



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 9th September 2022

A profile portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, facing right. She has short, wavy, light-colored hair and is wearing a teal or light blue lace-trimmed top. The background of the portrait is a dark purple gradient.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926 - 2022

We would like to thank HM Queen Elizabeth II for her 70 years of service.

**Dear Families**

**It is with great sadness that the nation heard the news that Queen Elizabeth II died yesterday afternoon. It was only this week that we received a letter from the Queen thanking the children for their lovely pieces of artwork and thoughts that we had sent to her for her Platinum Jubilee. Her letter was shared with the children on Tuesday. Today, we had a special assembly. At 12 noon, we rang the school bell on top of the original school building, and had a moment's silence. We are thankful for the Queen's service to our country and the Commonwealth.**

**It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the long summer break. Thank you for making sure your children are dressed in the correct school uniform.**

**We have held parent welcome meetings this week for KS1 and KS2, with a very good attendance. I hope you found the meetings informative.**

**During the summer break, our offices and Nursery were refurbished. The Nursery is much brighter and looking very fresh.**

**Next week, we will send out adverts for posts children can apply for - do look out for those.**

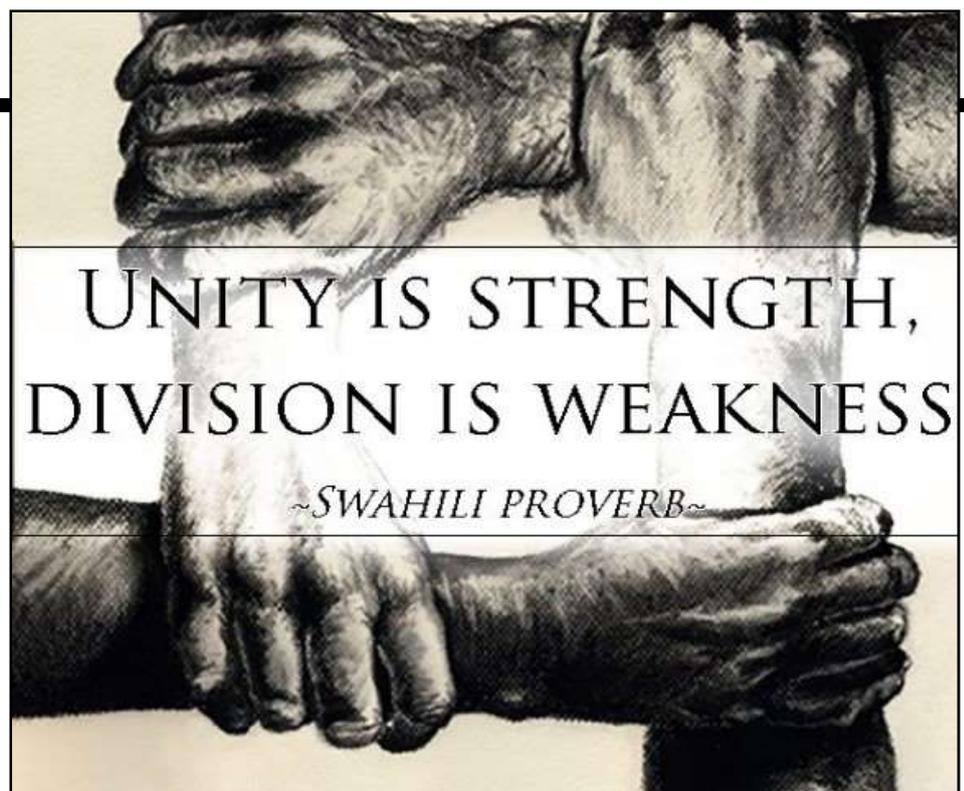
**Have a lovely weekend.**

**Best wishes**

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Value for the term – Unity





**BALMORAL CASTLE**

To: The Pupils at Bearwood Primary School

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The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for the splendid letters and pictures which you sent to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

The Queen was glad to hear from you and, although unable to reply to you personally, Her Majesty greatly appreciated the nice things you said.

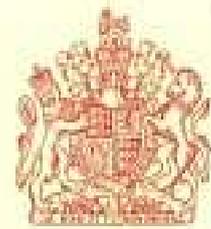
Please accept my apologies for the delay in response but, as I am sure you will understand, The Queen has received a large volume of post in recent months and, as a result, it has not been possible to reply to you until now.

I am to thank you again for your messages of good wishes to Her Majesty in this, her Platinum Jubilee year.

