



# **BEARWOOD NEWS**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Dear Families**

**It has been another really busy week at Bearwood. We launched anti-bullying week on Monday with odd socks! The children have engaged in PSHE sessions and assemblies talking about bullying and how to reach out if they notice any bullying.**

**Our fantastic PTA held their AGM. The number of parents who turned up was very impressive - more that I have ever seen since I have been at Bearwood. The PTA have lots more exciting plans for fundraising for the rest of the year.**

**The children got to experience a special Rocksteady workshop. Some of our keen rock star wannabes have already signed up for classes. I can't wait to see a future rock group performance in our school hall in the near future. I shall keep you all posted!**

**All classes experienced a very important assembly on road safety. Do ask your children what they can remember.**

**Our LKS2 classes had fun at the Look-Out Discovery Centre as part of their science learning.**

**Hedgehog Class delivered a fantastic assembly to their parents - which included information on fair trade, singing, French and poetry.**

**It has been great to see the children dressed up today for Children in Need. Fantastic to see our future doctors, vets, astronauts, police officers, soldiers, builders etc wondering around!**

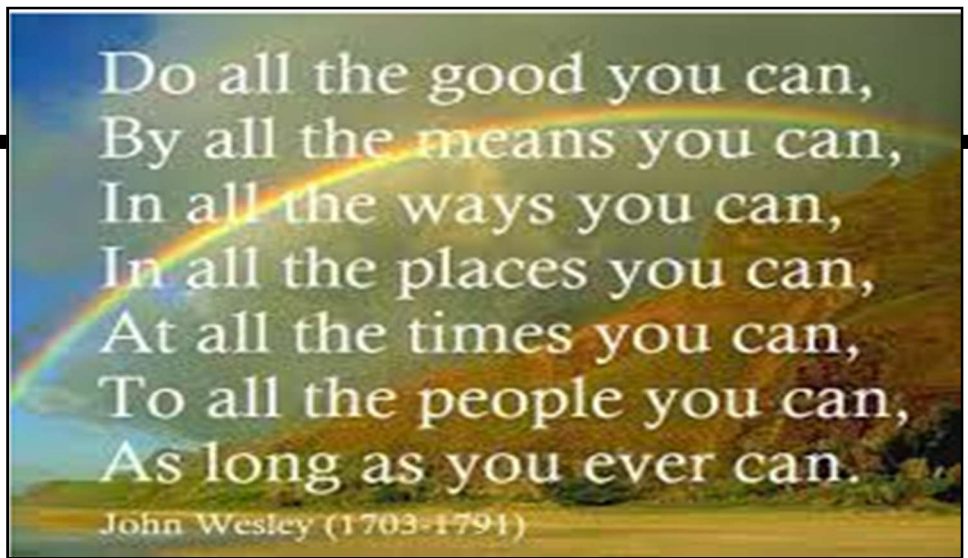
**On Monday, we have the UKS2 organised football fundraiser to look forward to.**

**Have a great weekend.**

**Best wishes**

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Value for the term –  
Generosity



Cycle Helmets

We do encourage children to cycle to school. If your child cycles into school, please make sure they are wearing a cycle helmet. One of our children had a near accident this week, and was lucky to not be badly injured. Our cycle shelter has special lockers for helmets to be placed in.



Parental Concerns

At Bearwood Primary School, we believe it is very important to work closely with our parents. On the rare occasions where issues may arise, we try our best to resolve them as swiftly as possible. If you have a concern or issue regarding your child at school, in the first instance, please speak with your child's class teacher.

If after speaking to your child's class teacher, you are still concerned, please speak to one of our Assistant Headteachers (AHT). Mrs Haden is the AHT for EYFS and KS1. Miss Parry is the AHT for KS2.



Children in Need

Thank you to everybody who took part, we made a whopping...

