



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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LEARNING, ENJOYING,
& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Autumn Term 2

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Important Dates

FOR THE PUPILS

Scrooge Pantomime
Thursday 12th December
2-3:30pm

Chartwells Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December
(ordering details attached)

FOR THE PARENTS

School Nurse Drop In
Wednesday 4th December 9am

**Oak 2, Holly 1 & 2
Christmas Production**
17th & 18th December 9:30am

Poetry Assemblies
Willow 1 & 2
Thursday 6th February
Holly 1 & 2
Thursday 18th June

HOLIDAY DATES

2019-2020 DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2
Monday 4th November to
Friday 20th December 2019

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

2020 - 2021 DATES

INSET DAYS
Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th Sept 2020
Monday 4th Nov 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 7th June 2021

'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 to all the parents and carers who attended the parent consultation evenings. It was fantastic to see so many of you. Despite frequent reminders, we are finding that a significant number of children do not have their PE kits in school. We expect all children to have a kit containing a purple Bearwood PE t-shirt or plain purple, a pair of plain white or black shorts and a pair of suitable sports trainers. At this time of year, we also recommend that children have tracksuit trousers/sports leggings and a tracksuit top/sweatshirt which should be plain and dark in colour.



Love of Reading

At Bearwood we want all children to leave our school with a love of reading. To support this enjoyment in reading we have introduced the children to a list of 100 fiction books that it has been recommended that they should read before leaving primary school. There are some fantastic books on the list, with which I'm sure some children will already be familiar, but there are even more for them to explore that they may have never read before. All of these books are now available in our library or book corners to allow children to

borrow and read the books. Follow this link if you would like to see which books are on the list: <https://www.tes.com/news/100-fiction-books-read-leaving-primary>

Also, we always endeavour to empower the children and listen to their voice and each teacher has asked the children what books they would like to see in their book corners. Following these class discussions we have ordered new books and these are now available in each class. This will help ensure that children continue to develop their love of reading when reading in class.

Maths Open Classrooms

This week, we opened up our classrooms to allow parents and carers to come and experience maths lessons at Bearwood. The idea is to help you understand some of the ways in which we teach maths and the methods and strategies that children use during lessons. We had a large turnout in lots of classrooms and the children enjoyed working together on maths activities with their adults. A year 3 child said that "I like my parents coming in to watch a maths lesson because it means they can help me at home." Thank you to all the many parents and carers that came and enjoyed our maths with us. An opportunity for you to join us in English lessons will be coming in the Spring term, so watch out for a letter with more information about this after Christmas.

Important Notice - Mathletics

As a school, we have decided not to renew our subscription to Mathletics this year. It is important that when using online tools such as these, that there is a real buzz about them and children are using them often and they have an impact on their learning. We have found that since introducing a range of other maths apps and sites, Mathletics use has declined. We feel that Maths Shed and Times Table Rock-stars are currently engaging our children in mathematics learning and it is through these that they can continue to practise their maths skills. If your child has been given home learning to complete on Mathletics, then they will now be given tasks on the other sites mentioned above or as paper home learning, but, of course, still linked to the work they have been doing in class.

Courses for Parents

We are excited to be hosting courses for parents in the coming months in conjunction with WEA. On Wednesday 27th November, Nancy Newman will be at the Office from 3pm to answer any questions you may have about the courses and support you to book a place. Remember, there are a number of funding streams that mean you could attend for free. The courses are:

- ⇒ **Managing stress and anxiety in your child – Thursday 16th January - afternoon**
- ⇒ **Triple P Primary – 8 week course on Thursday afternoons starting 23rd January**
- ⇒ **Secondary Transition taster – Thursday 12th March - afternoon**

Details are also available from the school office.



Library Laptop Funding

The School Council are thrilled to announce that we have stormed past our fundraising target of £370 and now have more than enough money to purchase a fantastic new laptop for the library. Thanks to a cake sale, biscuit decorating, a sponsored run, non-uniform day, the motivation of the children and the fantastic support of the parent community we quickly met our goal. Some classes still have fundraising events planned so we are busy planning what else we can purchase using these unexpected funds. Massive well done to the School Council and children for driving this!

Phizifit

"We are enjoying Phizifit because it is fun for me and my whole family! I am now on level 7. I feel proud when I get my certificates. It is good for exercise and challenges." Lexi - Holly 1

"I like Phizifit because it is fun and I enjoy it working with my family. All of the challenges have been really fun!" Sasha - Holly 1



It's not too late for child to start their personal challenge...log onto their Phizifit account. Each child has their login in their reading record. (Year 1-6) <https://www.phizifit.com/>

Hot School Meals

A final reminder about school lunches as we had many children this week left with no lunch! Many parents missed the booking deadline for school lunches. Please remember you must order a week in advance, even when there is a holiday! It presented a real challenge for us this week as we do not have enough food to feed the number of children who did not have a lunch.

School Reading Books

Please can we ask you to search at home for any library books and any books with coloured bands on that the children may have taken home to read. We are running short of certain coloured books in school and need them returned as soon as possible. Books can be returned to your child's class teacher or to the school office.

Schools in Bloom

Building on our success in achieving the platinum Environment Award last year, we have entered the BCP Council 'Schools In Bloom Award'. In the Spring, School Council will be leading this project to regenerate the school garden in preparation for judging by the Mayor. There will be a theme of recycling and upcycling in completing this. If you are a keen gardener and have some time to spare, we would love your support with this project. Please contact the School Office if you think you can help.

Car Park

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have responded to the online car park questionnaire. We have had a total of 135 responses so far. The online survey will close on the 26th November and the results will be shared with the governors who will consider the responses.



Christmas Movie Night: Tickets are on sale in the shelter everyday from today. £5 each to include pizza and a drink. Other refreshments available on the night. Adults are welcome at a cost of £1 each. The movie will be Toy Story 4.

Christmas Fun Day: Thursday 19th December. Muffin Day. We will be hosting Elfridges for the kids to buy a wrapped present for parents during the day, plus there will be singing around the Christmas Tree, free mince pies and hot drinks from 3.40pm in the Hall. All welcome. Details to follow.....



And finally...we have won a free bouncy castle in a competition! Thanks so much to all the parents who voted for us!

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.