



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Families

The weather has certainly changed this week. The children got to enjoy the experience of falling snow yesterday. In addition to that excitement, our KS1 classes got to enjoy African drumming; and the whole school experienced a special Jewish Passover assembly delivered by Debbie Brunt. Passover (Pesach) is a very important Jewish celebration, when families remember the story of Moses and the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt. Indeed, it has proven to be an empowering story for many different people around the world.

Next week will be our last week before we break up for Easter. On Friday, the PTA have organised for us to have a 'Break the Rules' day. What a way to end the term!

Best Wishes

Funmi Alder

Value for the Term
Cooperation

**"In the end the aggressors
always destroy themselves,
making way for others
who know how to cooperate
and get along. Life
is much less a competitive
struggle for survival
than a triumph of
cooperation and
creativity."**

Fritjof Capra

**Early finishing time on the last day
of term Friday 8th April 2022**

1:50pm – Reception + KS1

2pm – KS2

Country Dancing Show at Bearwood

On Friday 29th April, from 1:45pm, we will be delivering our first show to parents since the pandemic! Our children have been busy rehearsing, implementing the value of cooperation, so they will be ready to present their country dancing routines to you. The show will take place outside in the KS2 playground. It is a way to commemorate the history of the school and Sindlesham - built as a model village, with Bearwood an integral part of it. You will receive a letter very soon giving you more details.

COVID-19 – New guidance from Friday 1 April

From next week please follow the new guidance from the DFE as advised below.

Please do not send your child into school with a high temperature (38c or above). They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Should your child test positive for COVID-19 they should try and stay at home for 3 days.

★ **During the summer term we will be reintroducing our 100% attendance certificates. Watch this space!** ★

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- **children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend**
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days**

Office Notices

Gerald Awards

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| 1C Owl | Heidi |
| 1D Beaver | Blake |
| 2H Badger | Cayden |
| 2S Otter | Esme |
| 3/4G Red Squirrel | Thomas |
| | Jake and |
| 3/4Si Grey Wolf | Bertrand |
| 3/4S Lynx | Eddie |
| 5/6B Fox | Benjamin |
| 5/6J Hedgehog | Valerie |
| 5/6L Wolverine | All of Year 6 |

Superstars



Well done to Deepak and Dheeraj who got their yellow belts in karate!



SCOPAY - Lunch Debts

Please ensure that you have paid any debts on your SCOPAY lunch account. Any overdue balances at the end of term will be charged to the school.

School lunches should be paid in advance.

Many thanks



Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs 87.1%

Bobby Bear 92%

Bramble Bear 97.1%

Owl 89%

Beaver 96.7%

Otter 95.8%

Badger 97.8%

Lynx 96.6%

Red Squirrel 98.6%- *Winners* 🏆

Grey Wolf 94.5%

Wolverine 97.3%

Fox 90.2%

Hedgehog 95.2%



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

Pedestrian Training

Please find below an online resource available for Year 3 pupils to do pedestrian training with their parents at home.

We have our own unique login from the local authority, which they pay for out of their road safety budget and can share free with our schools.

Parents simply use this login to access each of the chapters that make up the comic. Use link below to view:

<http://safersteps.co.uk/> -

login details:

Username: Wokingham

Password: saferstepswokingham2020



PTA

Break the rules day! Friday 8th April 2022

PTA

Children can break the rules for a small monetary donation!

| RULE BREAKERS | Fine |
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| Non-uniform | £1.00 |
| Colourful/funky hair | 50p |
| Bring an unhealthy snack for break (<i>Bearwood is a nut-aware school, so no snacks containing nuts</i>) | 50p |
| Temporary tattoos | 50p |
| Nail varnish | 50p |



Nursery Closed

Friday 8th April*

Monday 25th April*

**Whilst we prepare for our Summer Term intake*

Clubs

| Club | Day | Years | Teacher/Coach | Time | Cost |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Athletics | Monday | 3,4,5 & 6 | Mr Bell | 3.10 – 4.00pm | £20 (8 weeks) |
| Choir** | Tuesday | 3,4,5 & 6 | Mrs Widdicombe | 3.10 – 4.00pm | £12.50 INVITATION ONLY |
| Netball | Wednesday | 3,4,5 & 6 | Mrs Pefflers-Moore | 3.10 – 4.10pm | £25 |
| Multisports for Fun | Friday | R, 1 & 2 | Ms Alder | 3.00 – 4.00pm | £25 |
| Football | Friday | 5 & 6 | Mr Carrigan | 3.10 – 4.10pm | £25 INVITATION ONLY |

If you would like your child to take part in Extra Curricular Clubs during the summer term please sign them up using the below link. If you have trouble with the link, please copy and paste the link into your Google Chrome toolbar.

<https://forms.gle/t9Nmkbq2XkYER2kEA>

Please note that we are extending the deadline to sign up to Monday 4th April at 12 Noon. After this time, you will need to contact the school office to check availability.



KS1 Football Club with Miss Clark

Well done to the KS1 footballers who have tried their best every week!

PTA THANK YOU PTA

Thanks to everyone who took part in our recent events.

We made the following profits: Bag2School £80, Science Week Sale £190.24 and the Mother's Day Room £311.16.

We will be using this money to fund some raised beds in school so the children can grow their own fruit and vegetables and learn about the life cycle of fruiting plants.

Please remember Break the Rules Day on Friday 8th April and a save the date for Bearwood Summer Fete on Saturday 11th June.

Nursery



Exciting news! The lettuce seeds we planted last week have started to grow. We will be moving them to the garden very soon. We planted some carrot and spring onion seeds this week. Our new scarecrow is making sure the birds don't peck at the seeds.

Evie has donated a tomato plant and some radishes too; we are going to put them in the garden once the weather has warmed up a little bit more. Thank you very much Evie!



Reception





Reception enjoyed the glorious sunshine last week, by painting the playground with water and blowing bubbles.



This week Reception have been reading The Little Red Hen. We have really enjoyed the story! Unlike the animals in the book, we all helped mix and knead the dough to make our very own bread rolls. They smelt delicious!

KS1



KS1 had a fantastic time in the African Drumming Workshop. We were amazed at how well the children picked up the rhythms! They were shown the different ways to beat the drum and then taught some basic rhythm skills, following and imitating the teacher and each other.

LKS2



This week LKS2 have been learning about Fairtrade in geography and how to stay safe online in PSHE! In English our classes have been making Kennings poems about themselves and different animals. We have been enjoying the sunshine and have been reading the class story outside!

UKS2



More Maypole for Y5/6. We have been practising every week and now each class has almost mastered their dances ready for the Country Dancing Show.