



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Important Dates

FOR THE PUPILS

Dorset Dynamo Cricket Day Y5&6

Friday 30th April

Walk to School Week

17th to 21st May

FOR THE PARENTS

Individual School Photos

Thursday 29th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May

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 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 has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the Easter Break, who are looking refreshed and ready for learning. We have welcomed some new teaching assistants to our school, Mrs Coles who will be in Nursery and Mrs Berry who will be in Year 4. As a school we continue to support students who are entering the profession, so we are hosting some during the summer term, I am sure your children will tell you all about them.



Walk to Tokyo Challenge

This half term we are setting a whole school walking challenge, which has been introduced to all of the children as part of an assembly this week. We are going to walk virtually from Bearwood to Tokyo which is 5,998 miles. In school the children are going to get involved in the daily mile with their classes to help us to achieve our target. We recognise that lots of families have been taking walks during lockdown and we would love for them to continue with this so we are allowing them to keep a record of any walks that they complete at home in their reading diaries and just ask that you sign to say that they the record is accurate. Also with the warmer and drier weather coming we would love for more children to take the opportunity to walk to school and these miles or parts of miles can also be logged. (There are many free apps available to track family miles). Each week we are going to collate our miles and at the end of the challenge the class who have walked the most miles will win a voucher to choose some new playground equipment for their class.

Thank you to Barratt Homes

Once again a **HUGE THANK YOU** to Barratt Homes for their generous donations to Bearwood Primary & Nursery School. The children in Early Years are thrilled with their 'loose parts' equipment. Barratts also donated **70** Easter eggs to the winners of the whole school Easter egg hunt and Amazon vouchers to the winners of the Easter Egg Colouring Competition.



Fantastic Fundraising!

Lily in Maple 2 took part in the Walk All Over Cancer campaign in March and did 10,000 steps every single day for the whole month! She raised £500.00 for Cancer Research and did 337,881 steps in total. Great work Lily!



The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. In school we are going to support the children in completing the questionnaire during class council. Parents, care givers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers perceived by children to have an impact on their happiness and progress.



Reading volunteers

We are always on the look out for volunteers to listen to the children reading. We would love to be able to have one volunteer per class so that all our pupils have the opportunity to practise and enjoy their reading. If you know of any grandparents or aunts or uncles or friends who might have a spare couple of hours a week we would love to hear from them. Please contact the office on 01202-590703 or email school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk

Lunch boxes and bags update

As a school we are still continuing to ensure that as little as possible moves between home and school. However, we are aware that with the warmer weather coming that some parents like to include an icepack in their child's lunch. Having given this a great deal of consideration we have made the decision that pupils may bring in a **plastic lunch box**, which can be washed regularly, this can be any plastic container/ice-cream tub etc. From next week the children may bring in their water bottle, food container and book bag. If the children would like to bring a small bag to carry their items e.g. cloth tote bag or small shoe bag they may. Unfortunately, we cannot have rucksacks and larger bags as the children do need to keep all their items under their chairs. We will continue to review and assess as guidance changes.

PE Kits

Now the warmer weather is coming we ask that on PE days that the children come to school in their school PE kits and school sweatshirts (purple Bearwood t-shirts or plain white with black shorts). If it is particularly cold on their PE days they may wear dark coloured leggings or tracksuit bottoms.

Uniform

Just a reminder now that the shops are re-opening again, we are looking forward to seeing our pupils in full uniform including school shoes <https://www.bearwood.poole.sch.uk/parents-info/information/uniform/>. May we also remind you that only small stud earrings are permitted and should be removed on PE days. Thank you.

Safeguarding:

We are aware of the media attention around the Everyone's Invited Movement and the concerns that parents and carers may have. In school we hold assemblies to remind pupils of what they can do if they feel unsafe or have a worry. Just before Easter we revisited the NSPCC speak out assemblies and the children have been able to share that they know who they could talk to. As a school we review our policies and procedures annually to ensure that they reflect current concerns and issues. Please find our current safeguarding policy and procedures on the school website.

Autumn Term 2021	Spring Term 2022	Summer Term 2022
Thursday 2nd September to Friday 17th December 2021	Tuesday 4th January to Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25th April to Friday 22nd July 2022
<i>Half Term</i> 25th to 29th October 2021	<i>Half Term</i> 21st to 25th February 2022	<i>Half Term</i> 30th May to 3rd June 2022
INSET Days 2nd & 3rd September	INSET Day 4th January	INSET Days 24th April & 6th June

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