*Richenda Elton*

Lady-in-Waiting

*25th August 2022*



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Platinum Jubilee

1952 - 2022

*I send you my grateful thanks for  
your kind message on the occasion  
of the Seventieth Anniversary of my  
Accession to the Throne*

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2022

## Message from our new Chair of Governors - Christine Jeater

I am very pleased to be the new Chair of Governors and excited to be part of the great team at Bearwood Primary. I'm an experienced Governor and I am very much looking forward to this new role.

I recently retired, prior to this I was a corporate accountant and spent most of my career working for high tech American companies. As such I bring a strong financial background, in addition to a methodical and pragmatic approach to the role.

Having lived in the area for approximately 25 years, I feel it is important to try and take an active role in the local community and give something back. Being a Governor at Bearwood is a great opportunity to achieve this.

I was fortunate, along with the whole governing body, to go into school on 19 July for our annual governors' day. This was a fantastic chance to meet our children and staff and to see some of the things they were doing. There was a real sense of purpose and achievement.

The support of our staff, families and governing body is essential to the success of the school. The school recently achieved some great statutory results and we are in a good position to achieve even more success in the coming school year.



It is with great sadness that we say a fond farewell to our Kitchen Supervisor, Anita.

Anita has worked in the kitchen for over 9 years and her children also attended the school.

Anita is leaving us for a career change in a whole new environment. We wish her the very best of luck! She will be sorely missed.



### Footwear Reminder

Please remember, children can only wear black shoes or all black trainers, including the soles.

# Office Notices

## Gerald Awards

Week Commencing 5<sup>th</sup> September

In respect for HM Queen this week's assembly was replaced by a remembrance assembly. Gerald Award will resume next week.



Our new website will be coming soon! Watch this space!



Do you have any spare time? Are you able to help with any of the following?

- **Reading**
- **Helping on school trips**
- **Lunch Cover**

Do you have any talents/strengths that you would be happy to showcase in school e.g. table tennis! Please email the school office.

Also, if any of our parents have special skills and would be interested in supporting the running of afterschool clubs after Christmas break - we would love to run arts and craft clubs, sports clubs, technology clubs, cooking clubs and language clubs, but do not have the capacity within our staff team. If you have any special skills, please do get in touch. **Many thanks, Mr Bell**



## New Wokingham libraries books for Cantonese speaking children

Wokingham libraries have recently purchased new stock, especially with children from Hong Kong in mind. These new books can be found at Lower Earley, Woodley, Wokingham and Winnersh libraries. There is also a smaller collection moving around Finchampstead, Spencer's Wood, Twyford and Wargrave libraries.



We are pleased to announce we have achieved our Healthy Schools award.

A big well done to Mr Bell and Ms Brannigan on all your hard work.



We are very excited to share that Berkshire Healthcare Health Visiting and School Nursing service have launched a ChatHealth texting service!

ChatHealth is a confidential texting service aimed at parents/carers and young people. It is an easy way to support more parents/young people with conversations about health and wellbeing. It will enable support to be started earlier, prevent problems from escalating and make connections with people that might otherwise be challenging to engage. We have designated staff members who are running our service on a Monday-Friday (09:00-16:30) basis and aim to answer all text messages within a 24-hour period. ChatHealth is a licenced product from Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and used by many Health Visiting and School Nursing Services up and down the country. School Nursing – parents/carers of children and young people 5-19 years [School Nursing | Children Young People and Families Online Resource](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing-children-young-people-and-families-online-resource) ([berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk))



Please ensure you download your child's Tapestry Learning Journal from Reception as soon as possible before they lapse. Thank you

Start learning the violin in school with Berkshire Maestros - simply register via our website and we will be in touch!

# VIOLIN LESSONS



*berkshiremaestros.org.uk - 0118 901 2370*



### No cycling on site.

Could you please remind your children if they cycle? To dismount and walk their bicycles through the school carpark.

Thank you



### Lunch Money

Please ensure you top up your Scopay lunch accounts. If you require an online access letter, please email the school office.

Thank you

Every day

COUNTS!



