



BEARWOOD NEWS

Dear Families

Friday 30th June 2023

I am delighted to be able to share that our football team won their first match! We played Gorse Ride Primary School in an away match and won 2-1. Congratulations to the team (well done you Bears!!). A huge THANK YOU to Mr Bourke who has worked tirelessly to train the team every Friday at the after-school football club. Thank you also to our Sports Coach TJ who supports the children playing football at lunchtimes. We have new goal posts and footballs now, so that will really help with the training.

Yesterday, our Year One Beaver Class presented their special assembly to their parents. The children all spoke confidently and sang beautifully. Well done.

This week, Miss Parry has completed a 3-day course on Therapeutic Thinking. Mrs Haden and I have already completed the course. Miss Parry will be leading the initiative for us to become much more therapeutically thinking in our approach. Next year, there will be special parent workshops where you will be able to find out more.

Thank you to our parents who came along to our Parent Forum meeting on Tuesday. We covered the exciting developments with our curriculum; our introduction of Latin from September; our new classes structure; and an update on where the governors are with academisation. It was a very interactive meeting with parents asking questions and sharing views. You will receive more information on the new classes structure on Wednesday, when you will be informed of your child's new class teacher for September.

Next week is set to be exciting. On Wednesday afternoon, the children will get to meet their new class teacher in their new classroom! On Friday, we will have our Sports Day. We have split up EYFS and KS1 from KS2. EYFS and KS1 will start at 9:15am. KS2 will start at 10:45am. We look forward to seeing you all at Sports Day!

Best wishes

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Value for the term –

Courage

He who is not courageous
enough to take risks will
accomplish nothing in life.

Muhammad Ali

quotation



Farewell

At the end of this term, we will be saying a very sad farewell to Miss Sian. Miss Sian is the teacher of Grey Wolf Class. She will be moving to Derby with her family, and has a job at another school in Derby, teaching Year Two. She has been a fantastic addition to our school, and we are all going to very sorely miss her. Thank you, Miss Sian, for your positivity and optimism, and all your hard work at Bearwood. Best of luck for the future, and do keep in touch.



Library Books

Please ensure all library books and any other school books (eg: accelerated reader books) are returned to school by Friday next week.

Thank you

Superstars!



Ziyannah in year 3 has been presented a certificate and medal for achieving the Advanced Student Honour Roll at her Kumon maths sessions.

We have seen great improvements in Ziyannah's maths in school too. Well done Ziyannah, you are making us all proud.



Well done to Reya in year 4 achieved her gymnastics award 10!

Fantastic Reya! Keep up the hard work!



Freya in year 2 did her first gymnastics competition on Saturday, she was tested on two different exercises and came 4th in the first one, and then was awarded 2nd place in the other. Freya was presented with a silver medal and is now excited to do her next competition. Well done Freya!

Great job Freya!



Piper in year 3 received her Blue Peter Badge yesterday, she had written to Blue Peter after she visited Edinburgh zoo a few months ago to tell them all about the Pandas that she was lucky enough to see whilst they were there.

If you would like your child to star in next week's Newsletter please email a photo and a short description to the school office.

Office Notices

Growth Mindset

Beaver – Whole Class
Rabbit – Oviya
Otters – Shashank
Grey Wolf – Ollie
Red Squirrel – Mason
Fox – Darren
Dormouse – Aubree-Fay
Pine Marten – Mason
Hedgehog – Alfie
Wolverine – Danny

Sports Star Awards

Beaver – Whole Class
Rabbit – Ayansh
Otters – Toby
Grey Wolf – Eva
Red Squirrel – Henry
Fox- Amber
Dormouse – Bella
Pine Marten – Henry
Hedgehog – Shahesta
Wolverine – Lacey

