

17th November 2023

### **Full Steam Ahead for our Christmas Fayre...**

Just a couple of weeks ago, nearly 2000 of you came along to enjoy the fabulous fireworks event at Berrywood. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December between 5.00 – 7.00pm it is the turn of the Christmas Fayre, and what we hope will be as successful and enjoyable a community event.

The fireworks raised over £8,000 for the school, and for this we are hugely grateful to the organising committee, as well as the many staff and parent volunteers who all made invaluable contributions. Without wishing to overstate things, aren't the **Berrywood Busking Band** a lovely addition to these fund raising events? They are certainly helping to make the entertainment side of things cost free and therefore more accessible to everyone...Thank you Buskers for your *amateur* yet *awesome* efforts!

There is now a clear direction we are heading regarding BSA events. They will increasingly take on the home-grown Market Day style, as opposed to a reliance on external vendors for food and entertainment. In addition to this enabling a greater proportion of financial turnover to be retained by the school, the benefit is also felt in having events more in keeping with 'The Berrywood Way' ethos, as well as providing opportunities for our children to be more directly involved in stalls and activities.

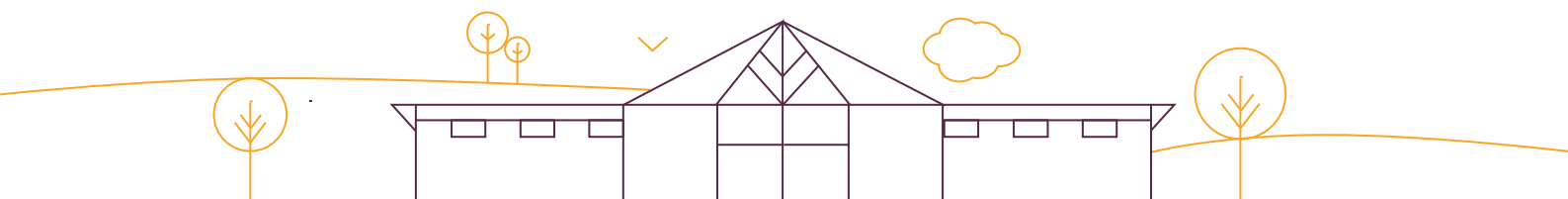
### ***What to Expect at the Christmas Fayre – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 5.00 – 7.00pm***

Entertainment:

- Nativity Farm
- KS1 & KS2 Choir performances (5.30 – 6.00pm)
- Christmas Wreath decorating
- Berrywood Busking Band (6.00 – 6.30pm)
- Arts & Crafts activity
- Reindeer Food
- Funfair games and stalls
- Raffle

Food & Drink

- Freshly cooked curries
- Jacket potatoes
- Market Day Christmas Treats
- Hot chocolate / tea & coffee
- Mulled Wine



- Chilled beers & wine
- soft drinks & snacks

As always, we promise to keep costs as low as possible, especially for the activities aimed at the children. Entry to the fayre is completely free for everyone. However, there will be a non-uniform day the week before on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. For this non-uniform day, we are asking for a voluntary donation of either £1 or a bar of chocolate (no nuts). Anyone wishing to support with helping out on a stall, or volunteering their services in any other way should email: [berrywoodbsa@outlook.com](mailto:berrywoodbsa@outlook.com)

It should be lovely, and hopefully see a good number of you there.

### **Christmas Cantatas & Nativity**

Are you ready to enter into the festive spirit and enjoy some singing, narration and hilariously written Christmas puns?... Oh yes you are! Our popular *courtyard cantatas* will return by popular demand as follows: -

- Years 1 & 2      Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec      2.15 – 3.00pm    and    5.45 – 6.30pm
- Years 3 & 4      Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec    2.15 – 3.00pm    and    5.45 – 6.30pm
- Years 5 & 6      Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec      2.15 – 3.00pm    and    5.45 – 6.30pm

Please look out for an email and google form next week where you can sign your child up for the evening performances. This year, we will be issuing 4 tickets per family to be used however you wish across your child's two performances. These tickets will be issued on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Families of children performing as instrumentalists or as members of one of our choirs will receive some additional information in due course.

The Year R Nativity performances are in our school Hall and therefore we unfortunately need to restrict tickets to two per family. Again, there will be a google form sent out next week for parents of children in Year R to complete.

- Year R              Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec      9:15 – 10.00    and    2.00 – 2.45pm

### **Crossing Patrol Absence**

We have been informed there will be no crossing patrol on Drummond road on the morning of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please take care.

Kind regards,  
Chris Reilly