



BEARWOOD NEWS

Dear Families

Friday 1st December 2023

Our Reception children got to enjoy a very special 'Dark Night Experience!' They came back to school in their pyjamas when it was all dark! Mrs Johnson and Miss McNulty were here to greet the children. They got to look at the stars and enjoyed some hot chocolate before being collected by their parents. The children's faces were absolutely beaming with joy. Thank you to their teachers for creating such a magical experience for them.

Our boys' netball team went to a festival with Mr Bell. They won one match and came tie in two others. Well done, boys.

We had our Maths morning on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents who came and joined in with the investigative maths taking place in your child's classroom. We had an excellent turn out. Miss Parry also presented on how we teach maths at Bearwood. I hope you found it useful and interesting.

The Christmas spirit is really in the air at Bearwood now! Our younger children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas shows, and our choir are sounding absolutely astounding. For our EYFS and KS1 parents, you have a real treat to look forward to when you come to see your children's performances. Our choir will be performing at the Winnersh Craft Fair and Lights tomorrow at 5pm.

Just to add to the joy, our Christmas decorations are now up. Thank you to all the staff for helping to make the school look fit for the season. However, I'm afraid that naughty Elf is out and up to his usual mischief!!

I look forward to seeing you all at the PTA Christmas Fair tomorrow.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

Compassion





A huge thank you to Michael's family who donated this year's' fabulous Christmas Tree!

If anyone is throwing away any Christmas decorations, we would be grateful for any donations.

Thank you

Office Notices

facebook

We are delighted to announce that Bearwood is finally joining the world of social media with the creation of an official Bearwood Primary School Facebook page!

We hope to support in connecting the Bearwood community, promoting communication and sharing updates and photos of your children's life at Bearwood.

Please do join our group using the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bearwoodprimaryschool>

Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Ellis
Otter – Gabrielle
Beaver – Isabella
Red Kite – Emily
Fox - Toby
Dormouse – Chace
Red Squirrel – Lily
Hedgehog – Cobie
Pine Marten – Krish

Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Wilf
Otter – Shravaan
Beaver – Lily
Red Kite – Bliss
Fox - Darren
Dormouse – Maisie
Red Squirrel – Francesca
Hedgehog – Yehya
Pine Marten – Ayaan



This week's winners of TTRS 'Battle of the Bands'

LKS2 Winners – Fox Class (341 points)

UKS2 Winners – Pine Marten (189 points)

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- Sat 2nd December – Christmas Fete
- Tues 5th December – UKS2 Winchester Science Centre Trip
- Wed 6th December – EYFS Nativity Play to Parents
- Thurs 7th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- Fri 8th December – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 12th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14th December – 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14th December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Fri 15th December – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Fri 15th December – Last day of Autumn Term – 2pm finish
- Tues 2nd January – INSET
- Wed 3rd January – Children Return
- Fri 5th January – Ashmolean Museum LKS2 trip
- Wed 17th January – 9am Year 1 Parents' Phonics Workshop
- Thurs 18th January – 9am – Pine Marten Class Assembly
- Thurs 25th January – 9am – Hedgehog Class Assembly
- Fri 26th January – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Thurs 1st February – 9am – Red Squirrel Class Assembly
- Thurs 1st February – Year 1+2 Windsor Castle
- Tues 6th February – Safer Internet Day – Parents' Workshop – 9am+5pm
- Thurs 8th February – 9am – Dormouse Class Assembly
- Mon 12th February to Fri 16th February – Spring Half Term
- Mon 19th February – Children Return
- Fri 23rd February – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 29th February – 9am – Fox Class Assembly
- Mon 4th March – 3:30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 6th March – 4 to 6:30pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 7th March – World Book Day
- W/C 11th March – Science Week
- Wed 20th March – 5pm – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and residential
- Thurs 21st March – Jewish Passover Assembly
- Fri 22nd March – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 26th March – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Wed 27th March – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents

Weekly Updates!

For pictures and information on what each class has been doing this week or enrichment activities that have taken place please click on the year group below or visit the school gallery.

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Years 3 and 4

Years 5 and 6

School Gallery

Every day
COUNTS!



School success starts
with attendance

Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –89.6 %

RM Orsa –99.1 %

Rabbit –98.8 %

Otter –99.3 %

Beaver –93.4%

Red Kite –94.4%

Dormouse –98.1 %

Fox –99.1 %

Red Squirrel –97.8 %

Hedgehog –96.7 %

Pine Marten –100 % Winners 🏆



Please ensure you call or email each day your child is absent.

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.



REMINDER

Spring Term Clubs 2024

Don't forget to confirm your child's Spring term club choices by Monday 4th December, by logging on to your Arbor account.



Year 1 Pantomime at the Hexagon & Year 2 Pantomime at South Hill Park Wednesday 13th December

Please be reminded to book your child's place on to the above event by logging on to your Arbor account.