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Tues 4th July – District Sports – Reddam House
- Wed 5th July – New Classes – Changeover Day
- Thurs 6th July – Yr1 Synagogue Trip
- Fri 7th July – Sports Day
- Mon 10th July – Reports Home
- Tues 11th July – Yr2 Mosque Visit
- Thurs 13th July – Parents' Drop in
- Thurs 13th July – Yr1 Addington Trip
- Fri 14th July – 9:15-10:45 – Music Concert
- Fri 14th July – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Mon 17th July – 2pm – Year 6 – Wizard of Oz Production
- Tues 18th July – 6pm – Year 6 – Wizard of Oz Production
- Wed 19th July – Year 3/4 Matilda Trip
- Thurs 20th July – Year 6 Leavers' BBQ
- Fri 21st July – Attendance Medals
- Fri 21st July – 2pm – Early Finish

WANTED - PARENT VOLUNTEERS

(especially from the building trade)



We are very keen to replenish our KS1 playground. We are aware that some parents have already stepped forward to offer. Our aim is to have our KS1 playground looking glorious before September. The shelter is now irreparably damaged, and needs to be dismantled. Are there any builders amongst our parents who would be able to do the work? Once we get the shelter dismantled, we are keen to have some planters along the fence boundary for shrubs, which will help to obscure the view into the playground. If any parents have any other ideas, please do contact the school, send in an email and let us know.

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



Nursery Closure*

Nursery will be closed on:

Thursday 20th July

Friday 21st July

Tuesday 5th September

**Whilst we prepare for our Autumn intake*

Every day COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance

Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs- 85.3%

Brown Bear –93.5%

Beaver – 94.5%

Rabbit –93.5%

Otter –95%

Grey Wolf –95.6%

Red Squirrel –96.4% Winners 🏆

Dormouse –95.5%

Fox – 94.2%

Wolverine –94.1%

Hedgehog –94.3%

Pine Marten – 94.7%



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.

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



Ready, Set, Read!

Dear parent/carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up at your local library from Monday 3 July!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading **boosts children's confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

OR

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](#).
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Summer Reading Challenge will take place throughout the **summer holidays**. Wokingham Borough libraries will be running the Challenge from Monday 3rd July - Saturday 16th September. (Monday 28th August is the last date to register for the reading challenge)

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact Wokingham Library.

Year 6 Leavers' BBQ

Thursday 20th July 2023 5-6.30pm

We would like to invite you and your Year 6 child to come back and join the staff for a Leaver's BBQ. This is an opportunity for the children and parents to say goodbye to all staff who have taught them. We will be serving burgers, hot dogs and soft drinks and we would ask that you confirm your attendance and your order by completing the Google Form below in order to facilitate the catering for this event.

This event is free of charge and costs will be covered by the school.

Menu

Burger/Sausage or Vegetarian Sausage

Grated Cheese

Onions chopped and lightly cooked

Ketchup

Chocolate muffin or Brownie

Rocket lollies

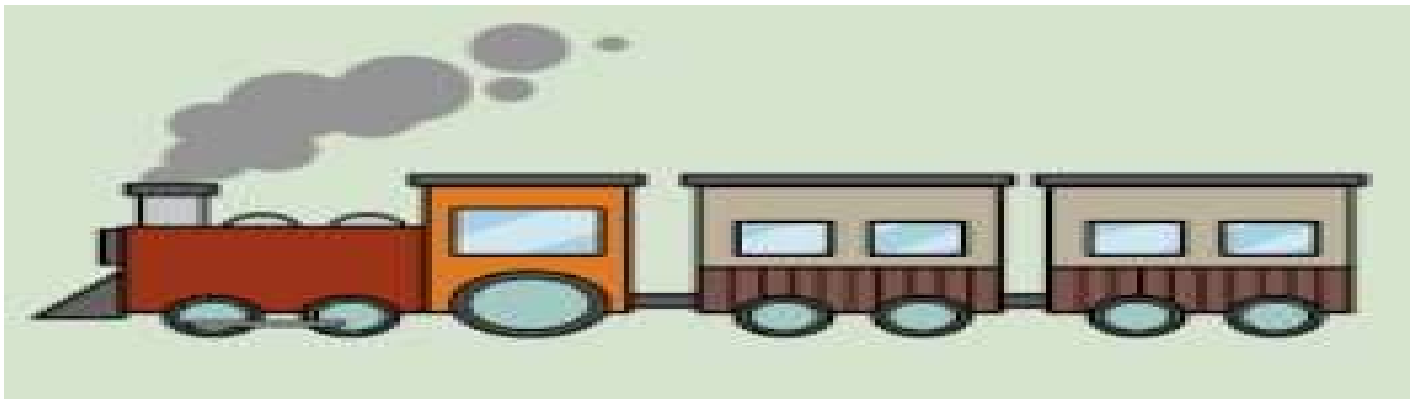
Fruit drink

Please ensure you complete the following form to preorder food:

