



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Dear Families**

**Well, it really has been busy at Bearwood this week!**

**Thank you to all parents who attended your child's parents' evening appointment. I hope you found it helpful. If you did not manage to attend, please do contact the office via email, and your child's teacher will arrange a convenient time to meet with you.**

**We had a very exciting World Book Day yesterday. The children (and the staff) were dressed up as favourite book characters - and looked brilliant. The whole day was buzzing with positive energy. There was the competition; the swapping of pre-loved books; teachers swapping classes to read their favourite book to another class; and our eldest children reading with the youngest ones.**

**Our UKS2 hockey team participated in the In2Hockey competition at Sonning Hockey Club. Out of 20 schools, they came sixth - which is a fantastic achievement.**

**Today, we are looking forward to a very special visit from Paralympic athlete Nerys Pearce.**

**Next week, we have Science Week to look forward to. We hope to inspire many of our children to be our scientists of the future.**

**We will be ending the week with Red Nose Day - so another excuse for a dress-up!!**

**Best wishes**

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Value for the term –

Peacefulness

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Peace begins with  
a smile.

MOTHER TERESA

## Behaviour at Bearwood

At Bearwood Primary School, our behaviour policy is underpinned by the therapeutic thinking approach. There are lots of misunderstandings about this approach. Please see a summary of what the policy is and is not:

- The school sets high expectations for the behaviour of all children.
- All children are expected to follow the school's rules.
- The ultimate aim of the policy is to develop all of our children to intrinsically make the right choices to ensure positivity and happiness amongst the whole.
- As much as possible, the school pre-empts possible poor behaviour. We think carefully about the structure of the day, playtimes, activities the children will engage in and the structure of lessons.
- Consequences are implemented where children find making positive choices challenging. These consequences are carefully chosen to be a learning experience for the children, with the expectation that they will ensure right choices next time.
- For children who have significant difficulty, individualised plans are put in place. These plans are reviewed as regularly as once a fortnight to ensure they are fit for purpose.
- The school has a no tolerance approach to bullying, and this policy does not conflict with that.
- Children are not expected to accommodate poor behaviour from other children. They are most certainly not expected to tolerate being bullied by any child, including a child who has particular special needs.

Next week, we will share some of the consequences that can be implemented, and how they have worked.

## Mrs Shaw to retire



It is with great sadness we have to share that Mrs Shaw will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Shaw has been a dedicated teacher at Bearwood since January 2007. She has taught nearly all year groups in the school. Most recently, she has been class teacher in KS1. Mrs Shaw has been instrumental in the significant improvements in KS1 in recent years, placing the key stage in a very strong place with excellent progress and attainment from the children before they move to KS2. Mrs Shaw has also supported the school in many extra-curricular events. She attends and supports with PTA events. She plays a lead role in nurturing our school choir. She has also been key to our success with country dancing, including the maypole dancing - particularly helping to support with our annual performance at the Winnersh Summer Fete. I am sure you will all join me in ensuring Mrs Shaw has a fantastic last few weeks at Bearwood.

# Office Notices

## Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit –  
Otter – No KS1 assembly due to the Olympian event.  
Beaver –  
Red Kite –  
Fox – Ellie  
Dormouse – Mason  
Red Squirrel – Trevor  
Hedgehog – Reya  
Pine Marten – Macie

## Sports Star Awards

Rabbit –  
Otter –  
Beaver – No KS1 assembly due to the Olympian event.  
Red Kite –  
Fox - Toby  
Dormouse – Maisie  
Red Squirrel – Rishita  
Hedgehog – Karl  
Pine Marten – Danny



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

*LKS2 Winners – Fox Class 659 points*

*UKS2 Winners – Hedgehog 203 points*



### Scientist of the week!

*LKS2 – Freya UKS2 – Brooke*



### Performer of the Week!

Ellie was a superstar in many ways this week. Not only did she step in last minute to perform, she coped very well with a few technical glitches! Well done, Ellie. You demonstrated the importance of 'going with the flow' when performing, like a real pop star!

