



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Families

We have had a very exciting week! For the first time in living memory - Bearwood won a sports tournament! Congratulations to our UKS2 netball team. All the children in the team were awarded a medal.

Mrs Tang and some of our children presented a very special assembly on Chinese (Lunar) New Year. It was absolutely fantastic - very interactive and informative. Thank you.

Dormouse Class delivered an assembly to their parents yesterday, and sang and acted out a song from the Matilda musical. Next Thursday, Otter Class will present their assembly to the parents of their class.

The whole school had a fire drill - and we did extremely well - getting out of the building swiftly with no fuss.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to next week too.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Funmi Alder

Value for the term –

Self-Discipline



The ability to discipline yourself to delay gratification in the short term in order to enjoy greater rewards in the long term is the indispensable prerequisite for success.

MAXWELL MALTZ

BRACKNELLNOTES.COM

Parent Forum Meetings

On the first day back after half term, Tuesday 21st February at 9am, we are going to hold the first of a regular feature in our diary - Parent Forum meetings. These meetings will take place each half-term. Governors and members of the school senior leadership team will be in attendance. All parents are welcome to attend. It is an opportunity to find out what the school is doing to build on its improvements to make us the best school possible. At this first meeting, our Chair of Governors Christine Jeater will share a short presentation on academisation, and what it is all about. All governors of community schools have to look at and consider joining an academy trust. We are at the very beginning, simply looking at it and considering options. We will also have other items on the agenda. We will share all the items we will discuss at the Parent Forum meeting before the half-term break



Netball Tournament Winners!



This week, Mr Bell and Mrs Fenton took our first netball team to Dolphin school to take part in a netball tournament. The children have been training multiple times a week, both after school with Mr Bell and during lunchtimes with TJ the sports coach. The children played really well - they won every match they played and were victorious in the tournament overall. Fletcher was our player of the tournament, scoring 20 goals! The children were presented with medals for their victory.

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Beaver – Sophia
Rabbit – Nelly
Otters – Ellie
Grey Wolf – Izyan + Ollie
Red Squirrel – Vienna
Fox – Tony-Lee
Dormouse – Claire
Pine Marten – Arasta
Hedgehog – SJ
Wolverine – Cobie

Sports Star Awards

Beaver – Albert
Rabbit – Isla-Rose
Otters – Mollie
Grey Wolf – Zac D
Red Squirrel – Charlie
Fox – Chace
Dormouse – Hanna
Pine Marten – Liam
Hedgehog – Lilly B
Wolverine – Jasgeet

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Tues 24th Jan – Year 1 Trip to Reading Museum
- Tues 24th Jan – Citizen's Advice Mobile Unit (Onsite) 2-3.30pm
- Thurs 26th Jan – Otter Class Assembly
- Fri 27th Jan – 9am - Prospective Parent Tour
- Thurs 2nd Feb – Grey Wolf Class Assembly
- Thurs 9th Feb – Safer Internet Day – 9am Parent Workshop
- Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb – Half-Term
- Mon 20th Feb – INSET
- Tues 21st Feb – Children Return
- Tues 21st Feb – Parents Forum Meeting – 9am
- Wed 22nd Feb – Year 2 Parents' Meeting on KS1 SATs
- Fri 24th Feb – Prospective Parents' Tour

Lates

Due to the current Mill Lane Closure, we have noticed an increase on the number of children being late.

Wokingham Traffic and Transport Team have put together some school travel maps for each school.

This shows the area around the school and identifies 5- and 10-minute walking zones around it.

To find our school's map, please go to:

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/schools/primary-schools/>



Parking

Please be mindful when parking outside the school. Bearwood Road is very busy at the moment. Do choose to park in the Carpark at the Recreation Ground or at the back of the Walters Arms pub.

Please park in a safe and suitable manner.

Thank you



Important Notice!

We are signed up to Spelling Shed to provide a fun way to practise spelling:)

Year 2 to Year 6 have their weekly spelling rule word list uploaded to Spelling Shed: EdShed.

On the site are a choice of interactive games to play with those words. You should have your username and password, which were shared in the Autumn Term along with other passwords. If you need any support or have any questions, please do speak to the class teacher.

Have fun practising your spelling!



Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs- 77.8%

Brown Bear – 90%

Beaver – 96.7%

Rabbit – 92.9%

Otter – 97.4%

Grey Wolf – 93.6%

Red Squirrel – 93.3%

Dormouse – 98.6% Winners



Fox – 97%

Wolverine – 96.7%

Hedgehog – 96.6%

Pine Marten – 95.9%



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.

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

More than 1,000 local children and their families who are entitled to free money to support them this winter are yet to apply for £120 to help with good and bills. This is open to all families who have a child who receives means-tested free school meals.

Apply for the Household Support Fund if your child gets free school meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support this winter.

Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. **We know this could be even more important as people struggle after the festive period.**

[Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

Note you do not need to apply again if you have already had a successful application since October this year.

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive free school meals:

- One child - £120
- Two children - £210
- Three children - £315
- Four children - £420
- Five children - £525
- Six children - £630

Other support

- [Get help with essentials like food or warm clothes](#)
- [Get help with household bills](#) like energy, water or broadband
- [Contact One Front Door](#), a service led by Citizens Advice Wokingham, using the online form or call [0808 278 7958](#), Monday to Friday.
- [Apply for financial support](#) like Council Tax reductions, help with mortgage interest or accessing money in an emergency
- You could access funding to help improve your home, which will pay most of the cost for improvements which reduce energy bills
 - [Sustainable Warmth Scheme](#)
 - [Help to Heat grants](#)
- Go to a warm space, [view the network on our map warm spaces](#)

STAND UP for ACTIVE TOOTHBRUSHING

Brush your teeth for 2 minutes twice a day

That means in one year you'll stand up for

1 whole day!

Make sure you brush your teeth properly -
and regularly visit your dentist

BRUSHING IS TWICE AS NICE - BE SUGAR SMART - SEE THE DENTIST



ACTIVE MOVEMENT

CODE



WOKINGHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

© Active Movement 2023



**Citizens Advice will be at:
Bearwood Primary School
Tuesday 24th January
between 2pm and 3:30pm**

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



**FREE TO
ENTER**



uSports

3RD FEBRUARY

**WOODFORD PARK LEISURE CENTRE 3G PITCH
WOODLEY, READING | RG5 4LY**

USPORTS INTER SCHOOL

FOOTBALL



TOURNAMENT

YEAR 5 & 6

MIXED BOYS & GIRLS | MAX OF 7 PER TEAM

MULTIPLE TEAMS WELCOME PER SCHOOL | SPECTATORS WELCOME OUTSIDE THE 3G FENCING

TO ENTER | EMAIL [NICOLE@U-SPORTS.CO.UK](mailto:nicole@u-sports.co.uk)