



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

LEARNING, ENJOYING,
& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Important Dates

For the Pupils

World's Biggest Coffee Morning
28th September
£1 donation - Non School Uniform

Information

NO Playball—27th September
Half Marathon - 7th October

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 3rd September 2018
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.'

Article 29, UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

Headteacher's Update

Thank you for all the amazing story telling stones which were donated to early years – the children are loving them! All the Clubs have now started and it is so lovely to see the children enjoying the range of extra-curricular clubs available. The Gardening Club has been hard at work clearing the garden area and it is now ready for the autumn planting.

Chinese Students

We look forward to welcoming our GYAP Chinese students on Monday who will be joining us for three weeks.

Car Park

Thank you to all those who are using the car park safely and following our polite reminder that was published in our first Newsletter this year. Unfortunately, despite our polite reminder, some parents are still parking in the Staff Car Park and now a member of staffs car has been driven into leaving it damaged. If you were witness to this incident or have any information, please come and inform the office.

In order that as many cars as possible may use the car park, may I please request that you park sensibly and do not leave huge gaps in between the cars. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Dorset Police Christmas Card Competition

We are excited to have the opportunity to participate in the Dorset Police 'Christmas Card' competition. Entry information and forms are coming home with the children - we can't wait to see your efforts and are keeping everything crossed that we will have a Bearwood winner! Please take completed entries to the Office and we will pass on to the Policing team.

Outdoor Learning Grant

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a Local School Nature Grant, thanks to players of the People's Postcode Lottery. Our pupils will be benefiting from outdoor den equipment, a woodland activity kit, a ground covering kit and an all-year-round outdoor learning kit which will be used to enable all year groups to increase learning opportunities outside the classroom. In addition staff will receive training to help children learn outdoors. The project is run by Learning through Landscapes and is funded by Postcode Local Trust, which receives funding from players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

The following children have been celebrated this week...

	Outstanding Learning	Confident Communicator	Whole Class
Holly 1	Jack	Pepper & Chase	Working on listening skills
Holly 2	Maja	Lewis	Working hard all week—especially maths
Willow 1	Annabel	Alex	Starting to learn French and Topic
Willow 2	Eden	Elsie	Letter Writing
Maple 1	Mia	James	Starting a new project—first thoughts
Maple 2	All the class	All the class	Amazing residential trip to Osmington Bay

House - Leader Board

- 1st**
King Richard - 154
- 2nd**
Runnymede - 118
- 3rd**
Eleanor - 87
- 4th**
King John - 82
- 5th**
Queen Anne - 54

Best Attendance: Oak 2 & Willow 1 — 100%

Holidays in Term Time

During the last academic year, 54 children took holiday in term time.... this is 25% of the school!

As you are aware, good attendance is essential to school success. Since the start of the term we have had a number of requests for holidays in term time. The school's policy is that anyone found to have taken an unauthorised term time holiday will be liable to be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. Fining will also be initiated when a total of five unauthorised days are recorded in separate blocks. We greatly value the positive relationship between home and school and we do not want the issue of holidays to create a conflict in this relationship. Taking holiday during term time will have an impact on your child's attendance throughout the academic year and valuable learning time will be lost. With this in mind, we ask that careful consideration is given before bookings are made.

As a school we have to report absences (authorised and unauthorised) to the Local Authority. The Local Authority issue fines of £60 for taking children on holiday without permission. The £60 fine increases to £120 if you fail to pay within 21 days of the fine being issued. If you don't pay within 28 days you can be taken to magistrates' court under the Education Act 1996. If found guilty you could end up with a criminal record and face a fine of up to £2,500, court costs or even a jail sentence of up to three months. Please be aware our Local Authority takes holidays in term time seriously - one Poole family recently had their fine increased to £1000 for failure to pay and were visited by bailiffs.



Welcome to the new start of term from the PFA!

Last year we raised funds to buy new library books and kindles for each base plus other items.

This year we hope to raise even more- with your support!

Our AGM will be held on **Thursday, 11th October at 5.30 pm in the Community Room.**

Please come along to support our school. Everyone is welcome and there is no pressure to take on a role but the more help and ideas that we have, the more successful our events will be!



French Words of the week

Bonjour. Ça va?
(Hello. How are you?)

Job Advert—Parent Readers Required

We need you! Please come and read with the children, they really enjoy having parents come in to read with them.

If you are interested, come and speak to the office, we look forward to seeing you.