



# Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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6TH DECEMBER: NEWSLETTER 7

Autumn Term 2

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## Important Dates

### FOR THE PUPILS

#### Tuesday 10th December

Assembly with Reverend Boland

#### Thursday 12th December

Scrooge Pantomime 2-3:30pm

#### Thursday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day  
Chartwells Christmas Lunch  
Party Game Afternoon

#### Friday 20th December

Christmas Tree Decorating  
Competition

### FOR THE PARENTS

#### 17th & 18th December 9:30am

Oak 2, Holly 1 & 2  
Christmas Production

#### Wednesday 18th December

Carols & mince pies around the  
Christmas tree from 3:40pm

#### Thursday 6th February

Willow 1 & 2 Poetry Assembly

#### Thursday 18th June

Holly 1 & 2 Poetry Assembly

### 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 2nd 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

We are in the full swing of the Autumn term and we will soon be counting the days down to the Christmas break. The rehearsals for the annual Christmas play have begun and it is already starting to take shape! We look forward to welcoming you to all the Christmas festivities over the coming weeks.

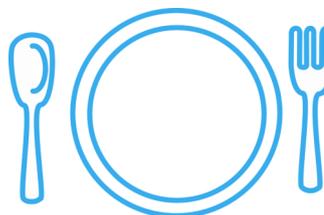


### Your chance to shine!

Does your child attend a sporting club outside of school? If they do, ask them to see Miss Pickersgill for a 'Your chance to shine' form where your child can promote their club in the newsletter, P.E display board and also have the opportunity to promote the club during our active assembly on a Thursday. It would be great to get more children active in the local area. If you know of any local community sporting clubs please send in any relevant information for the attention of Miss Pickersgill.

### Trek to Tokyo Reading Challenge

A big well done to all the children for taking part in this half term's reading challenge - so far they have trekked 877 miles.....in just two weeks! One mile is earned every time they read at home and have their reading record signed. To keep up to date with the leader board see the Celebration Newsletter. Thank you for supporting your child's reading at home.



### School dinners for the new term

It has come to that time in the term when you can order your hot school dinners for Spring term. Please can we request that you speak to your child about the choices which are selected. We are finding that a lot of children are not eating much of their lunch due to disliking the selected meal and we are not able to offer an alternative on the day. Please also remember that you don't need to book for the whole week, you can pick and choose days when your child likes the option on offer and provide a packed lunch on the other days. Thank you as always for your support in this matter.

### Christmas Post Box

The postbox will be in the entrance hall from Monday 9th December. Please can children remember to put the names on the envelopes. Thank you!



H A M W I C T R U S T

EDUCATION



The Outwitted Cyclops— an extract from a Playscript by Lily Hutton—Maple 1

Scene 1 : Inside the cave

Goats and sheep entering the cave bleating. The cave was murky and smelled of rioting flesh. It has boulder-strewn walls. Odysseus and his men are crouched in a dark corner. Shadows flickering over the walls of damp cave.

(Polyphemus stomps into the cave and rolls boulder into the entrance)

Polyphemus: (grunting) Guests? I wasn't expecting two eyed guests. What do you want?

(Odysseus and men step forward)

Odysseus: We are men, we have wine and precious treasures . Would you swap them for food and drink?  
Zeus rewards people that are kind to travellers.

(Polyphemus scoffs loudly)

Polyphemus: Zeus! I don't care about your Zeus! I am a cyclops, we are sons of Sea God Poseidon, I have no fear of your brainless Zeus!

(Polyphemus takes a man, not Odysseus, and wacks him on the roof until brains come out)

(Odysseus and rest of men recoil back in horror)

Polyphemus: Ha! See? This is your Zeus!

(Polyphemus points at the dead man in his hands...)

Courses for Parents - IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

The Triple P course, which is an 8 week course held at the school on Thursdays from 1pm-3:30pm, has been moved to February and now consists of the following dates:

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| 27th February | 26th March |
| 5th March     | 2nd April  |
| 12th March    | 23rd April |
| 19th March    | 30th April |



The Positive Parenting Program is one of the world's best. Backed by more than 280 trials and studies, Triple P gives you proven parenting strategies that will help you set up your child or teenager for life – so they'll be happy, confident and successful. In the meantime, your home life will be better too... with rules followed, relationships stronger, and parents who are much less stressed! There is still plenty of time to sign up, leaflets are available from the school office. If you receive certain benefits you may be entitled to a free course <https://www.wea.org.uk>



**Wednesday 18th December** — join the school choir singing around the Christmas Tree, free mince pies and hot drinks from 3.40pm in the Hall. All welcome.



**Thursday 19th December** — Christmas Jumper Day. We will be hosting Elfridges for the children to buy a wrapped present for parents during the school day. £2 per present — sample gifts will be on display in the shelter from Monday.



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.