£224.92

# Office Notices

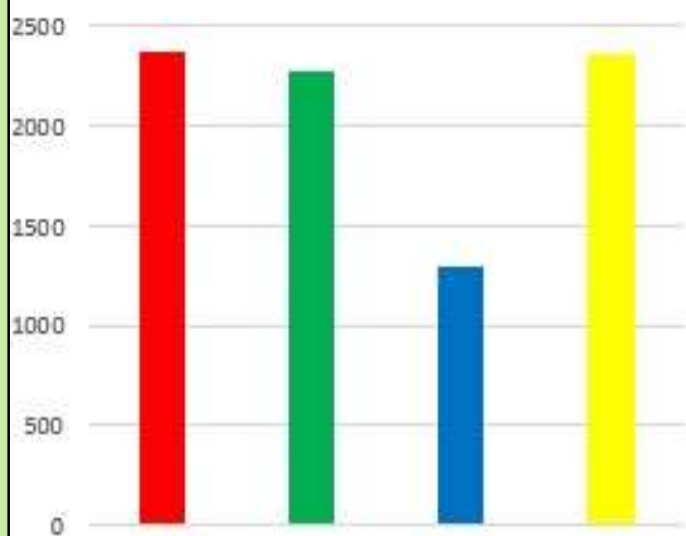
## Growth Mindset Awards

Beaver - Shamyla  
Rabbit - Lily  
Otter - Shraddha  
Grey Wolf - Zac N and Gyan  
Red Squirrel – Charlie  
Fox – Skylar  
Dormouse - Alex  
Wolverine - Mihika  
Hedgehog - Archie  
Pine Marten - Zainab

## Sports Star Awards

Beaver - Emilia  
Rabbit - Cassie  
Otter - Lauryane  
Grey Wolf - JJ  
Red Squirrel - Jake  
Fox - Skylar  
Dormouse - Robin  
Wolverine - Adam  
Hedgehog - Archie  
Pine Marten - Tommy

This week's house points



### Football Kit Day

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, England play their first fixture against Iran in the World Cup. On this day, the children are able to come into school wearing either their football kits/football shirts or England colours for a voluntary £1 contribution. The money raised will be going towards funding the Y6 residential trip.



### **Prospective Reception September 2023 Parent Tours**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.30am

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm (Information Evening)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9am (Tour of the school only)

**Please email the school office if you wish to book onto one of our tours.**



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December + Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

*\*in order for us to prepare for our Spring Term admissions.*



### **Christmas Meal and Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Don't forget to preorder your Christmas lunch, by completing the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/fumq8V59tzbJJYvQw8>

Deadline for orders is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.  
Unfortunately, we cannot accept orders after this date.



Do you have any spare time to help us with our school trips? We are looking to increase our list of parent helpers.

Please email the school office.

**Thank you in advance for your support.**



## Superstar!



Aiyana and Gia both were selected for awards at the annual 'Steppin Out Awards Ceremony' on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November presented by West End Leading Lady Victoria Manser and their principle.

Both girls have been selected by the 'Disney Performing Arts Team' to perform at Disneyland Paris in 2023 representing England and their Theatre school "Steppin Out Stars of Tomorrow"

Fantastic Girls! Well Done!

**If you would like your child to star in next weeks newsletter please email the school office.**

## **IMPORTANT** dates to remember

- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Netball Competition at Maiden Erlegh 1.30pm \*Invite Only
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Football Kits for a £1 donation
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 1:30pm - prospective Reception parents' afternoon
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 9:30am - prospective Reception parents morning
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Pine Marten Class assembly
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5pm – prospective Reception parents' evening
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 9am – prospective parent tour
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Maths Week
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Red Squirrel Class assembly
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Netball Competition at Waingels College 3.45pm \*Invite Only
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Netball Competition at Maiden Erlegh 1.15pm \*Invite Only
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception + Year 6 Ambitions Photographs
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.30am– EYFS Nativity play to parents
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year One pantomime
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – First Days Childrens Charity Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9:30am – KS1 Christmas play to parents
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2pm – KS1 Christmas play to parents
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – pm – class Christmas parties
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – last day of Autumn term – attendance medals assembly 2pm finish / Nursery Closed
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children Return / Nursery Closed



Wokingham High Ways Agency is pleased to launch their 'Be Bright Be Seen' quiz to promote wearing bright colours and reflective materials during the darker months.

You can find details of the competition, and the quiz questions on the My Journey Wokingham website here:

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/be-bright-be-seen-quiz/>

Entries should be sent by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The winner's class will all receive high vis jackets with the school logo printed on the back.



Every day

COUNTS!



School success starts  
with attendance

## Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs- 83.1%

Brown Bear – 98.5% Winners 🏆

Beaver – 94.1%

Rabbit –94.1%

Otter – 94.8%

Grey Wolf – 98.1%

Red Squirrel – 97%

Dormouse – 93.6%

Fox – 92.6%

Wolverine – 96%

Hedgehog – 96.6%

Pine Marten – 96%



Please ensure you call, email or complete a daily absence form each day your child is absent.

You can find our daily absence form on our website:

<https://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/parents/forms>

We spend a lot of time calling parents that have not called in to report an absence. Please ensure you report an absence before 9am.

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



## Lates

Please ensure your children arrive to school on time. It can be very disruptive to the child and to the rest of the class.

**Thank you**

## Get help with cost of living

Help is available through the council and its partners if you're struggling with the cost of living.

More people are reaching out than ever before, many who have never had to ask for help.