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March – Pinemarten Class Trip – Windsor Environmental Centre
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March - Hedgehog Class Trip – Windsor Environmental Centre
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March – Red Squirrel Class Trip – Windsor Environmental Centre
- 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
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Public Transport Trip
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Bonnet Competition/Own Clothes Day £1 donation
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term – 2pm finish
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April – Children Return
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April – Vaisakhi Assembly
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April – Red Kite Assembly
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May – EID Assembly
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 9am - Beaver Class Assembly
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm – Country Dancing Show to Parents
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children Return
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics Screen Check
- W/C 10<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – GRT History Month assembly
- W/C 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Residential
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Trip – Bucklebury Farm
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June – Otter Class Assembly
- W/C 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Secondary Transition Week
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – Rabbit Class Assembly
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour



**"THIS MORNING,  
HE HAD A  
RUNNY NOSE...  
BUT LOOK AT  
HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



**HM Government**

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

**NHS**

### 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.

EYFS

KS1

LKS2

UKS2

Gallery



School success starts  
with attendance

### Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –88.9%

RM Orsa –87.3%

Rabbit –95.2%

Otter –90.7%

Beaver –90.5%

Red Kite –98.1%

Dormouse –93.3%

Fox –100% Winners 🏆

Red Squirrel –92.3%

Hedgehog –96.4%

Pine Marten –96.7%



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.

# Free School Meals



## Are you entitled?

Free school meals and extra funding for your child's education

Across the UK more than 10 per cent of pupils who are eligible for free school meals do not register to get them.

We want to make sure 100 per cent of our pupils claim when they can in Wokingham Borough.

Importantly, it also means schools can get additional funding to support pupils.

To qualify, your child must be in school and you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- [Income support](#)
- Income based [Job Seekers Allowance](#)
- Income related [Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [NASS support](#)
- Guarantee element of [State Pension](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#), provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- [Working Tax Credit](#) for the four weeks after employment ends
- [Universal Credit](#), provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

If this applies to you but your child isn't registered for free school meals, complete a form and return it to your child school.

[Download the form and apply for Free School Meals](#) on Wokingham Borough Council's website.

Easter Bonnet Competition on  
Thursday 28th March  
£1 to wear your own clothes along with your  
Easter Bonnet!  
Winner of the most imaginative design will  
win a prize!

# Easter Bonnet Competition





# Easter 2024

## HOLIDAY CAMP

### Multi Sports Camp

Bearwood Primary School

Wokingham RG41 5BB

**£25** Per Day **£44** Per Week

**5 to 12 Year Olds**  
9AM TO 3PM 8:30AM DROP OFF

**£19.50** Per Day **£35** Per Week

**4 Year Olds Only**  
9AM TO 1PM 8:30AM DROP OFF

**10% Sibling Discount**

**20% Additional  
HAF Discount**

For HAF Children To Book Additional  
Days On Top Of Free HAF Days



#### Week One

Wednesday 3rd April –  
Thursday 4th April

#### Week Two

Wednesday 10th April –  
Thursday 11th April



**FREE HAF**

Spaces Available

Book Via Holiday  
Activities On Our  
Website If Your  
Child Receives  
Pupil Premium  
Free School Meals

[u-sports.co.uk/berkshire/wokingham-sports-camp](https://u-sports.co.uk/berkshire/wokingham-sports-camp)



### **Bearwood Big Walk!**

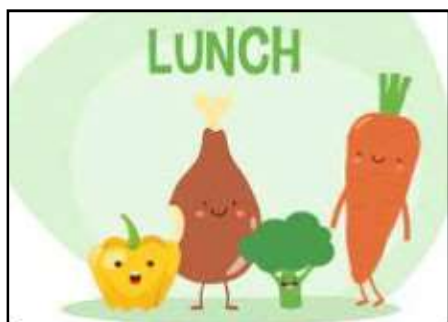
Bearwood Primary School will be taking part in Sustrans Big Walk! Please encourage your children to walk, ride or use their scooter during week commencing 11th March. The school could win some fantastic prizes!

<https://bigwalkandwheel.org.uk/prizes>

# Year 6

### **Osmington Bay Payment Balance**

The final payment will be due 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, unfortunately we will not be able to accept any late payments.



Don't forget all school meals should be paid for in advance on your Arbor App. Please regularly check your Arbor App for any outstanding payments.

**Thank you**



### **Nursery Closed – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March\***

*\*Whilst we prepare for our Summer Intake.*



### **End of term – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

School will finish at 2pm on the last day of term.