

31st October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in the Autumn newsletter, we would like to invite all the Year R children and their families to 'Berrywood by Torchlight' on Thursday 2nd November 2023. We will be meeting in the courtyard at 4:00pm where you will receive a woodland bag ready for the beginning of our walk around the school grounds and immediate area.

To make our evening together more of an occasion, we hope to light up the streets of Grange Park as we go! We will post instructions for making a paper lantern on Tapestry, which work well with battery operated tea lights. No naked flames please!!! You may also fancy face painting or wearing a mini-beast mask, perhaps even a woodland crown.

After a short stroll (please wear appropriate clothing and footwear), we will gather in our woods where the children will share with you their decorations. We are hoping to light the fire and have a sing song so remember to bring your ponchos and blankets. As space is limited please let the Year R children sit on the benches around the fire so that they can join in with the singing, of course you are welcome to sing too! We would also like to make you aware that the ground is uneven in the woods and since it will be dark, parents in the past have found it too tricky for buggies for younger siblings. You can park them at the entrance to the woods. You might also like to bring a flask of something hot. We are hoping to bake some bread at school and practise our chopping when we send home a recipe and part of the ingredients for carrot soup! We anticipate wrapping up the evening by about 5.15pm, ready for bath and bedtime (that's just the teachers!!).

We are all looking forward to 'Berrywood by Torchlight' and we hope that you will be too! Thank you for all your support and we hope to see you soon. Please complete the form, link below, to give us an idea of numbers attending.

<https://forms.gle/JR4BmybnhHuUx5C86>

We will be keeping a close eye on the weather over the next few days as the forecast for Thursday is not looking good at the moment. If the weather is too wet and windy on Thursday, we will postpone 'Berrywood by Torchlight' to **Tuesday 7th November at 4:00pm**. We will let you know the final decision by the end of the day on Wednesday 1st November, as we appreciate you will need time to make alternative arrangements. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather improves.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

The Year R Team

