



Newsletter 3rd December 2019

NEW Library Garden!

Work will take place in January to landscape and build a brand new 'Library Garden' at Berrywood. On the back of this newsletter there are some plans which give a flavour of how this will look. The area of the school to be developed is the mound area adjacent to the KS1 playground where the school Library doors open out onto. This is quite a substantial project and we have therefore contracted a company called *Scandor* to undertake the works. It is anticipated that the work for this will be completed by February, following on from which, we will then plant up the garden aspects ready for an official opening in the summer term. It is not anticipated that the work will result in any noticeable disruption to the school day or our 'Berries' provision.

We are very excited about the fantastic enticing reading spaces this will provide our children. Our intention is to inspire a love of reading and discovery into every child, and we are very hopeful that having a beautiful Library Garden will help spark the children's imaginations whilst lifting their language learning ever higher. This project will cost in the region of £25K and has been an ambition at Berrywood for a while. Now it is about to become reality and this means that the development of the grounds takes another important, and hopefully impressive, step forward. I am very much looking forward to seeing all our show gardens (Urban Garden, Stage Garden, Polyculture Beds, Kitchen Garden and Library garden) in full bloom this summer.

Important Diary Dates;

Wed 4 th Dec	BSA KS1 & KS2 Discos
Mon 16 th Dec	YR Nativity 9:15 & 14:15
Tue 17 th Dec	Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Cantata 14:15 & 18:00
Tue 17 th & Wed 18 th Dec	YR visit Berry Theatre
Wed 18 th Dec	Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Cantata 14:15 & 18:00
Thur 19 th Dec	BSA Santa's Grotto
Thur 19 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 20 th Dec	Closing at 13.20(optional)
Mon 23 rd Dec – Fri 3 rd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Mon 6 th Jan	INSET

Christmas Performances

I'd like to finish with a final plea for your support with the **evening** Christmas performances. There is still time to fill out and return the reply slip on the letters sent out last week. We would love to see a healthy number of children and families in attendance. These events always go down really well with those who do attend and we promise to do our best again this year... it's a great way to feel that Christmas has begun!

Year R 2020

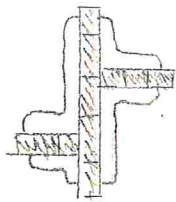
The closing date for applications for Year R is Wednesday 15th January 2020. Our last open day for prospective parents is Tuesday 7th January.

New Car Park and Playground Lighting

During the past few weeks some floodlighting has been erected to shine light on our car park and KS2 Playgrounds. This is predominantly so that parents leaving 'Berries' clubs with their children can walk more safely to their cars. Making the car park lighter in the winter months also helps people feel generally safer when returning to their cars. Lighting the playgrounds means that outdoor activities and clubs at schools can go on for longer with evening BSA events also benefitting. We are grateful to the BSA for their support in part funding some of the costs. We are also hugely grateful to Oliver Coleman at Hampshire County Council for successfully guiding us through these issues and the procurement process.

BSA Christmas Festival

Thank you so much to everyone that was able to come along and support this year's Christmas Festival organised by the BSA. The weather was far kinder than last year, if not a little on the nippy side! The range of stalls and entertainment was excellent and our thanks go to Holly Hornby and the many other volunteers for making this possible. The BSA will continue to be busy during the festive period with school discos and Santa's Grotto. If you do feel that you have some time and would like to help out in some way with BSA events, please do get in touch with one of the team and they will be very pleased to hear from you.



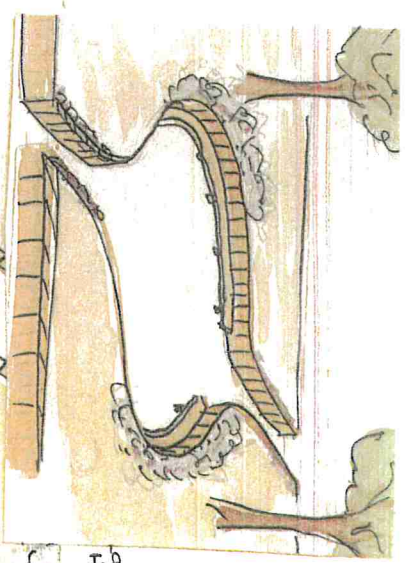
Raised
Sleeper
Beds

Sleeper Wall
with bench

Lullaby
Nest - Tree Sparrow
Seeking

Tree Benches
under
Tree

Excavated Walkway
with Sutton Garden
Seating Area.
Landscape
Planting
behind benches



quercus
Hedge

Trees Painted

Teak at
Seeds

Fairy
Garden
under
trees

Grass / Spun
area, Plants
with
grasses
(Place for
Painted
Stones)

Arduway to waste through

Secret Garden Door

Sleeper Benches

Prothetica
(will cascade over
edge)

Fictional
Places Sign

Silhouette of children reading under tree

Flower
Border

