



Bearwood Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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& SUCCEEDING
TOGETHER!

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Autumn Term 2

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Important Dates

FOR THE PUPILS

Anti-bullying Week

15th to 19th November

Children in Need

Friday 19th November

Christmas Party Day

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Friday 17th December

FOR THE PARENTS

Individual school photos

Tuesday 9th November

Remote Parents Evenings

9th & 11th November

Sports Day

28th June (Reserve 5th July)
KS1 morning & KS2 afternoon

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Thursday 2nd September to
Friday 17th December 2021

Half Term

25th to 29th October 2021

INSET Days 2nd & 3rd September

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January to
Friday 8th April 2022

Half Term

21st to 25th February 2022

INSET Day 4th January

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25th April to
Friday 22nd July 2022

3rd May Jubilee Bank Holiday

Half Term

30th May to 3rd June 2022

INSET Days 25th April & 6th June

'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 all for your continued support and we are seeing a minimal number of cases at Bearwood Primary and Nursery school. However, the below acts as a reminder of procedures to help families understand the communication that we send out from Public Health.

So, when a positive PCR result is confirmed, we send out the Public Health letter - one to the class of pupils who would be deemed a close contact. The purpose of this letter is to remind you to be vigilant. Public Health are aware there are many germs and bugs circulating in schools and as a result children are showing a variety of symptoms. The advice hasn't changed, and below is from our latest BCP/PH update:

- ⇒ Children who are unwell should not attend the setting and should remain at home until their acute symptoms resolve (+24 hours for a fever). *This has always been case.*
- ⇒ **IF** these symptoms develop into a cough, temperature or changes to taste and smell, they should isolate and take a PCR test.
- ⇒ **IF** they test negative to COVID-19, they still need to remain at home until they are at least 24 hours fever free and acute symptoms have resolved.
- ⇒ Parents and settings should not try and 'second guess' diagnosis - **if displaying the key symptoms - isolate and test.**

At the same time, we liaise with Public Health and BCP, to ensure we are doing what we can to be prepared for a potential outbreak. The best support parents and carers can provide to schools and therefore our families, is to regularly test with the Lateral Flow Test device, keep children at home if they are showing symptoms or are unwell and follow up with a PCR as indicated above. Please note the third bullet point above from Public Health.



Fire Safety

On Tuesday we were visited by the Dorset Fire and Rescue Team. In Holly 2 the children learnt all about fire and what to do if a fire occurred. It was a fun and enjoyable lesson for all, with lots of role play and they even had time for a story. Well done Holly 2 for showing good manners and working hard in the lesson. Later in the morning it was Maple 1's turn and year 5 became Fire Investigators Officers and had to listen carefully to different people's witness statements and look at photographs to work out the cause of the fire.

Poppy Appeal

We have wristbands, snap bands, reflective tags, zip pulls and paper poppies available for the whole of next week. Please send your donations in a named envelope with a note of which products you would like and these will be sent home with your child by the end of the week. Suggested donations to the Royal British Legion are as follows: zip pulls, reflectors & paper poppies 50p, wristbands £1 and snap bands £1.50.



H A M W I C T R U S T
EDUCATION





New Playground Maps

Mrs Hunt has organised some giant maps for our playground, one of the UK and one of the World. The children have been fascinated by them and Mia from Maple 1 said "My friends and I like doing races to see who can point to a country the quickest, our teachers like to play too! We think the maps are really fun and enjoy making up games with them over play times." You might like to try this quiz with your child to test their knowledge!

<https://www.britannica.com/quiz/countries-and-capitals-quiz>



Sports Bulletin - Team Bearwood

On Friday 22nd Oct Bearwood Primary & Nursery School played a 9 a side football match against Baden Powell Junior School. The match took place after school, on our playing field. It was a lovely bright afternoon, that wasn't too cold for players or spectators. The Bearwood team was a mixture of year 5 & 6 boys – Felix (Captain), Kian (Vice Captain), Sam, Evan, Jacob B (Goalie), Josh, Alex, Lucas, Preston, Jacob H, Sonny and Lewis. This team had had a few training sessions with Mr Longland after school on Thursdays and had played in one tournament before this game. Mr Longland was the referee for the whole match. There were parents and siblings from both schools watching and cheering on. The match was two 25-minute halves. Bearwood started with Alex, Evan and Sonny on the bench. The boys played well in the first half, passing it amongst each other, with the captain shouting words of encouragement. Preston scored twice to make the score 2-0 at half time. After a quick water break and discussion on tactics for the second half, the game recommenced. The three boys on the bench all got to play in the second half and most boys got a turn on the bench. Jacob had more to do during these 25 minutes. Preston scored his 3rd goal, giving him a hat trick. Baden Powell then managed to score one making the game more exciting. The boys continued to play well together, resulting in Sam scoring a goal, to make the final score 4-1 to Bearwood. All the boys were really pleased with how well they played and that they won!

Felix (Captain) Maple 2

Operation Christmas Child

Bearwood Primary & Nursery School is joining with thousands of other schools up and down the country in wrapping, packing and sending shoeboxes full of gifts – things like cuddly toys, games, balls, hats, gloves and scarves, stationery and hygiene items – to children in need around the world. Through this campaign, we want to teach our children about generosity for others, and compassion, to make them aware of the fact that there are children elsewhere in the world who have nothing, and give them the opportunity to do something practical, yet so simple, that can make such a difference. The shoebox gifts are distributed through local churches overseas and given unconditionally to children based on need, regardless of background or religious beliefs. **The deadline for bringing in boxes is next Wednesday 10th November.** The parcel should be clearly labelled with the gender and age for the intended recipient and you do not need to add any monetary donation, this is completely voluntary. Thank you for your support.



Free school meals

If you are ordering hot meals please take the time to go through the menu with your child to check what they like and dislike. You don't need to order every day of the week, if there is a day where none of the options are suitable leave that day unbooked and they can bring a packed lunch instead. Hot school meals are free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Years 3-6 may also be entitled if you receive certain benefits. Head to: www.gov.co.uk/apply-free-school-meals for further information.



Christmas Disco cancelled

We are very sorry to say that we have had to cancel the proposed Christmas Disco due to the classes being back in their bubbles. Watch this space for upcoming events in the new year.

Tesco tokens

Please don't forget to vote for us with your Tesco tokens!

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