



# Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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Spring Term 1

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## Important Dates

### FOR THE PUPILS AND PARENTS

**27th January**

National Chocolate Cake Day!

**29th January**

National Puzzle Day!

### 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 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

After an extremely challenging start to the term, remote learning begun to feel like the "new" norm whilst we tweak the provision to ensure all children receive the very best education that we can deliver under these circumstances. Please do stay safe and do not hesitate to contact the school if we can help in any way.

### BCP COVID 19 Community Response Helpline

For families who should find themselves having to isolate and therefore unable to shop for themselves for vital food or collect prescriptions etc. BCP Council have, like last time, set up a volunteer service to help people with this:

<https://www.bcpCouncil.gov.uk/News/News-Features/COVID-19/Coronavirus-COVID-19.aspx> or call 0300-1237052



### Barratt Homes Donations

We would like to extend a **HUGE THANK YOU** for all the brand new stationary and the Kindles that Barratt Homes have provided for the school with this week. This will significantly help our pupils learning at home during this time and enable them to access learning more readily. As a school we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support.

### Device Donations - Business2Schools

We have been overwhelmed with the number of used laptops and tablets we have been offered by members of the public and local businesses under the Business2Schools initiative, following their recent television appeal. We are so incredibly grateful and all of these donations will help our pupils both in school and learning from home. An **EXTRA BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Lush in Poole who have kindly donated 9 laptops and 2 iPads to support learning in school!



### Go Felix!

Felix has some good news for us. Over Christmas it was announced that he has been selected to play for the South Dorset under 10s Cricket Team. Amazing, well done Felix!

Although our sports and clubs have not been running in school, we are pleased that some of the activities the children enjoy within the community have been operating and will be again after this lockdown. If your child attends and enjoys a sports club that you think other children in the school would enjoy, please let us know the details so we can signpost other parents and children. Please email Mrs Gunstone via the School Office: [school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk](mailto:school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk)

### School Games Website

Families can access this resource for free with no logins necessary. It will be updated every fortnight including challenges, resources and virtual events for the children to do whilst at home <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/sgo/poole/>





*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your wonderful feedback...*



Hello – I would like to pass my thanks onto Mr Longland & Mrs Gover for this week's remote learning. With the short notice they were both given to prepare for this week, I personally feel they have been exceptional in delivering their classes.

Having the above in place has allowed me to work from home with ease, something which I was unable to do during the last lockdown.

Thank you all for working so so hard to ensure our children continue learning whilst at home, it really is appreciated.

I just wanted to drop you a quick email to say thank you very much for the zoom remote learning. It has been so much easier for us to be able to juggle working from home and the children have their learning. Thank you for providing it all via zoom and thank you for your support and help.

Thank you to Mrs Goodfellow, Mr Longland, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Wall and indeed all the staff.....

The boys both really enjoyed their first day of live lessons. It was wonderful to hear them interacting with their teachers and classmates and then going on to complete the tasks set. They needed a small input from myself at times, but went on to complete much of their work independently! A great result for the first day!

A huge thank you to everyone for all your hard work.

Please can you pass my thanks on to the school for facilitating online learning for pupils during such a difficult time once again. It's been really well planned and executed, Miss Pike kept my little girl engaged throughout and I'm just so pleased she has the opportunity to continue to learn.

Also to continue to be taught in this way by the teacher via Zoom is so helpful to working parents - it's reassuring for those of us who are continuing to run businesses/ work from home and look after younger siblings too, that the children are still accessing a good quality education. Many of us have tried our best previously to complete work set etc., but this has been a real juggle during previous home school experiences!

I just want to say, well done to everyone today! Teachers were fab! A few teething problems initially as expected but they handled it brilliantly! Much smoother teaching and learning than the 1st lockdown. Having two children in different years I thought would be challenging but with the loan tablet, it was much easier. We'd had enough by the end of the school day but I think that's normal!

I just wanted to send a little message of thanks and well done, I've heard that there were some issues with Zoom today but from our end both children got logged on with no issues at all and it was a very easy and pleasant experience, from my point of view it was also great to see how the children learn.

I think the school has handled the whole situation very well from the beginning and I just wanted to say thank you, we are all in a situation that none of us could have ever imagined we would be in, and all we can do is our best and the school has certainly done that in my opinion!! Keep up the good work!!

Thank you and thank you for all the hard work the staff and teachers are doing. How quickly and thoughtfully you have responded to all that is happening has been amazing.

### **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. Our Pupil Engagement and Welfare Officer is: Miss Olivia Prince