School success starts  
with attendance

### Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs 71.3%

Bobby Bear 94.6%

Bramble Bear 83.3%

Owl 97.5%

Beaver 75%

Otter 98.7% 🏆 - *Winners*

Badger 96.1%

Lynx 93%

Red Squirrel 89.7%

Grey Wolf 86.7%

Wolverine 95.7%

Fox 91.4%

Hedgehog 96.7%



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**

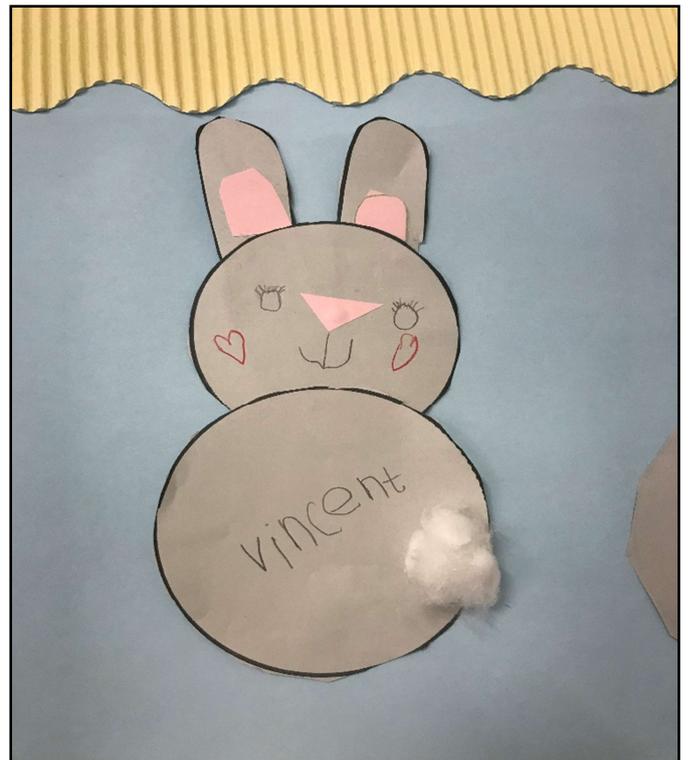
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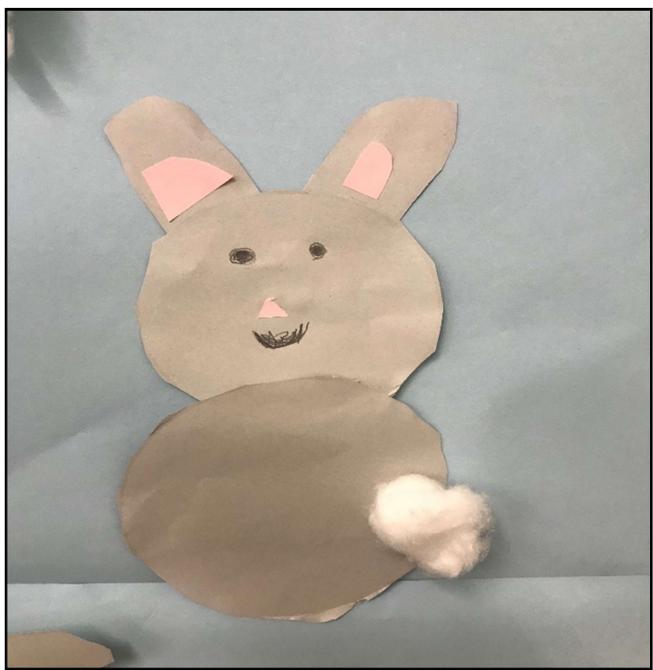




Brown Bears are settling in to their new classroom and getting to know their teachers. Here are some photos of our New Classes visit day in July.

## Year 1





Year 1 have settled in beautifully to their new classes. We have been learning about our class animals Beavers and Rabbits, in Art we made our own animals for our class display.

## Year 2



Year 2 children have been very brave starting in a new year group, we have been very impressed with how they have got stuck into their activities. They have had a lot of fun meeting new friends in their class and taking part in PSHE activities. We have been exploring what it means to be a good friend and have been setting themselves targets for the year. They showed off how creative they are by making their class animals which look amazing! Well done Otters and Grey Wolves for a great first week in school!

## Year 5 + 6



A big welcome back everybody!

Please look out for Real Pe at home logins coming home with your children over the next week.

Please do log in at home and have a look at the site - it is a really helpful resource for keeping children active at home.

You can follow this link to access the site from home - <https://app.realpe.co.uk/login>

# ECO Veg Patch update!



We are really pleased that our vegetables have survived the heatwave. We look forward to the children helping to harvest them and then taste them. They will also get a chance to try soup made from the carrots, onions and potatoes picked over the summer.