



# Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2

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## Important Dates

### FOR THE PUPILS

**7th to 11th December**

Bring your Christmas cards in

**16th & 17th December**

Online Panto

**Friday 18th December**

Christmas Lunch and Party Day

### FOR THE PARENTS

**Wednesday 2nd to Thursday 10th**

Book Fair (orders in by 11th)

**Sunday 6th December**

Cut off for ordering Chartwells  
Christmas Lunch

**Friday 18th December**

Last day of term

### 2020 - 2021 DATES

**SPRING TERM 2021**

Monday 4th January  
to Thursday 1st April

**Half Term**

15th to 19th February

**Easter Holiday**

Friday 2nd to Friday 16th April

**SUMMER TERM**

Monday 19th April  
to Friday 23rd July

**Half Term**

31st May to 4th June

**INSET DAYS**

Monday 2nd Nov 2020  
Friday 11th December 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 so much for all your support in following the guidance whilst school remained open during the second lockdown. Although it brought anxieties for some, it was clearly the best for the children both in terms of their social and academic well-being. We are delighted that we have had no further cases of COVID-19 in the school. This is a credit to every single one of you and we remain determined to keep delivering a broad and balanced curriculum whilst abiding by the rules of our risk assessment. It has come to the time of year where the pupils are beginning to build up their excitement for the festive period. The appearance of the Christmas trees around school and the advent calendars in classes have brought excited smiles and gleeful squeals! We look forward to making the most this year in what has been one of the hardest years for all.

### Staffing Update

We said a sad farewell to Miss Ryder at the end of last month. She has family commitments which have had to take priority. We will miss her amazing shoes and handbags!

We are also sorry to announce that the lovely Miss Pickersgill will be leaving us in February. She has been with Bearwood Primary & Nursery School for over seven years teaching across the year groups. She has also expanded and developed PE and broadened the club opportunities within school. She has an exciting opportunity ahead to spend some time in America with her family and although we will be very sad to see her go, we wish her every happiness for the future. Willow 1 will continue to be taught by Mrs Mitson together with Mrs Preston, who already teaches the children part time.



### Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to Bearwood Primary & Nursery School next week. In order to maintain social distancing, we will be hosting a virtual Book Fair. This exciting book event will take place between Tuesday 8th December and Friday 11th December. The children will have the opportunity to see which books are for sale in more detail before the end of next week. Full details of how to order have been emailed to you. This will be an excellent opportunity to introduce the children to a wide and varied range of high quality books. At the same time you will also be helping the school to get new

### Panto time!

We would normally have a theatre company coming in to school to perform a seasonal pantomime at the end of term but under current restrictions we are unable to accommodate that this year. But the show must go on and we have been lucky enough to book a live online production of Cinderella for the children to enjoy from their classroom bubbles during their last week. Oh yes we have!



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EDUCATION





**Hooray for Bearwood PFA!**

An enormous THANK YOU to our wonderful hardworking PFA who have managed to raise enough funding to supply the school with 15 Amazon Fire Tablets! These are a fantastic tool for the classroom and the children are so excited to use them. The PFA are still raising additional funds to provide the school with further tablets and their Just Giving page is still active. Every penny counts! Thank you for your support.



**#keepbcpmoving**

BCP Council have launched a post lockdown campaign 'The New You' which promotes the benefits of walking, cycling and scooting to school wherever possible. During lockdown they have seen more people of all ages exploring their local area, embracing active ways of getting about and enjoying a slower pace of life and wish to encourage parents, carers and children to maintain these healthy habits. We recently sent out a quick survey via email about travel methods and would be so grateful if you could take a moment to complete it. Thank you to all of you who have already responded.

**Virtual Sports Competition**

A huge congratulations to Willow Base who took part in the Dorest Games Virtual Pentathlon, they competed in five events virtually against other schools. A number of schools entered the competition, Willow 1 came 6th and Willow 2 came 1st! Well done to Willow Base this is a great achievement!



**School Council**

This week we have started our school council for Key Stage 2. This year we are working slightly differently with classes working together on issues but meeting virtually. Bearwood pupils have a strong pupil voice and I look forward to their ideas being shared and projects and initiatives developed.

**Laptop donation**

We would also like to extend a big thank you to Mr Mike Goff of Charminster for donating a much needed laptop to the school as part of the Business2Schools campaign. They encourage business and individuals to donate unwanted devices to support schools during the pandemic. Their aim is to provide one million devices to support education across the country #laptopstoschools



**Christmas Trees**

We will soon be taking delivery of small potted Christmas trees donated by Barratt Homes and these will be available to buy. All proceeds will go towards school fundraising.



**Christmas T-Towels**

Unfortunately we are unable to make t-towels in time for Christmas as previously announced, we hope to do these next year. Kindle donations are still being gratefully received via [virginmoneygiving.com/fund/projectkindle](http://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/projectkindle)

| <b><u>Autumn Term 2021</u></b>  | <b><u>Spring Term 2022</u></b>  | <b><u>Summer Term 2022</u></b>   |
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| Thursday 2nd September to<br>Friday 17th December 2021<br><i>Half Term</i><br>25th to 29th October 2021 | Tuesday 4th January to<br>Friday 8th April 2022<br><i>Half Term</i><br>21st to 25th February 2022 | Monday 25th April to<br>Friday 22nd July 2022<br><i>Half Term</i><br>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.