



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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## *Learning, Enjoying & Succeeding Together*

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Welcome Letter from Mrs Smith (Headteacher)

Dear Parents & Carers,

Hello and welcome back to a brand new academic year at Bearwood! For those who are new to our school, I warmly welcome you into the Bearwood family.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new headteacher of Bearwood Primary and Nursery School. I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed to this post and I look forward to working with you, the children, the staff and the local community to deliver the best education and outcomes for our pupils.

I arrive at Bearwood having just left my previous role as Assistant Headteacher at Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School in Branksome – another school in the HAMWIC Education Trust. I have been fortunate to have worked in a range of different primary schools throughout my teaching and leadership career, gaining a wide range of experience in education. I feel privileged and excited to move to Bearwood and lead the school to the next stage of its development and beyond. I believe our school has an amazing charm and values, which hold the children at its heart. I will work with everyone at our school to build on its strengths to ensure that all our children are able to learn, enjoy and succeed together.

Through our Bearwood Goals: Ambitious Achiever, Confident Communicator, Independent Learner and Global Citizen, our children have the opportunity to excel in all areas. Our Bearwood Goals are underpinned by values, one of which is RESPECT. Respect for ourselves, each other and the world around us - this is an important part of our daily school life and something which we all need to remember starting a new school year.

I would like to personally thank you for placing your child in our care. At Bearwood, we recognise the responsibility that is upon us to serve our children and we wish this to be undertaken in partnership with parents and carers and so we sincerely hope that you feel part of our family. We pride ourselves on being a caring, open school, so please come and talk to us and share any concerns, questions or ideas you may have. We will always listen.

### Communication

To help streamline our communication to you, from tomorrow – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – there will only be two days each week in which letters and information will be sent to you as follows:

**'Marvellous Mondays'** – Each Monday, our celebration news will be sent to you, outlining information about those children who have been 'star' children from the previous week.



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**‘We need to know Wednesdays’** – Each Wednesday, information letters, newsletters and upcoming dates will be sent to you. Each time there will be an email with specific year group letters attached so please look out for these! All information shared in these emails will also be made available on the school website each Wednesday.

Please note: If there is an urgent information which has not been included in the main communication emails then a text message or email may be sent at another time in the week. Class teachers may also use the ‘Marvellous Me’ App to send reminders.

We hope that this will help with knowing when to expect things coming your way! Our first ‘We need to know Wednesday’ is happening tomorrow so please watch out for an email.

### **Start and end of day routines.**

A reminder of our school day timings:

8:30am – School gates open – all children welcome on site from this time and are to wait by the school field or in the playground. Senior Leadership staff are available to speak to at the gates.

8:50am – Children are welcomed into their classrooms by the teaching staff and they begin their activities for the day.

9am – Registration closes.

3:25pm – Gates open for parents & carers to come on site to collect their children from the classroom doors.

3:30pm – Children are dismissed.

3:45pm – Internal gates are closed.

I look forward to meeting you all at the school gates – please come and say hello!

Warmest regards



Mrs Cheryl Smith  
Headteacher



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