



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Families

We have welcomed lots of visitors to our school this week. This included our prospective Reception parents' tours. All visitors were highly complementary of the school, and were especially impressed with our Classroom Ambassadors - well done.

Miss Davis took a group of UKS2 children to an athletics competition. Although we had a very small team compared to some other schools, our boys managed to come second in a number of the events, and our girls came third. Well done!

We have started to complete our autumn term summative assessments of our children so we can see how much progress they have made. It is looking very positive. Our children have clearly been doing some great learning.

Do have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

Compassion

*Compassion will  
cure more sins  
than  
condemnation*

Henry Ward Beecher



COMMUNITY | COMPASSION | SUPPORT

A representative from the RRT charity (established by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church) met with Mrs Haden this week.

Bearwood are participating in their Early Bird Learning Programme - Early Bird Learning is aimed to assist a flying start for primary school-aged children in difficult circumstances. The Rapid Relief Team (RRT) have made Early Bird Learning activity packs which, Bearwood children will be able to benefit from in school and at home. If you would like some more information or feel that you may benefit from what RRT has to kindly offer, please contact Mrs Haden on the school telephone number.



thank you

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Elyssia  
Otter – Mason  
Beaver – Chathurya  
Red Kite – Shashank  
Fox - Frankie  
Dormouse – Rafael  
Red Squirrel – Hannan  
Hedgehog – Adeela  
Pine Marten – Whole Class

## Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Natasha  
Otter – *\*No awards due to play practice.*  
Beaver –*\*No awards due to play practice.*  
Red Kite – Dylan  
Fox -Oscar  
Dormouse – Luca  
Red Squirrel – Syon, Zain + Trevor  
Hedgehog – Jake  
Pine Marten – Whole Class



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

*LKS2 Winners - Dormouse Class (401points)*

*UKS2 Winners – Pine Marten Class (106 points)*

## Mrs Haden's Performer of the Week!



Inspired by the Benin workshop, Leo played the drums for the children in this week's singing assembly. He was a star performer and his rhythm were fantastic. Well done, Leo!

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- W/C 27<sup>th</sup> November – Maths Week
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> November – Reception 'In the Dark' Event (5-6pm)
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fete
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> December – UKS2 Winchester Science Centre Trip
- 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
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January – Ashmolean Museum LKS2 trip
- 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
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 1+2 Windsor Castle
- 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
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Fox Class Assembly
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March – 4 to 6:30pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and residential
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March – Jewish Passover Assembly
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents

# Superstar!



Kayla in Reception enjoys dancing so much. She just achieved Distinction in her dance performance. How amazing!

Keep going, Kayla!



Hanna in Year 4 achieved an excellent result in her 1st cycling challenge. The leader of Cubs was so impressed with her efforts.

Well done Hanna!

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 –79.9%

RM Orsa –53.8%

Rabbit –99.4%

Otter – 97.4%

Beaver –98.8%

Red Kite –97%

Dormouse –96.9%

Fox –96%

Red Squirrel –96.7%

Hedgehog –97%

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.



### Years 1 and 2 Panto Reminder

Please be reminded to log on to your Arbor account to pay for your child's pantomime ticket.



### Outstanding Balances

Please do pop on to your Arbor Account and pay any outstanding balances for school lunches, trips or any events. All balances must be cleared before the end of the term.

Thank you



Would you like to volunteer for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December?

Please email: [PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk)



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**



### **Easy Fundraising**

#### **Help raise money for the PTA!**

The link below takes you to the page where you can sign up to support our PTA.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bearwoodpta/?searchSessionId=5c4d8bbe-b1e1-4384-87db-fb7926ac86e1>



Bearwood PTA



COME  
ALONG TO  
OUR AGM

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



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





# 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](mailto: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!





JOIN US FOR OUR

# ALL AGE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

AT

THE GATE SINDLESHAM

EVERY SUNDAY

9AM - 10AM

1 BEARWOOD RD, SINDLESHAM, RG41 5BB

3RD DECEMBER - MARY'S STORY

10TH DECEMBER - CHRISTINGLE AND JOSEPH'S STORY

17TH DECEMBER - SHEPHERDS STORY

24TH DECEMBER - POP UP NATIVITY

31ST DECEMBER - NEW YEAR'S THEME (BRING AND SHARE BREAKFAST AND PARTY GAMES)

7TH JANUARY - KINGS STORY

OUR ALL AGE EVENTS TAKE PLACE EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR  
WITH A WARM WELCOME FOR ALL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT [ADMIN@THEGATE.UK.COM](mailto:ADMIN@THEGATE.UK.COM)

# 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!

**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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Member Association

# 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](http://u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps)

  
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