– Royal Blue

Cardigan/Jumper – Royal Blue

Polo Shirt – Light blue

Pinafore – Grey

Trousers – Grey or black

Skirt/Trousers – Grey or black

Shoes – Black (**No Trainers**)

Blouse/Polo Shirt – Light Blue

Socks – Black/Grey/White

Shoes – Low heeled, black (**No Trainers**)

Important Dates

2nd January – Bank Holiday

3rd January - Inset Day

4th January - All children return to school

16th - 20th January - Year 6 at Laches Wood

23rd January - Parent Workshop Chinese New Year



Christmas Fayre

We were very happy to once again hold our Christmas Fayre, with cake stalls, a teddy tombola, guess the name of the teddy and much more. The fayre raised a total of **£323.32** which will go towards our 'Berrybrook by the Sea' event on the final two days of the summer term. More details to come.

Choir Concert at St. John's in the Square



On Monday 5th December 2022, Berrybrook's Choir joined other Wolverhampton primary schools for 'Sing 4 Christmas' at St. John's in the Square. The event was organised by Wolverhampton Music Service and was thoroughly enjoyed by children and staff alike.

Other Wider Curriculum Activities this month

Parent Christmas Workshop

Wellbeing Friday

Nursery Visit to Winter Wonderland

Year 1 and 2 visit from the PCSO

Year 3 Strangers talk from PCSO

Year 4 Strangers and the Internet talk from PCSO

Year 5 - Anti-Social Behaviour/ Criminal Responsibility/
County Lines talk from PCSO

Year 5 Victorian Christmas Day

Head Boy and Girl Awards for PE and Computing

Christmas Performances

Thank you to everyone who attended our EYFS and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances.

We are extremely proud of all of the children and I am sure you are too.



Christmas Bike and Food Hamper Raffles



After some hard work by Mrs Crozier and some extremely generous donations from local businesses, we were able to secure a bike or scooter to put into a raffle for every class! We then used some of our Sports Premium Fund to purchase helmets for the winners too. Thank you to Concept Education, Danny's Butchers, Blackwood Butchers, Wolverhampton Football Sunday League, Lesters Packaging, JT Wattons Metals and Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust for donating the bikes and Miss Breakwell for donating the scooters. Congratulations to the winners, safe scooting and cycling!

In addition, we also had an anonymous donation of £500 which was used to purchase Christmas Food Hampers. The hampers were then put into a free raffle for each class. Well done to all of the winners!

In the parent survey, parents and carers expressed their wishes to find out more about other schools in PHMAT.
Continue reading to find out more about Forest Hills Primary School in Rugeley.



Forest Hills Primary School, Rugeley

Forest Hills Primary School is on an exciting journey, which began in September 2020. Formerly Western Springs Primary School, parents, children and staff chose to rebrand the school with a new name and logo to mark the new adventure they were about to begin as part of Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust.

The children suggested and chose the name Forest Hills because it reflects the area in which they live and their passion for the outdoors. Alongside graphic designers, the children developed ideas for the school logo, which provided a real-life, purposeful context for their learning.



Living, Learning, Growing

Living, Learning, Growing is the school motto. The school strongly encourages positive relationships with children, parents and the local community. They believe this is key in providing children with a high-quality educational experience. The aim is to inspire children to reach their full potential and to have the confidence in themselves as lifelong learners.

Forest Hill's Vision

Forest Hill's vision is to provide a safe, secure and stimulating environment in which all children can learn effectively and where they can reach their true potential.



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