



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

LEARNING, ENJOYING,
& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Important Dates

For the Pupils

Walk to School Week
15th to 19th October

Flu Vaccinations
15th October

Holly Base
Crazy Creatures - 18th October
Willow 1
Roman Day - 19th October

Trips
Oak Base
Build a Bear - 18th October
Maple 2
Westminster Trip - 2nd November

Parents Evening
Tuesday 6th November
Thursday 8th November

Poetry Assembly
Maple Base - 18th October
Willow Base - 7th February
Holly Base - 6th June

Half Term
Break up Friday 19th October at 3:30pm
Return Tuesday 30th October at 9:00am

Holiday Dates 2018/2019

AUTUMN TERM 2018
Monday 3rd September 2018 to
Friday 21st December 2018

SPRING TERM 2019
Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 5th
April 2019

SUMMER TERM
Tuesday 23rd April 2019 to
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

INSET DAYS FOR 2018-2019
Monday 29th October 2018
Monday 7th January 2019
Wednesday 27th February 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019



'Every child has the right to an education which develops their ability, personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect human rights and their own and other cultures. It should also help them to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.'

Headteacher's Update

Thank you so much to the children who shared their talent in assembly on Tuesday. From twirling, gymnastics, disco dancing to taekwondo, the evidence was clear of the dedication and commitment the children have to their sport. It has certainly inspired others to try something new! If your child has an outside interest which they would like to share with the children, please let the office know as we will be celebrating children's commitment to trying something new or simply their interests throughout the year.



FSM - Winners

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the cinema vouchers and movie night goodie bags. On 4th October we held a lunch-time raffle and offered milkshakes to all children receiving school dinners. This has helped bring additional funding to the school in the future. Many thanks for all of those who helped out on the day.

Chinese Students

Over the last 3 weeks we have had students from China in our school as part of an exchange programme. While they have been here, they have been finding out about our culture and our school system. They have been working with our children to take part in special activities such as dance lessons, a boat trip with Bird of Poole Harbour and baking a Dorset apple cake. They have also shared craft, dance and songs from their culture with our children. We have all really enjoyed making global connections with other children.



Governors Assembly

The children were delighted to be joined by members of our Local Governing Body in an assembly last Friday. The purpose of the assembly was to explain the role of the governing body and introduce new governors. The children were thrilled with the 'catch phrase' approach and left the assembly understanding much more how the governors, meet, support, challenge, understand and work as a team. A huge thank you to ALL governors for their hard work.



The following children have been celebrated this week...

	Outstanding Learning	Confident Communicator	Whole Class
Holly 1	Sebastian	Loran	Lovely counting and number bonds
Holly 2	Jacob	Harley	Fantastic mapping skills
Willow 1	Ethan	Maisy	Making Chinese visitors welcome
Willow 2	Connor	Archie	Topic work
Maple 1	Christopher	Liam	Class trip to Poole Harbour
Maple 2	Daniel	Amelia-Jayne	Writing — using dialogue

Best Attendance: Maple 2 — 99.24%

Weekly Attendance Rollcall

To date, our overall school attendance is 98.30% which is above the national average of 96%. Let's keep it this high! We have had a massive drop in children falling into the 'persistent absent' category too – only seven children across the school currently have attendance below 90%.

	Number	Attendance	PA	PA %
Oak One	15	97.90%	0	0%
Oak Two	30	97.87%	2	6.67%
Holly One	30	98.47%	1	3.33%
Holly Two	30	99.16%	0	0%
Willow One	27	98.91%	1	3.70%
Willow Two	31	98.79%	1	3.22%
Maple One	27	96.91%	0	0%
Maple Two	26	97.83%	2	7.40%

Following amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration, England) Regulations 2006 which came into effect 1st September 2013, Headteachers are only allowed to grant leave of absence from school in exceptional circumstances. In considering whether or not to authorise a request for exceptional leave of absence in term time, we will look at each individual case and only grant authorisation if the circumstances are truly exceptional. Additionally, any request should be made prior to the leave of absence and should be submitted to the school using the 'Request for Leave of Absence form' (available from the School Office or from the school website). Parents/Carers may be asked to provide additional information/evidence or meet with the school to discuss the circumstances of the absence.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' should be taken to mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time. As a general guide, the following indicates the type of scenarios that might be considered as 'exceptional': Immediate family member returning home from Service Duty; Immediate family weddings or funerals (if abroad, only the actual day of the wedding or funeral); Occasions of religious observance; Other situations where a 'compassionate' element is applicable. Generally, the following scenarios cannot be considered 'exceptional': Annual family holidays; Family birthdays or other events; Parents' profession or place of work making it difficult to coincide school and work holidays.

Walk to School Week

We are delighted to announce that our advertised walk to school week will begin next week, Monday 15th October. Last year we won the Poole Golden Shoe Award for the highest % of children walking to school in 'Walk to School Week' and it would be great if we could beat this % this year. In the morning, the gates will be closed at 8.30am and not opened again until 9.10am. In the afternoon, a member of staff will be manning the gate from 3.10-3.40pm. As previously stipulated, unless you are a blue badge holder or have been into the office to collect a pass for exceptional circumstances, your vehicle will not be allowed into the school car park. Please ensure you inform grandparents and child minders who may be collecting your child.

Gifted and Talented Assembly

On Tuesday we had a gifted and talented assembly for pupils who have shown a particular talent for a sporting activity. It was wonderful to see a range of talents from dancing, baton twirling, taekwondo, gymnastics and football. The pupils were able to share their passion and aspiration for their chosen sport. It was wonderful to hear the pupils talk about how much training that they do each week to be the standard that they are. Already one of the pupils has taken on a coaching role which enables younger children to access the sport. During the assembly we promoted being inspired by others to get involved.

Parents Evening

We are pleased to announce that it is now time to book your parent's evening appointment for your child. Please take the time to visit the ICT corridor from the playground where you will be able to sign up on the lists located there for each class. Thank you.



House - Leader Board

1st

King Richard - 88

2nd

Runnymede - 66

3rd

Eleanor - 63

4th

Queen Anne - 53

5th

King John - 44



French Words of the Week

Qu'est-ce que c'est?

What is it?

Upcoming PFA Events

19th October - End of Term Sweet Sale

14th December - Christmas Fair - 3.45pm to 5.30pm