Rising energy prices and inflation are impacting more and more families locally. Here's some of the help you can get:

- If your child gets means-tested free school meals [apply for the Household Support Fund through First Days Children's Charity](#) (note you can apply for one type of Household Support Fund support)
- If you're struggling with bills or buying food [apply for the Household Support Fund through Age UK Berkshire or Citizens Advice](#) (note you can apply for one type of Household Support Fund support)
- Go to the [cost of living help hub](#) for help and tips open to all
- Go to the [help for families with cost of living](#) advice pages
- See how you can get [help with household bills](#)
- [Register for priority services](#) if you have children aged five or under, you are pregnant or if you or a family member is disabled or has a long term health condition
- See services you can contact directly for [help with essentials like food or warm clothes](#)

If you'd prefer to talk to someone contact One Front Door. This is a service led by Citizens Advice which helps residents find the most appropriate support. Use the [online referral form](#) or call [0808 278 7958](#), Monday to Friday.

And if you're not struggling but have time and want to help others, see if you could volunteer locally to support organisations [helping people struggling with the cost of living](#).

## Osmington Bay Payment Reminder



SCOPAY has now been updated to reflect the overall Osmington payment balance. **First installment is due 10<sup>th</sup> December.** You can however pay before the installment date should you wish to do so.

Many thanks



# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MY JOURNEY**

## **MATCH THE FLAG COMPETITION**

**TO CELEBRATE THE  
FOOTBALL WORLD CUP 2022**

DATE

**8-20  
NOVEMBER**

Download the entry form and  
see if you can match the  
country with their flag

Find out more here:  
[myjourneywokingham.com/events](https://myjourneywokingham.com/events)

Correct entries will be entered into a prize draw to win a  
prize kindly sponsored by Reading Football Club





**Citizens Advice will be at:  
Bearwood Primary School  
Tuesday 6th December  
between 2pm and 3:30pm**

**with our Mobile Advice Unit.  
Providing free, confidential  
advice, information and support.**





Wear your  
Christmas  
Jumper  
to school

# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This year we are supporting



**FIRST DAYS**  
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

We are raising money for First Days to help them continue their work supporting local children and their families who are experiencing financial hardship

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**



For more information about the charity please scan the QR code:



[www.firstdays.net](http://www.firstdays.net)

Charity reg number: 115 7855





Bearwood PTA  
presents

# **Bearwood Christmas Fete**

Bearwood Primary School

Saturday 10th December

12noon-3pm

Hotdogs, raffle, craft stalls, cakes &  
bakes, Santas Grotto and more!

Come along and support our school

# Little Explorers Book Club



## Join the Little Explorers Book Club Library Challenge!

The Little Explorers Book Club Library Challenge is a great way for young children to discover their local library. It is open to library members aged five and under.

### The Little Explorers Book Club Library Challenge

- Each child needs to have their own library card.
- Children collect a stamp each time they borrow books.
- Collect six stamps to get a limited edition certificate.
- Ten limited edition certificates to collect.

For more information...

- Email: [libraries@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@wokingham.gov.uk)
- Visit [www.wokingham.gov.uk/littleexplorersbookclub](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/littleexplorersbookclub)
- Drop in to your local library







**Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge**  
**[www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk)**

**Create a profile and login**  
**Record the books that you have read**  
**Collect virtual badges and rewards**  
**Print off a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate**

**SCIENCE  
MUSEUM  
GROUP**

**IGNITING  
IMAGINATION  
INSPIRING  
INNOVATORS**

**20 YEARS THE  
READING  
AGENCY**



**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



**GET ARTY!**

**WOKINGHAM LIBRARY**  
**THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER**  
**10.30AM TO 11.30AM**

**Come and join us for a fun session of  
Festive arts & crafts.**

**This event is open to children aged 4 to 10.**

**£1 CHARGE**  
**LIMITED SPACES,**  
**BOOKING ESSENTIAL!**







# Christmas Holiday Camps!

Dependable childcare in a safe environment

**Open across Berkshire this festive season!**  
**19th December - 3rd January\***

9:30am - 3:30pm: £23.50 Sibling: £19

8am - 6pm\*: £32.50 Sibling: £26

*\*Includes a nutritional breakfast & afternoon tea*

Additional hour options £3 per child per hour:

8:30am - 9:30am and 3:30pm - 4:30pm

**20%  
Sibling Discount!**  
When you book more  
than one child onto an  
Extended Day Session  
(8am - 6pm).

**Festive themed creative  
activities & energetic sports!**

**Ages 4-15 - Ofsted registered**

*\*Dates vary across locations, please  
check our website for details.*

**funtastickids.co.uk   bookings@funtastickids.co.uk   07715643412 / 01189799253**