



# Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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TOGETHER!

27TH SEPTEMBER: NEWSLETTER 2

Autumn Term 1

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## Important Dates

### FOR THE PUPILS

**Thursday 10th October**  
Harvest Festival

**Tuesday 12th November**  
Individual School Photos

### FOR THE PARENTS

**Thursday 3rd October**  
KS 2 Sports Day

**Poetry Assemblies 9:05am**  
Thursday 17th October  
Maple 1 & 2

Thursday 6th February  
Willow 1 & 2

Thursday 18th June  
Holly 1 & 2

### HOLIDAY DATES

#### 2019-2020 Dates

##### INSET DAYS

Monday 6th January 2020  
Monday 1st June 2020  
Monday 20th July 2020

##### Autumn Term 1

Monday 2nd September 2019 to  
Friday 25th October 2019

##### Half Term

Monday 28th October to  
Friday 1st November

##### Autumn Term 2

Monday 4th November to  
Friday 20th December 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

We have had a very busy two weeks which has included Sports Day for Key Stage 1, a year 6 residential to Osmington Bay and OFSTED!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Sports Day when the sun decided to shine. Unfortunately that hasn't quite been the case for Key Stage 2 Sports Day but we hope this will now go ahead next Thursday 3rd October. The feedback from parents regarding the change of the time of year for Sports Day as been very positive.

Well done to Year 6 on a fantastic residential to Weymouth where they took the opportunity to try out new activities and overcome their fears. Even Mrs Wall had a go on the giant swing!

And finally OFSTED. Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who completed the Parent View Questionnaire. I will be responding to some of the questions over the coming weeks. Your children were wonderful as always and showed the inspectors why Bearwood is such an amazing school. The outcome is due out within 30 working days, where the report will detail how the school is performing against certain criteria. As soon as this is available we will ensure that we inform you.

### Year 6 go to Osmington Bay!



Osmington Bay was fabulous. We had a huge range of amazing activities and really cool instructors who made us laugh at every opportunity. The Giant Swing was very high but also very scary! You have to pull on a suspended rope; I wasn't told what it did but soon found out that it pulled you down!! Quad biking was exhilarating and challenging as it was hard to control and they went so fast - it was unbelievable!! Climbing was nerve wracking, as you think the top is not high but it really was. Dragon Boating was a new adventure and we were soaked through by the end. All in all, it

was an amazing experience where we got to see another side to the teachers and have the opportunity to try out new activities. Connor - Year 6

### KS1 Sports Day

Last week, both Oak Base and Holly Base had a fantastic Sports Day. Well done to all of the children who took part so eagerly. The children were a real support to each other with some extremely enthusiastic cheering! Luckily the weather held out for us and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending, so thank you. Mrs Goodfellow - Holly 2





### The Daily Mile @ Bearwood

The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children - regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. Each lunchtime at 12:45pm we are encouraging the children to take part in the mile around our school grounds, running or jogging with their friends in the fresh air. Since the start of the term, the number of children participating is increasing daily, which is fantastic to see!

For more information on The Daily Mile visit <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

### School Council and House Captains

We are pleased to have elected our new School Council and House Captains for the year. Massive well done to all those children who presented manifestos - there was clearly a lot of time and effort put in to these and there were some powerful presentations.

#### **School Council**

Holly 1 - Riley P and Lexi  
Holly Two - Eymen and Sofia  
Willow 1 - Holly-Jane and Jessica  
Willow 2 - Amelia and Kian  
Maple 1 - Lily and Charlie

#### **House Captains**

King John - Liam  
King Richard - Mia  
Eleanor - Christopher and James  
Runnymede - Sonny  
Queen Anne - Parry

We are already planning our projects for the year. The children are particularly keen to raise money for school resources and have more inter-house competitions. Watch this space for further information!

### Attendance

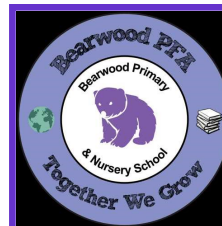
Last year we have a significant improvement in attendance with our overall attendance being over the National Average. We are keen to build on this further this year. With this in mind, we wanted to remind you of the following:

- We are able to administer Calpol to your child during the school day. Often with mild seasonal viruses, this is enough to enable them to manage the day.
- We are able to antibiotics provided they are prescribed for four times a day. Please complete a form from the Office.
- Children who have had sickness and diarrhoea should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode to prevent spreading.
- Holidays taken in term time will result in a fine from the Local Authority and will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Fines are issued per child per parent so a week of holiday could result in a £240 if you have two children in the school.

We are keen to work in partnership with parents. If there is anything we can do to support you with attendance issues, please make an appointment to see Mrs Gunstone our Attendance Leader.

#### **Attendance to date:**

Oak 1 - 94.25%	Willow 1 - 97%
Oak 2 - 95.21%	Willow 2 - 98.61%
Holly 1 - 97.5%	Maple 1 - 95.45%
Holly 2 - 93.79%	Maple 2 - 94.8%



#### **Save the Date!**

Monster Ball  
School Disco  
Friday 18th October

### Wet Weather

With the current unpredictable weather, could you please ensure your child brings a waterproof coat to school. We encourage the children to get as much fresh air as possible during break and lunchtimes. Thank you.

### Head Lice

A case of head lice has been reported within the school. Nits often do the rounds in every school so please check your child's head on a regular basis. Long hair should be tied back, as this is the best way to avoid them. Thank you for your assistance.

#### **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.