



# Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

LEARNING, ENJOYING,  
& SUCCEEDING  
TOGETHER!

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## Important Dates

### FOR THE PUPILS

**w/c 24th February**  
Fairtrade Fortnight

**Thursday 5th March**  
World Book Day

**w/c 9th March**  
Sport Relief Week

### FOR THE PARENTS

**Tuesday 3rd & Weds 4th March**  
Parents Evenings

**Thursday 18th June**  
Holly 1 & 2 Poetry Assembly

### 2020 DATES

**Spring Term**  
Mon 6th January to Fri 3rd April

**Half Term**  
Mon 17th to Fri 21st February

**Easter Holidays**  
Mon 6th April to Fri 17th April

**Summer Term**  
Mon 20th April to Mon 20th July

**Half Term**  
Mon 25th - 2 Fri 9th May

### INSET DAYS

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

This half term has been really busy for the pupils with lots of exciting learning opportunities based on first hand experiences. It is amazing to see how much we have squeezed into just 6 weeks. Every year group have either had a trip out of school or had visitors into their classrooms. These opportunities are invaluable and we can really see an impact in the pupils work! It is so wonderful to see children absolutely buzzing about their learning, being keen to share their knowledge and skills. Already next half term is beginning to fill with exciting opportunities, including World Book Week, a Shakespeare production for Key Stage 2, a creature workshop... Thank you for your continued support with these opportunities as it really does make a difference to the pupils curriculum experience.

### Pantosaurus!

We have been fortunate to have a visit from Pantosaurus who reminded the pupils of the PANTS Rule.

**P** Privates are private

**A** always remember that your body belongs to you

**N**o means no

**T**alk about secrets that upset you

**S**peak up, someone can help

The children have been invited to take part in a competition to design a pair of pants. The closing date is the 28th February and all entries need to be given in by this date. The winning prize is £250 for the school and a £50 voucher for the winning pupil.



### School Council Stationery Sale

School Council have decided that they would like to set up a stationary sale to help raise money for the ICT suite. They are going to set up a stationary stall in the playground shelter after school on Monday 2nd, 9th and 16th March from 3.30-4pm. There are items available to purchase from 50p. Please do come and support our school.

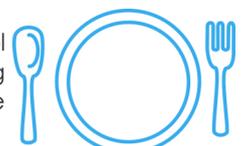


### Holly Base chat to a real life author!

In Holly Base, we have been reading the book "Vlad and the Great Fire of London" which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. This week we were lucky enough to be able to have a Skype call with Kate Cunningham, the author. The children had some fantastic questions, not only about the story but also about life as a writer. They were very surprised to hear that writing the book was a process which took 4 years and have come away inspired to produce some

### Hot School Meals

Can we please remind you that if your child has hot school meals, the cut-off point for ordering for the week commencing 24th February is Sunday 16th February 2020 via the website link: <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/>



### Sports Relief is 9-13th March

Miss Pickersgill and the sports ambassadors have planned the following during the week:

- **Daily Mile** Monday to Friday each class to run/jog/walk the daily mile at some point during the day.
- **Stop Drop Sport!** Stop what you're doing and do sports activity for 5 minutes once a day when the bell will ring.
- **Official Wristbands** The Sports Ambassadors will be selling these during the week for £1 each (we have a limited number, first come first served).
- **Sportswear** Friday 13th March suggested donation of £1 to wear active wear or sports-



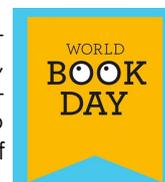
### Willow Base Iron Age Worksop

Willow Base have had an exciting week this week! On Tuesday and Thursday we prepared and made an 'Iron Age' style vegetable potage. We had to use skills such as peeling, slicing and chopping to prepare the vegetables and then added herbs and other ingredients. We then tasted the potage to mixed reviews! Lots of children said that it was delicious, others were not so sure. Then on Wednesday, historians from Poole Museum came in to lead an Iron Age workshop for us. We looked at different artefacts from the Iron Age and discussed what they could tell us about life back then. We also used our fantastic round house in the field and discovered the different materials it was made from and how it was made. Finally, we got to have a

go at some Iron Age activities, such as wool carding, spinning, weaving and even casting our own Iron Age style

### Bearwood Reading Week (2nd-6th March)

For book week this year we have many exciting activities planned. These activities include: Family reading breakfast on Tuesday 3rd March, author master classes, book voting and 'drop and read'. Also, on Thursday 5th March, **World Book Day**, all children and staff are invited to dress up as a book character. We will all take to the catwalk and show off our costumes in the hall at 3.00. Parents are invited to watch this event, and even dress up as their favourite book character too! A letter will follow after half term with further details of these activities and more.



### School Counselling with Relate

All parents have the responsibility of helping their children to grow and develop. Children may need help with their problems and worries. Sometimes, no matter how well they get on with their parents, they may find it hard to talk to them. Children often get help and support by talking to someone they trust. Maybe a friend, a teacher, a relative or a neighbour can help. Often having a problem or concern can effect a child's behaviour and school work, a school counsellor may be able to help. School counsellors are good at relating to children and are trained to listen without judging. Further information can be found here <https://www.relate.org.uk/relationship-help/help-children-and-young-people/children-and-young-peoples-counselling>

### The Inflatable Museum

Working in collaboration with Artsreach, Tomorrow's Museum for Dorset on Tour will be bringing The Inflatable Museum out to rural communities this spring, exploring the county's rich history and cultural heritage. Take part in engaging activities and handle real objects from their collection including: Archaeology, Natural History, Social History and Fossils. With children's trails, and 'Make and Create' workshops inspired by the Museum's collections, why not pop along? They will be in Blandford on Saturday 15th February, Lytchett Matravers on Saturday 29th February and Corfe Castle on Saturday 21st March. Entry to the Inflatable Museum is FREE and the Museum is open between 11am-3pm. Call 01305 262735 for details or follow the link <https://artsreach.co.uk/event/the-inflatable-museum>



We have been tasked with raising £4500 for a new ICT Suite for the school and need your help.

Does your company offer a Matched Giving scheme? This is when an organisation matches the amount of fundraising an employee does for another organisation. Examples of companies that do this are banks - we know of Lloyds, JPMorgan, HSBC, LV and Nationwide.

We need volunteers to help run our events and if the company you work for offers this scheme, it is a great way of raising extra funds to benefit the school.



### 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.