



# Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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& SUCCEEDING  
TOGETHER!

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## Important Dates

### INSET DAYS FOR 2017-2018

Tuesday 2nd January 2018  
Friday 9th February 2018  
Monday 4th June 2018

Thursday 19th October 2017

Maple Base Poetry Assembly at  
9:05 am

### Half Term

Monday 23rd October 2017 to  
Friday 27th October 2017

### Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 7th November 2017  
3:40pm to 6:00pm

Thursday 9th November 2017  
4:00pm to 7:00pm

### School Photographer

Tuesday 14th November 2017

Poetry Assemblies  
Thursday 8th February 2018  
Willow Base  
Thursday 7th June 2018  
Holly Base



## French Words of the week

This week's phrase is:

On va jouer aux  
'Jacques à dit'

(We are going to play 'Simon  
says')



## Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic start to the new academic year! Bearwood is buzzing! Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' evening. It was so lovely to see so many of you. The reception children are now staying all day and have settled in very well. Children's University has also been re-launched this year and the children are excited by the new clubs and opportunities to earn their hours towards their passport. As always if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher initially. If you feel it has not been resolved or have more serious concerns please contact a member of the Senior Leader Team. Please can I stress that under no circumstances should parents/carers be attempting to see teachers by going to the outside classroom doors. I am sure that you understand that preparation for the learning first thing in the morning is paramount to a successful day of learning for the children. If you do wish to see your child's teacher please either notify the adults on the door, who will inform the teacher to contact you or please see the office who will also pass on the message. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Marvellous Me!

Many thanks to those who have joined Marvellous Me! We have had a brilliant initial response and currently have 147 parents signed up.

We would love to be able to send all parents messages and information about their children's amazing learning. If you require any help, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please note, after half term we will be using Marvellous Me to contact you if your child will be receiving an award in celebration, rather than sending a letter. Lots of key messages will be coming via this app in the future.

You may have noticed in the parent app that there is a 'High Five' icon. This tells your child's teacher that you have received the Marvellous Me. It would help us if you could tap this icon each time you receive a message.

As a parent using this app with my daughter, I love being able to chat with her about the Marvellous Me messages I receive. It is an ideal way to open discussions with your child about their learning - especially if your child, like mine, will always say they have done nothing or cannot remember!!

Visiting classrooms, it is clear that the children and staff are very motivated about Marvellous Me and excited to have an instant link between home and school.

## Headlice

We appreciate that parents are frustrated with the incidents of headlice. Several parents have found the treatments don't achieve much more than special or tea tree shampoos and conditioners. Parents have also advised that left in conditioner works better at trying to deter them from latching on. The comb is the best treatment of all for catching the lice. Local pharmacies and supermarkets sell suitable products.

We have been notified of some incidents in the school so please check your child's hair and treat if necessary on a regular basis.

### **Every minute counts....**

Attendance is very important to your child's education. Thank you for your continued support working with the school. Did you know?

<b>If your child is.</b>	<b>In a year , your child would lose the following days of their education</b>
5 minutes late	3 days
10 minutes late	6.5 days
15 minutes late	10 days
20 minutes late	13 days
30 minutes late	19 days

### **Polite notice**

With the excitement of the new term has come the purchase of new pencil cases and a vast amount of stationery! I have asked teachers to ensure that learning is not distracted in anyway and that the pencil cases are kept in trays and used as appropriate.

### **Celebration Assembly**

We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate your child's learning in a variety of school events including celebration assembly. Please can I ask that when you attend the celebrations of your child's learning that you turn off mobile phones and ensure when the children enter the hall, that they receive your full focus.

### **Did you know that registering for Pupil Premium means that Bearwood Primary and Nursery School could receive funding for your child?**

Pupil Premium is additional funding that the Government gives to mainstream and special schools in England to help children from low income families. The Pupil Premium Grant must be spent to help eligible pupils reach their full potential, both academically and socially.

**For each eligible child the school will receive £1,300 of additional funding.**

Pupil premium is allocated to pupils from low income families and the eligibility check is identical to the Free School Meals eligibility check. Qualifying benefits are as follows:

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income-based)
- Child Tax Credit based on income below £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Asylum Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' (this is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

**Please be aware families who receive any level of Working Tax Credit are not entitled to free school meals.**

### **Safeguarding/Child Protection**

Bearwood Primary and Nursery School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

**If you have any concerns**, please contact the following people through the school office:

The designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Laura Bennett, Headteacher. The deputy designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Sally Wall, Deputy Headteacher. The pastoral support worker is: Mrs Katy Bray