



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

Be Kind
Work Hard
Be Brave



MIXING CLASSES



BERRY HILL PRIMARY WIN THE MANSFIELD TOWN ACORN CUP!

We rejoice in the triumph of our Year 4 football team, victors of the esteemed Acorn Cup hosted by Mansfield Town FC. We wait with anticipation for the arrival of our gleaming and engraved trophy! Congratulations on a splendid victory!

OPAL BUILD DAY COMING UP: MAY 18th



Berry Hill's wonderful OPAL Lead, Miss Hedges, has been busy planning our very first OPAL build day for Saturday 18th May. We've visited several other schools and have been amazed at the ways that parents and grandparents have contributed to their provision and hope to achieve the same feats here. If you have a couple of hours to spare between 10 and 3 on May 18th and think you could help us make some amazing play areas from pallets (such as a stage, fun roleplay buildings, wellie stands, seating etc.) then please, please, please get in touch and sign up to help. We have some boring empty spaces that could be absolutely transformed with some amazing volunteers and a bag of tools!

As we approach the final term of 2023/2024, lots of thoughts turn to next year. Two years ago, we mixed all the classes in school to create the healthiest dynamic in each class. This is done after much consideration and a lot of thought from teachers about who works well with whom and also factors in opportunities to have a break from any friendships which are not thriving but also thinks about potentially brilliant friendships which have not yet had the opportunity to form. Going forward, we have decided that as a rule of thumb, we will re-mix classes at the end of F2, Y2, and Y4, meaning children will experience this managed change every two years.

TRANSITION DAY

We have pencilled in our 'meet your new teacher' day for Wednesday 3rd July, where children will spend the day getting a sneak preview of next year. This is a really important day, especially for any children who need a little time to feel comfortable with new people.

For children who we feel need additional transition support, we always arrange this each year too.

PARKING AND TRAFFIC



I wrote to all parents last term about please not parking in the small space outside the bottom gate - this has vastly improved, so I wanted to thank our school community. We have been approached by some of our local residents lately who are understandably frustrated with school traffic. Please do not park over someone's driveway, as we have had incidents where people have not been able to get to work. Could I also please remind all parents that the white zigzag lines are for the zebra crossing, and it is never legal to park on these. We have had incidents of people indicating to stop on these lines, prompting the car behind to try to overtake and nearly resulting in a child being hit. For anyone who isn't sure of the legalities, it's rule 191 of the Highway Code.

DRAMA CLUB TICKETS FOR MATILDA NOW ON SALE



Berry Hill's very talented KS2 drama club have been rehearsing all year and have set the date of their performance. We will perform at school, Thurs 4th July 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The school office will be sending out a Forms link shortly with details of how to get tickets. To raise funds, drama club also plan on selling ice creams after school on Fridays!

TESCO VOTE REMINDER



Thank you to everyone who has voted for our Nursery in the Oak Tree Tesco 'stronger starts'. Although we have been put up against St. John's Ambulance, who are of course a very worthy cause, we are still doing well. Counters still count until 1st June so please keep popping those counters in the Berry Hill section (on the left!).

TEACHING ASSISTANT APPRENTICESHIPS AT BERRY HILL UPDATE

We have been delighted with the number of applications we have had to complete a 2-year apprenticeship to become a teaching assistant. Due to the huge number of people applying, we will bring the closing date forward - so if anyone is interested, please search for Berry Hill on the government's apprenticeship portal ASAP to avoid missing the cut-off.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000240787>

A FEW DIARY DATES

Doughnut Friday 17th May after school (TBC)

F2 - Y5 Summer Discos: Thursday 27th June (times TBC)

Collaboration Concert @ The Palace Theatre: Tuesday 2nd July

KS2 Sports Day: 4th July AM

Drama Club's Production of Matilda 4th July @ 5:30 pm

Summer Fair: Sunday 7th July

F1 & F2 Sports Day: Tuesday 9th July AM

KS1 Sports Day: Thursday 11th July AM

Berry Hill's Got Talent: Friday 12th July

Y6 Leavers' Disco: Thursday 25th July 5pm - 7pm

Dates can sometimes be subject to change - we'll try to tell you as early as possible if any of them do.