<https://forms.gle/mdLmyZjtN7Ly3trj9>

If the link does not work, please copy and paste it into your browser.

Families will also have the opportunity to purchase an ice-cream at Mr Whippys Ice-cream van. Please ensure you bring money on the day.



Rail Safety Week

Rail Safety Week runs from 26th June to 2nd July 2023 with the sole aim of keeping people safe on the rail network.

During this school year, three children have been tragically killed or suffered life changing injuries from being on the railway tracks across the local region. It seems likely in all these terrible accidents that children did not understand the risk of the railway.

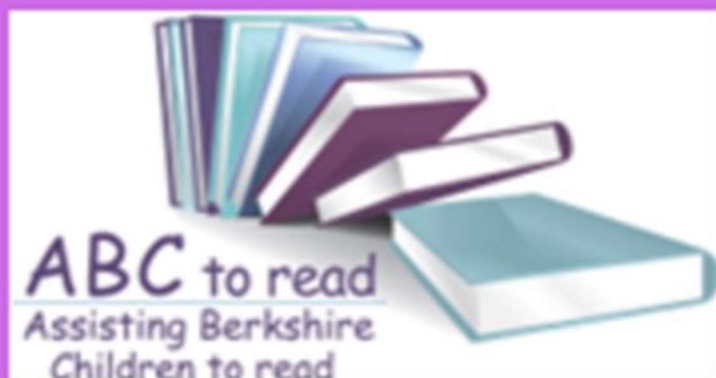
We are therefore wanting to get three simple messages across:

1. Being on the railway tracks is extremely dangerous
2. Trains can run at any time of day and night, even when not shown in the timetable, or on station information displays, or online.
3. On the Wessex and South Western Railway network trains are powered by a 'third rail' which carries 750v of electricity. This is always live, even when there are no trains running.

The link below will give you access to films available to download and are targeted to KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4.

<https://nrwessex.co.uk/communitysafety/>





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Drowning is Preventable

Stay safe in the water this summer

Did you know?

- More than **300 people** accidentally drown in the UK and Ireland every year.
- Inland waterways, such as **rivers, lakes and canals**, are where most drownings happen.
- Alcohol and drugs are a factor in almost **one-third** of all UK accidental drownings.
- Anything **below 15°C** is defined as cold water. Average UK and Ireland sea temperatures are just 12°C. Rivers and canals can be colder.

Our Advice:

- If you are in trouble in cold water, remember '**Float to Live**'. Try not to panic. Float on your back for up to **90 seconds** until the shock passes, swim to the edge or call for help.
- If someone else is in trouble - **Call, Tell and Throw** - Call 999, tell the person to float on their back and throw something to help them float, like a throwline.

Safety around water:

- If you are thinking of entering the water, consider your **exit point** before you enter.
- 'Tombstoning' - **Do not jump into open water from bridges or ledges**. There may be hidden dangers beneath, such as sharp objects, reeds and strong currents which could pull you under.
- Avoid swimming alone. **Join a group** if taking part in sports such as paddle boarding or kayaking.
- Tell someone **where you are going** and when you are likely to return.
- Stay clear of the water's edge if you are running or walking. **Riverbanks and cliff edges can be unstable**. Keep an eye out for slip or trip hazards.
- Never enter the water to try and save someone or an animal, **even if you are a strong swimmer**. Call 999 and ask for the Fire and Rescue Service if you are inland. If you are at the beach or near the sea, ask for the Coastguard.

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