



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Dear Families

Friday 17th November 2023

It has been 'Anti-Bullying Week' this week. The children (and staff) came to school in their odd socks on Monday to signify that we are all different, and all equal. The children heard more about anti-bullying in their class assemblies too.

There is an exciting buzz in school today with the children dressed up in something spotty for 'Children in Need.' Thank you for your generous donations for this worthy cause.

Some of our LKS2 children took part in the Sportshall Athletics competition and had a great time. Our UKS2 Sports Leaders participated in the Multiskills Festival. They are now fully fledged Sports Leaders and will be supporting our KS1 children in sports games during playtimes.

A local dentist came to present a special assembly to all the children this week. I'm sure we will all remember to brush our teeth twice a day, and eat healthily too. School Council have been working hard to produce an informative leaflet for parents on healthy packed lunches. You will receive this very soon.

16 of our Year Sixes completed their Bikeability training this week. Well done.

Next week, we have prospective Reception parents' meetings. Do look below for further details.

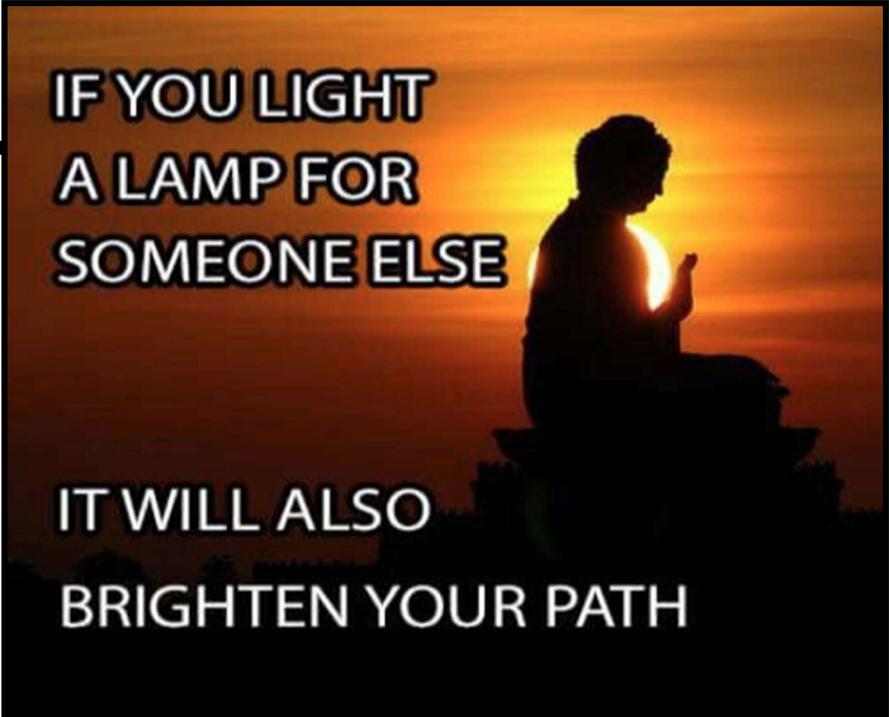
Do have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Funmi Alder

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Value for the term –

Compassion



IF YOU LIGHT  
A LAMP FOR  
SOMEONE ELSE

IT WILL ALSO  
BRIGHTEN YOUR PATH



# Bearwood Primary School

Bearwood Primary School is a dynamic, exciting learning community with dedicated, passionate staff committed to ensuring the absolute best for all our children.

We know that education is so important – impacting on life chances, and that it literally has the power to change the world for the better. The whole team at Bearwood strive to ensure our children keep up with their learning and even excel, rather than catch-up.

At Bearwood Primary School, we offer:

- \* Very small Reception classes.
- \* Highly qualified Foundation Stage staff.
- \* A particular strength in teaching phonics and early reading/writing.
- \* An inspirational Foundation Stage setting that enables every child to thrive.
- \* An expectation that every child will succeed and excel.

## Reception Class 2024-25 – Parent Tours

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, s/he will start Reception in September 2024. Prospective Reception parents are invited to attend one of the following sessions to find out more about what Bearwood has to offer:

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November - 9.30am**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 5pm**

Please book a place online at [www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk), via e-mail at [admin@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk) or by phone 0118 978 4628. Alternatively, just come along to one of the sessions.

