

Newsletter 7th July 2033

Annual Reports

Today you should receive your child's annual report from Berrywood. Annual reports are a record of your child's achievements in school. We very much hope that the personal comment section captures the essence of their character, whilst the curriculum subject sections provide detailed information about their learning. I know how much care and attention goes into creating these reports, and I am confident that most families will see the contents as useful and accurate. In the event that you want to discuss the report with your child's teacher, then please do book up an appointment before the end of term.

Accompanying the reports for children in Years 1-6, is your child's *Berrywood Assessment Model (BAM)* attainment for the year. This provides a break-down of your child's attainment in the core subject (Reading, Writing & Maths) domains. There are four grades: '**B**'= beyond expected standard, '**S**'= securely at expected standard, '**C**'= close to the expected standard, and '**N**'= not yet working at expected standard. Also included in the report, are our regular *Learning Dispositions* assessments that we know many of you are now familiar with. Overall, our aim is to provide comprehensive information without overloading parents.

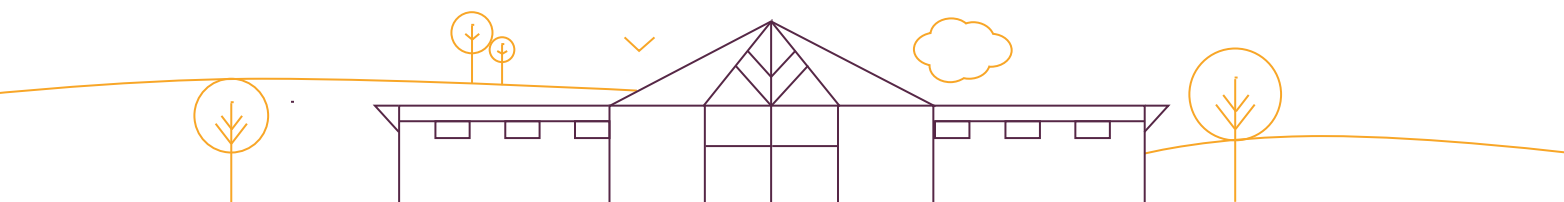
For Year 6 parents and carers, please note that the Government is publishing the Key Stage 2 SATS scores later than normal this year. We are expecting the data to arrive on Tuesday, so parents will be informed of their child's individual scores soon after this. The additional information you have received today are the '*Teacher Assessments*', not the children's actual SATS results.

Congratulations!

Congratulation to Miss Lowe and her partner, Reece, on the birth of their baby boy Oscar! This is a joyous time for them and their family, especially given the horrible heartache they experienced not so long ago. Oscar is healthy and thriving, and Mum is doing pretty well too. We wish them well and hopefully not too many sleepless nights over the weeks and months.

Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies

The performances for our end of year production were truly excellent and utterly hilarious! Huge congratulations to all 70 of the Year 5 & 6 cast members. The talent, teamwork and theatrical presence oozed across each and every one of them, from the opening lines to the closing numbers. Many thanks to the parent volunteers for helping to make costumes and supporting the children in learning their lines. A massive thank and well done to the members of staff who supported with this year's production... you put on a great show!



End of Term Gifts

We are very conscious of how difficult things are financially for many people. Please don't feel obligated to buy members of staff end of year gifts. A kind word, or card, to say thank you goes a very long way indeed. Likewise, I have asked teachers not to provide the children with a parting gift as this can put undue pressure on colleagues, who may also be feeling the pinch.

End of term Reminders

Although we are approaching the end of the academic year, we still do have two weeks left. The expectations remain in place for school uniform, attendance and behaviour. That two-weeks actually represents 5% of the school year and is not time we intend to waste.

I would also like to remind parents that we are offering the option for an early finish on Friday 21st July at 1.15pm for those families who wish to. I would like to make it clear that this is purely optional, with purposeful and enjoyable activities being provided to the children who stay on until 3.15pm. We also continue to run Berries as normal on the Friday for those that need it. A google form will be sent out next week.

Help for Heroes Donation

Thanks to the funds raised through entries to the cross-country running events at the summer fayre, we were able to donate £60 to Help for Heroes. We were sent a truly lovely thank you letter from the organisation this week, giving a personal account of how the money goes to help former servicemen and women. Thank you to everyone for taking part.

Chris Reilly