Wokingham Borough Council proposes to temporarily close Bearwood Road in Barkham between 11th December and 15th December 2023 between 9.30 and 16:00. It's needed for SE Water to fix leaking pipes.



Parent Volunteers

Could you spare 1hr a week to read with some of our children?

Please email the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you



One of our main aims this term is to ensure that children know how to eat healthy. As outlined in our School Development Plan, this is being communicated through the work of School Council.

This week the representatives delivered an assembly about their healthy eating flyer and made clear our aims for the project:

- For children to understand the importance of eating a healthy, balanced diet
- To promote healthy packed lunch choices, using the NHS website for top tips: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>
- Ensuring all children know that we are not banning items such as crisps, but providing some alternatives to encourage children to cut down if they can. For example, they may choose some days to eat rice cakes or plain popcorn instead
- If any sweets or cakes are brought into school for birthdays, these will be handed out by the child or parent in the playground at home time.

WOKINGHAM FOODBANK
HELPING LOCAL
PEOPLE IN NEED

We are able to provide families in need with vouchers for the Wokingham Food Bank. If you require this support, please do contact the school office.

**JOIN US
FOR
FESTIVE
FUN**



Bearwood PTA

Bearwood Christmas Fete

School Hall, Saturday 2nd December, 12-3pm

**Free Entry, Crafts, Refreshments, Games, Facepainting and
a visit from Santa himself!!**

Come along for some festive fun and support our school.

Parentkind
Member Association

WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL

Christmas
LIGHTS
Switch on
& Gift Market

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023

4.00PM - 7.00PM

Winnersh Community Centre,
Bearwood Recreation Ground, Mole Road

Limited parking available, please walk/cycle

CAROL SINGING BY LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

SINGING FROM THE BARBERETTES

LOCAL TRADERS GIFT MARKET

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

LIGHTS SWITCH ON BY WBC MAYOR

RAFFLE

ALL PROFITS TO WOKINGHAM FOODBANK

Join us to get into the festive spirit





**WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

As part of COP28, Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) are inviting young people in the Borough to create a footprint poster to inspire the community and highlight ways in which we can reduce our carbon footprint to help tackle climate change.

Be as creative as you like, draw around the biggest foot in your household and design a poster to show all the different ways in how we can all play our part!

Entries will be judged by WBC and the libraries team in the following age categories:

Age 4-7 years

Age 8-11 years

Age 12+ years

The winner for each age category will win a £20 book voucher!

Please design your poster on an A4 piece of paper and drop it into your local Wokingham Borough library, with your name, age and parent's email address by:

Friday 15th December 2023.

Alternatively, on Saturday 9th December pop into Wokingham, Lower Earley or Woodley Libraries where you can create your poster.

Winners will be notified by email.

To find out where your nearest library is located visit:
www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries



The Carbon Footprint



Festive bling your bike, scooter or yourself!

We are getting into a festive mood in the My Journey team.

We would love you to join in by adding some Christmas decorations to your bikes, scooters or yourselves, when you travel to, or from school.

Please send a picture of your festive creations into MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk by the 13th December and be in with a chance of winning a £25 Decathlon voucher.

There will also be prizes for the runners-up!



Donations wanted!

EYFS are in need of more resources! Do you have any of these that you don't need any more? We'd love them in our Nursery and Reception classes!

- Your **recycling!** Boxes, cardboard, tubes, plastic tubs...we make lots of creations out of them!
- Paper, envelopes, stationary** of all shapes, sizes, colours and condition, we love to draw!
- Craft resources** such as paper plates, pipe cleaners, pom poms, sequins...anything crafty!
- Toys** for 5 year olds (please no board games or puzzles!) such as magnetic tiles, k-nex.
- Do you have any **wooden pallets? Logs? Cable drums? Tyres?** We'd love them too!

Anything we don't use will be added to our sale table! Thank you so much for your donations!

EYFS garden sale!

When? Every Thursday

**Where? in the KS1 playground,
next to EYFS gate.**

**Why? to help us raise money to
buy more amazing resources**

We have too many of some things, things that are a little young for us, or some resources that are best in a home environment as they are not easy to share!

We would love for you to stop by and make a purchase to help us reach our goal!

Multi-Sports Holiday Camps



Christmas Holidays

Bearwood Primary School

Wokingham, RG41 5BB

**NEW
VENUE**



NEARLY 200 5 STAR GOOGLE
REVIEWS

4 TO 12 YEARS*

CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7

RANGE OF SPORTS
AVAILABLE EACH DAY

**WEDNESDAY
TO THURSDAY**
20TH - 21ST DEC

9AM - 3PM
DROP OFF FROM 8:30

£25 PER
DAY

£44
FULL WEEK

u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps


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