*"Provision in the early years is consistently strong. Children learn and develop their social skills well."*

Ofsted



*"Thank you for all your hard work, effort and care you have put into making Bearwood the best school for our son."*

# *Aspire - Succeed - Excel*

## Prospective Reception Parents' Open Meetings

All children born between September 2019 and August 2020 will be expected to start a Reception class in September 2024. The application process for a Reception class place is now open. Applications must be submitted by 15 January. If you have a child, or you know someone who has a child who will be starting Reception in September 2024, do note the dates for Bearwood Reception's special open meetings for prospective Reception parents:

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9:30am
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5pm

Each session will start with a presentation about our school and our brilliant Reception classes. This will be followed by a tour of the school.

Please note, if your child is currently in our Nursery, you will still need to make an application for a Reception class place. This is because Wokingham manage admissions into Reception.



Thank you to everybody who took part in Children in Need today.

**We raised £226.70!**

**The children looked Spotacular!**



**Don't forget to order your Christmas Lunch!**

Don't forget to preorder your Christmas lunch choice on Arbor! If you do not preorder your child will have to bring in a lunch from home.

**Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Arlo  
Otter – Lee  
Beaver – Lucas  
Red Kite – Reinhard  
Fox - Mia  
Dormouse – Cayden  
Red Squirrel – Ellie-Mai & Keelee-Rose  
Hedgehog – Chloe  
Pine Marten – Chinelo

## Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Hanwika  
Otter – Akira  
Beaver – Gracie  
Red Kite – Eva  
Fox - Milan  
Dormouse – Robin  
Red Squirrel – Hannan  
Hedgehog – Sakina  
Pine Marten – Richard



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

*Watch this space for next week!*

## Mrs Haden's Performer of the Week!



A big well done to Joseph, who stepped in last minute to play the piano in our singing assembly this week. You are a star, Joseph!

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> November – 1:30pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Afternoon
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> November – 9:30am – Prospective Reception Parents' Morning
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 5pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Evening
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> November – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- W/C 27<sup>th</sup> November – Maths Week
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fair
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity Play to Parents
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn Term – 2pm finish
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> January – INSET
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Children Return
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> January – 9am Year 1 Parents' Phonics Workshop
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Pine Marten Class Assembly
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Hedgehog Class Assembly
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> February – 9am – Red Squirrel Class Assembly
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day – Parents' Workshop – 9am+5pm
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Dormouse Class Assembly
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February – Spring Half Term
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February – Children Return

# Superstar!



Advik in year 3 Fox class, won 'man of match' for football this Saturday. He plays for Winnersh Rangers. His team played against Pinewood U8 Panthers. Though they did not win, it was a hard-fought match where Advik saved 6 goals!

He was awarded as Man of Match for his brilliant goalkeeping!



Oliver in year 4 has successfully passed level 3 & 4 in Ninja skills. To accomplish this, he had to land various jumps and flips including a gravity defying, running up a vertical wall into a backflip. Your strength, discipline and bravery are amazing!



Toby in year 3 has just passed Stage 4 at swimming!

He has a new blue hat to wear to Stage 5 next week! Well done Toby!

Would you like your child to star in our next newsletter? Please email a photo and a brief description into the school office.

## 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 –81.9%

RM Orsa –93.2%

Rabbit –98.8 %

Otter – 96.1%

Beaver –97.9%

Red Kite –97.4%

Dormouse –100% Winners 🏆

Fox –99.1%

Red Squirrel –95.2%

Hedgehog –96.3%

Pine Marten –97%



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.

# Lesley Clarke Synthetic Phonics

Some of your Reception children may have started to take a book home to read to their parent/carer(s) at home.

Some parents/carers don't find this task easy and are not quite sure:

- how to get the most out of these sessions.
- how to help their child when they get stuck.
- why you are asking their child to re-read a text and how they can make that interesting and enjoyable.
- what sorts of questions they should ask their child before/after they read.

That's why I'm running a 1-hour online workshop for parents/carers next Wednesday evening from 8-9pm during which we will look at simple texts which contain no more than one to two sentences on a page and consider how they might best structure a session in which their child reads aloud to them at home. We will consider the different approaches that they might take with an unseen text and one their child has previously read at school.

This is what a previous participant had to say afterwards:

*'Excellent workshop. Feel so much more confident reading with my child. Lesley explored areas I had not even considered. Highly recommend.'*

They can find out more details and book a place [here](#).

Please feel free to share this information with parents if you think they would find the session useful.



