

Laura Rodbourne Leaving

Mrs Laura Rodbourne will be leaving Berrywood when we break up for the Easter Holidays at the end of this week. She is joining Cornerstone Primary School in Whiteley as an Assistant Headteacher, with the prospect of this role developing as the school expands. Laura will be reunited at Cornerstone with Headteacher Tim Clarke, who was once a Deputy Head at Berrywood. Tim has remained a friend of Berrywood since he left, and I know that this pairing will make a fantastic partnership.

Laura has until now spent her entire professional life at Berrywood. She joined in 2001 as a trainee, before qualifying to become a full-fledged teacher a year later. As she gained experience, her immense talent and qualities as a teacher naturally gravitated her towards leadership roles. She has had periods as Key Stage 1 Leader, Assistant Headteacher and, most recently, as Acting Deputy Headteacher to cover the secondment of Mrs Ainsworth. Laura is incredibly knowledgeable and undertakes all her duties with thoroughness and respect.

Laura is of course incredibly well-known to Berrywood families, a good number of whom her teaching and leadership roles have brought her into close contact with. Laura has helped, guided and encouraged countless thousands of Berrywood pupils...many of whom are now adults! I know there is much sadness amongst the community at Laura's departure. For her colleagues too, Laura's leaving is a pretty upsetting upheaval. She is trusted, hugely popular and universally respected by the hundreds of professionals she has worked with at Berrywood.

It goes without saying that Laura will be massively missed. However, she is embarking on a new and exciting chapter for her in a growing school. Although we know you will make a fantastic success of this opportunity Laura, we all want to wish you good fortune and the happiest of times ahead. We know you will take with you more than just a treasure trove of memories, as we're pretty sure you'll pack the best aspects of our ethos and pedagogy in your Berrywood backpack too. I am looking forward to saying goodbye in style at the party on Thursday evening... sorry if that was *meant* to be a surprise!

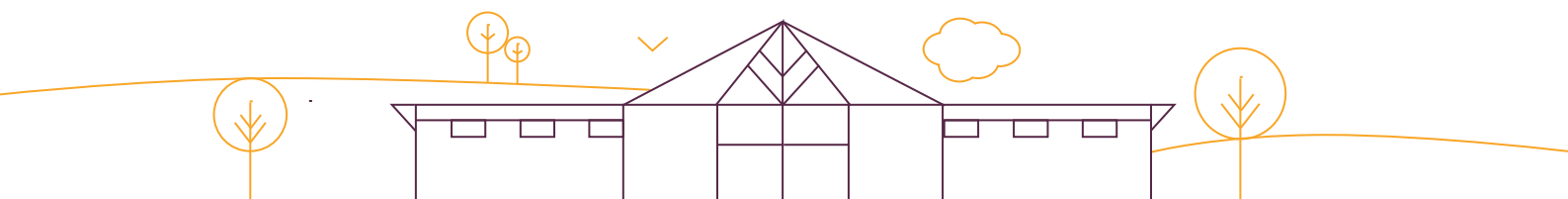
Future Leadership Structure

Clearly, there will be changes ahead in our senior leadership structure. The most immediate of these is that Miss Spencer will take over as Year 2 Team Leader from Mrs Rodbourne in the summer term. Mrs Ainsworth will be back with us full-time, once her secondment ends in May. Miss Gardiner (English Lead) and Ms Phillips (Maths Lead) will remain on secondment until the end of the academic year. We will appoint a new Assistant Headteacher in due course, but that is a question of timing and the necessary diligence to ensure the role profile is well-matched to our requirements. Perhaps an understated aspect at Berrywood is our professional development programmes and succession planning around leadership opportunity. I am excited by the current talent in our ranks and can confidently state that this bodes well for more successful times ahead.

Summer Term Events & Dates

The new BSA committee met last week and were effective in producing a plan to steer our summer fayre in a stronger environmentally friendly direction. We've settled on a theme of '*School Within a Garden*' summer fayre, with an emphasis on our children more actively running stalls and taking part in performing arts/sports on the day. We look forward to providing parents and our wider community with more details in the near future. But for now, please do make a note of the date – **Saturday 24th June 12.00 until 3.00pm** - and know that our reserve date in the event of bad weather is Sunday 25th June.

The summer term is always busy in schools, with many key events taking place. Later this week you will be sent a year group newsletter which will include all the relevant dates for: sports days, project celebrations, school trips and special performances etc.



Walking Friendly Weather

Hopefully the summer term will bring with it some pleasant walking friendly weather. The recent patrols by school staff have created a safer environment through greatly reducing unauthorised use of the school park. However, the amount of Berrywood generated school-run traffic is still high. This of course puts pressure on the surrounding residential streets. With the vast majority of Berrywood families living within our catchment area, and therefore, under most circumstances, within walking distance, the answer has to ultimately lie in more families choosing the walking option whenever possible.

New School Menus

We have attached to this email the new school menu and jacket potato options which will start when we return after the Easter break. For future reference, you can find the links to these on our school website by visiting www.berrywood-pri.hants.sch.uk

Sports Clubs

Please see the information below for details regarding sports clubs taking place at Berrywood during the summer term.

DAY	CLUB	YEARS	PROVIDER	TIME	START	FINISH
Monday	KARATE	1,2,3,4,5,6	Sama Karate	3.15 – 4.15	17.04.23	ongoing
Tuesday	DANCE JUNKIE	1,2	Dance Junkie	3.15 – 4.15	18.04.23	18.07.23
Wednesday	MULTI-SPORTS	1,2,3	CM Sports	3.15 – 4.30	19.04.23	12.07.23
Wednesday	SOUND POP ACADEMY	3,4,5,6	Sound Pop Academy	3.15 – 4.15	19.04.23	28.06.23
Thursday	GYMNASTICS	4,5,6	CM Sports	3.15 – 4.30	20.04.23	13.07.23
Friday	FOOTBALL	1,2,3,4,5,6	CM Sports	3.15 – 4.30	21.04.23	14.07.23

Karate – runs every Monday throughout the school year. Many children have been participating for a number of years. The organisation is always interested in attracting new joiners, all booking enquiries through info@sama-southwest.com

Dance Junkie – is a street dance club, that runs every Tuesday throughout the school year. The organisation is always interested in attracting new joiners, all booking enquiries text Dance Junkie on 07766 503503 to receive a registration and payment link. Please see attached flyer.

Sound Pop Academy – movement to popular music that children love to sing along to. This club runs every Wednesday. The cost for each session is £2 per child, with no charge for children in receipt of the Pupil Premium. Please see the link for booking details <https://sound-pop-academy.class4kids.co.uk>

CM Sports – run Multi –Sports on a Wednesday, Gymnastics on a Thursday and Football on a Friday. We are subsidising this club with Sports Grant money, meaning that the cost to families for each session is reduced from £4.50 to £3.00 (no charge for children with Pupil Premium). Please see the attached flyer from CM Sport for booking details.