



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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TOGETHER!

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Autumn Term 1

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Important Dates

FOR THE PUPILS

Walk to School Week
5th to 9th October

National Hand Washing Day
15th October

FOR THE PARENTS

Parents Evenings
w/c 19th October

World Mental Health Day
10th October

2020 - 2021 DATES

AUTUMN TERM
Thursday 2nd September
to Friday 18th December

Half Term
26th to 30th October

SPRING TERM
Monday 4th January
to Friday 9th April

Half Term
22nd to 26th February

SUMMER TERM
Monday 26th April
to Friday 23rd July

Half Term
31st May to 4th June

INSET DAYS
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

It is coming to the time of the year when the weather is starting to turn. Can I please ask that you send your child in with the appropriate named clothing to ensure your child is wrapped up warm. We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce a new member of staff, Mrs Lennon. Her role is part of the Government catch up funding and she is currently working with groups and individuals across the school, following Government guidance.

Finally a huge thank you to you. The drop off and pick up procedures are now running like clockwork. Thank you for supporting us in keeping all pupils safe.



Parents Evening

We have made the decision to bring parents evening forward this year so that you are able to meet the teacher sooner rather than later. Parents Evening will be during the week commencing 19th October and will be an offer of a phone call or a Zoom meeting. We will send further details in the coming weeks.



Mud Kitchen!

A HUGE thank you to Mason's dad in Oak 2 for creating this amazing mud kitchen for Bearwood Primary & Nursery School over the summer. He recycled some old pallets. It is truly wonderful and we are sure that there will be lots of children in Early Years who will have hours of learning and joy.

Walk to School Week 5th to 9th October

Next week is National Walk to School week. We are asking as many children and families as possible to walk, scoot, bike, or any imaginative way you can to come to school Monday to Friday. More information can be found <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/wtsw>. Not only does it set children up for a positive day in the classroom, it also helps create healthy habits for life.



Goodbye to Mrs Fido

We bid a fond farewell to the wonderful Mrs Fido last Friday. She was inundated with so many lovely messages and gifts. Each class made her a fantastic card and every child put in a personal message or a picture. We will all miss her very much but know that she will probably pop in now and again to check up on us! Good luck in your new job Mrs Fido!

PE update and sport at Bearwood this term

Phizifit

We are pleased to be using 'Phizifit' again this year to keep everyone active at home and at school. Children in years 1-6 have a login at the front of their reading diaries, which allows them to take part in a weekly challenge! When they complete a challenge, their teacher will print out their certificate, which will be awarded to them in Active Assembly on Thursday mornings. The most active child from each class each half term will receive a small prize for showing great determination and dedication in being active at home! It would be great to have the whole school active www.phizifit.com



PE Kit

We are hoping to have at least one PE lesson a week **outside** for as long as possible this academic year. Please can you make sure you send your child(ren) to school in the correct PE kit as stated on the school website on the correct day. As the weather will start to get colder, please make sure your child(ren) come dressed appropriately for the weather and that ALL items have their full name clearly written inside. **All jewellery including earrings should be removed on PE days.**

World Mental Health Day 10th October

This year has been a tough one, particularly for people living with mental illness. COVID-19 has impacted on the mental health of millions of people. Increased levels of anxiety, fear, isolation, social distancing and restrictions, uncertainty and emotional distress have become widespread as the world struggles to bring the virus under control. Mental health is everyone's business. If you would like further information on how to look after your mental health, go to: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/your-mental-health/looking-after-your-mental-health>

Antibullying Assembly

Each class were involved in The Big Antibullying Assembly 2020. The focus was about putting their hands up to stop bullying and also developing their own support network. The children were encouraged to think of 5 people who could help them if they were worried, including friends, family members and adults from school and clubs that they attend. The children were also reminded of Childline (0800-1111) which supports children who might be going through a tricky time and need some advice.



New Laptops

Thank you to the PFA who have kindly fully funded a set of brand new laptops for our ICT room. This will provide the opportunity for the children to develop their computing skills and use as a learning tool across the curriculum. Unfortunately, they are delayed in being delivered due to the pandemic but more details will follow once they arrive.

Harvest Festival

At this time of the year we are normally collecting donations of food to send on to the charity Hope For Food, who work tirelessly to distribute supplies and meals for the local community. With the current pandemic situation they have found their donations have dwindled and are in desperate need of non-perishable items to re-stock their shelves. Unfortunately we are not able to collect these items on their behalf in the usual way this year but donations can still be made direct to their warehouse at 8 West Howe Industrial Estate, open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30-12:30. Alternatively you can donate at Tesco in Kinson, where there is a permanent collection point.



Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2nd September to
Friday 17th December 2021
Half Term
25th to 29th October 2021

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January to
Friday 8th April 2022
Half Term
21st to 25th February 2022

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April to
Friday 22nd July 2022
Half Term
30th May to 3rd June 2022

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.