**YOUR  
PTA  
NEEDS  
YOU**

If anyone would like to meet the PTA or get involved please log onto our zoom meeting on **Monday 27th November at 8pm!**

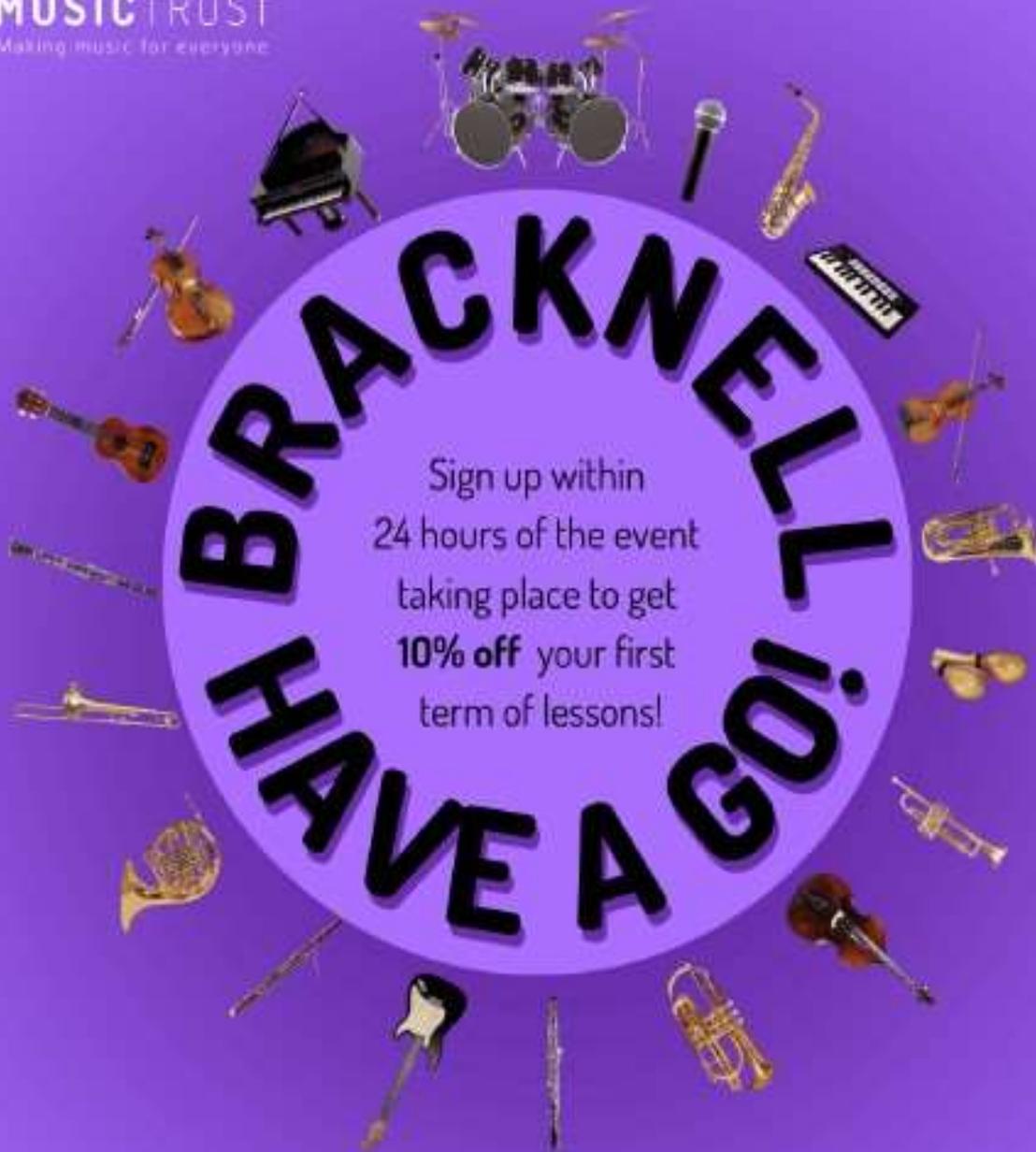


If you would like to attend our Wreath Workshop on **Thursday 7th December**, please book and pay at your Arbor Shop.



