



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

LEARNING, ENJOYING,
& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Important Dates

INSET DAYS FOR 2017-2018

Friday 9th February 2018
Monday 4th June 2018

Spring Term Begins
Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Open English Morning
Week beginning 29th January
2018

Poetry Assembly
Thursday 8th February 2018
Willow Base

Half Term
Monday 12th February to
Friday 16th February 2018

Spring Term Ends
Thursday 29th March 2018
at 1:15pm

Poetry Assembly
Thursday 7th June 2018
Holly Base

'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

So much learning....so much fun! This week I kick started the reading assemblies taken by a teacher to share our love of reading. Of course I took this opportunity to dress up as two David Walliams characters—much to the children's delight! Much fun was had as the children learnt facts about the author David Walliams and his range of hilarious books.

We welcomed visitors from RSPB who worked with our year 1 and 2 pupils, teaching a range of facts. Barratt Homes have kindly donated some hi vis jackets. See report on back page.

Bearwood Job Centre

In school we offer children a number of opportunities to take on responsibility through our Job Centre. Each term, vacancies are advertised and children are invited to apply. We currently have a number of roles available, ranging from Librarians and Cloakroom Monitors to Office Angels and Ground Patrol. These jobs are open until next Thursday. Children have been invited to take home application forms to apply - please help and encourage your child if they choose to apply.

Late Arrivals

We are increasingly concerned at the number of children arriving late ie. after 9am. Lateness is counted by the government as an absence for the session. Whilst we understand that the occasional one-off exceptional circumstance is unavoidable, regular lateness is an issue. When late, your child misses crucial learning time and by missing information about the day ahead, they can become anxious and unsettled for the rest of the day. If there is an ongoing reason for the lateness, please come in and chat to us so we can discover if there is a way in which we can help.

Litter on School Grounds

Please can you be more responsible about disposing of your rubbish on our school property. In the past few weeks, there has been a visible increase of litter especially in the car park.

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 Family Support Worker is: Mrs Katy Bray



French Words of the week

This week's phrase is:

Répétez s'il vous plait
(Repeat please)



RSPB Workshops

This week we were fortunate to have a visit from the RSPB. The School Council, Year One and Year Two all worked with the team to explore our school environment looking for signs of wildlife and their habitats. We examined what the school provides for wildlife and are already planning how we can improve our grounds in the coming months. We spotted a range of birds and were amazed at the level of wildlife that has been going unnoticed! There is even a badger set on site! Over the coming months we will be working towards improving our grounds for wildlife as we strive to achieve the Gold level of the Environment Award by the Summer.

Up and Coming PFA Events.

Thursday 8th February School Disco 6-7.30pm

Friday 18th May Royal Wedding Tea 3.45-5pm

Saturday 7th July Summer Fayre 11-3pm

The PFA will be sending more information out in the future.

Sports Ambassadors - Sport Fixture

Great opportunity to watch England's women football team VS Wales at Southampton club on Friday 6th April, Kick off at 7pm. Children tickets are £1 and adults tickets vary from £7.50 (early bird offer) £10.00.

<http://www.thefa.com/news/2017/nov/24/2019-fifa-womens-world-cup-qualifier-england-wales-southampton-st-marys-241117>

It would great to get your family to go and watch!

Attendance Audit

This week we were visited by our Poole Local Authority School Attendance Worker. Lateness and absence for Bearwood were discussed at length and we have a few changes and reminders for all parents and carers to help us improve in this area.

- Registers will be closing ten minutes earlier than previously allocated. As a result, children arriving late will be marked with a U code (unauthorised) sooner. Having more than ten unauthorised absences can result in a fixed penalty fine. It is vital for learning that children arrive on time and ready to learn.
- Where attendance is under 90% medical evidence will be required. This could be an appointment card, call log, phone bill or an emailed screenshot of a reminder text for an appointment.
- A copy of any hospital appointment letters should be given to the School Office.
- If no reason for absence has been provided within 48 hours, a child will be marked unauthorised.
- If a child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea they are required to be off for 48 hours after. If a child has been sick due to overeating or coughing there is no requirement to stay off school.
- All parents are responsible for keeping the Office updated of changes of contact details – it is vital that we have the correct contact information for you.

We are keen to give children the best possible opportunities to learn and as such place high value on regular attendance. If you require any further information, help or support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Road Safety

We would like to remind our parents about keeping safe whilst walking to and from school.

- 'Be bright, be seen' – this applies to any age group both pedestrians and cyclists in particular
- Small children – to hold hands with a parent or be on reins

Donation of Hi Vis Jackets

Barratt Homes have donated 150 hi vis jackets to pupils to help them keep safe whilst walking to and from school. The move is part of the company's pledge to support the communities it works in and comes as a separate local campaign aims to kit out children in reflective vests.