**REMINDER**

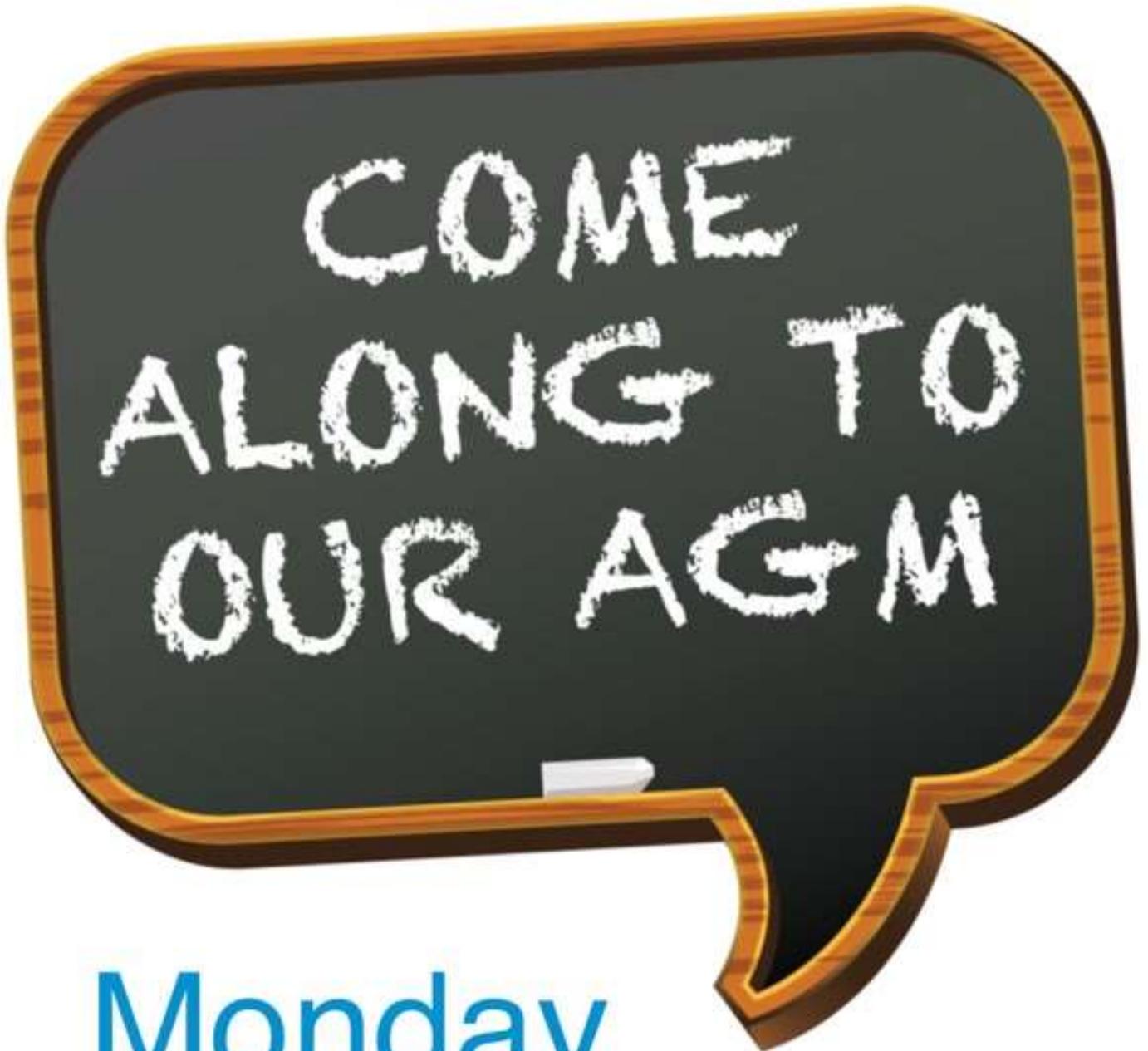
We are now selling Bearwood 2023 Personalised Tea Towels featuring your child's artwork in our Arbor Shop! Please do pop on to purchase one for **£5.00**



Sign up within  
24 hours of the event  
taking place to get  
**10% off** your first  
term of lessons!

**Come and try all our instruments for FREE!**  
**Just turn up on Saturday 18th November**  
**1.30pm-3.30pm at our**  
**Bracknell Music Centre, Ranelagh School**  
**Ranelagh Drive, Bracknell RG12 9DA**  
**[admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk](mailto:admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk)**

Bearwood PTA



Monday  
27th November

8pm Zoom Meeting

EVERYONE'S WELCOME!  
LOG ON AND SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING

Any questions please contact Becky Barker at  
[PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk)

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

# 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!

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
December £40.50**

**To book please log  
on to your Arbor  
School Shop!**

# Bearwood PTA Christmas wreath workshop



**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.**

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# 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

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