



BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Families

We have had a brilliant first full week of the new school year. Timetables are in place, and children are diligent with their learning.

Parents who come into the KS2 playground at home time will have noticed that we have a brand-new adventure frame, which the children are really enjoying. A photograph will be put on the school website.

We have been welcoming our new Nursery children into school. They are settling in so well. Indeed, so are our Reception children. The newly arranged setting is really helping with transition.

The children have been busy creating artwork and information writing for the Bearwood Forest displays around the school. Again, you will soon see photographs on the school website. It really is so fascinating to imagine that there was once a Bearwood Forest that was the home to so many different animals - many that are now extinct in the UK. Although some, such as the beaver, have been slowly re-introduced.

I hope parents of UKS2 and EYFS children who attended the start of year welcome meetings this week found them informative. For all phases, we have sent out the presentations that were shared, and additional information, so all parents can be informed about expectations and how they can also support their children.

Please do support your children to complete the set homework for their year group. All children from Year One should now have a reading book. We do expect the children to read every day. Other homework has also been set. From Year Two upwards, it is important for the children to complete set tasks on Spelling Shed; and Times Tables Rock Stars or Mathletics.

Our Harvest Festival assembly will take place on 26th September. As last year, we will be collecting for the Wokingham Food Bank, and are

happy to take in collections starting from this Monday. Please do look out for further information from the school office

Best wishes

Funmi Alder

Headteacher

Value for the term –

Respect



Respect yourself and
others will respect you.

Confucius

Please send
donations in by
Thursday 26th
September



Wokingham Food Bank Donations Required

- Soup
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned meals (eg. curry, chilli, casserole)
 - Tinned fruit
 - Hotdogs
 - Coffee
 - Tinned pies
- Snacks (eg. cereal bars, crisps, noodles)
 - Long life fruit juice
 - Washing up liquid
- Antibacterial cleaning spray

Superstar!



Well done to Zac in Year 4 and Ellis in Year 2 for completing an 11K walk to raise money for Thames hospice.

The total raised by all on the day was £72,000!

Well done Zac and Ellis!

If you would like your child to star in our weekly newsletter please email the school office with a photo and a brief description.

Current Vacancies

This year's important roles and responsibilities in school for children to apply for:

<p><u>Playground Friends</u></p> <p>We are looking for sensible and kind children to be our Playground Friends. You will need to play with any child who sits on the Friendship Bench at playtimes and lunchtimes and help them to make friends. This is a very important job, because it will help to make sure no child is unhappy on the playground.</p> <p>Children from Year One and Year Two can apply.</p>	<p><u>Peer Mediators</u></p> <p>This is a very responsible job. Only the most sensible and mature Year Five and Six children need apply! Successfully appointed Peer Mediators will be trained to be able to help children to resolve their conflicts. You will have to be patient, listen to all sides of an argument and not be ready to make a rash judgement. If you were a Peer Mediator last year and would like to continue the role this year, please feel free to apply.</p> <p>Children from Year Five and Six can apply.</p>	<p><u>Class Ambassadors</u></p> <p>This is a very important job as this will involve representing your class and being ready to greet any visitors who come to your classroom. You will need to be able to talk confidently and positively about what you are all learning and be ready to answer any questions that the visitors might have. This role is for children who are proud of their class and are ready to showcase the school.</p> <p>Children from Year One to Year Six can apply.</p>
<p><u>Librarians</u></p> <p>Do you foster a love of reading? Do you understand the vital role it plays in all that we do? Would you like to help keep our school library tidy and re-shelf books that are returned? Librarians will spend at least one playtime a week being in the library making sure it is tidy and books are re-shelved. You will have to be someone who is sensible and can be trusted to be inside at playtime doing this important job.</p> <p>Children from Year Five and Year Six can apply.</p>	<p><u>Litter Pickers</u></p> <p>This is a very important job that will help to keep our school grounds clean and tidy. You will help to pick up litter on the KS2 playground and remind children to always put their own rubbish in the bin. You will have to be someone who is well organised and is able to collect a litter picker from the school office at the start of lunchtime. You have to be very sensible and a passionate person who cares about our environment!</p> <p>Children from Year Three and Year Four can apply.</p>	<p><u>Eco Warriors</u></p> <p>Are you concerned about the environment? Would you like to make a difference and help us to continue to be a more green school? You will need attend meetings to plan campaigns and how to persuade people to be more green. You will help to find ways that our school can be more environmentally friendly.</p> <p>Children from Year Two to Year Six can apply.</p>

Assembly Monitors

We are looking for very sensible, mature KS2 children to be Assembly Monitors. This job will involve helping to prepare for the assemblies by putting chairs and benches out. You will have to be an organised person and remember to come to the hall at the end of playtime to carry out your job. You will also need to remain behind at the end of each assembly to help put the benches away.

Children from Key Stage Two can apply.

House Captains

This post is for Year Six only. We require two House Captains for each of our Houses: Sycamore, Oak, Larch and Beech. As House Captain, you will help to collect the house points awarded each week, and will share how many your house achieved in our Friday celebration assemblies. If your house wins, you will receive the cup on behalf of your house. Sometimes, you may be asked to show important visitors around the school, so you will have to be a very sensible and confident person, and be able to talk positively about our school.

Children from Year Six can apply.

Sports Ambassadors

This is a new post this year as we were very impressed with the UKS2 children who volunteered to help with organising the sports equipment last year.

We are looking for sensible and organised children in Years 5 and 6 to support the playtime and lunchtime controllers with collecting all of the sports equipment in and keeping the sports box tidy. They will also be responsible for communicating with the school office to let them know if any equipment is missing or has been broken.

Children from Year Five and Year Six can apply.

Sports Leaders

This is an exciting opportunity for children in UKS2 who are sports enthusiasts and are passionate about working with younger children and promoting their love of sport.

This post will require a weekly slot on the KS1 playground, organising fun and active games for the younger children, supervising them and encouraging good team work.

Children from Year Five and Year Six can apply.



Don't forget to apply!
Completed application forms
must be emailed to the school
office.



Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Brown Bears –
Fox – Isla
Beaver – Emily & Jude FB
Red Kite – Willow
Red Squirrel – Amelia
Dormouse – Louisa
Badger – Savannah
Otter – Piper
Grey Wolf - Keelee

Sports Star Awards

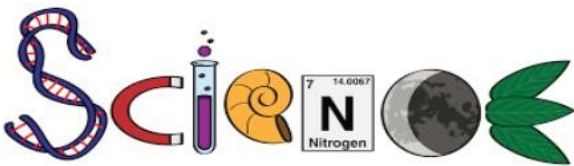
Brown Bears –
Fox – Ezra
Beaver – Albie
Red Kite – Toby T
Red Squirrel – Anas
Dormouse – Olivia
Badger – Hanna
Otter – Trevor
Grey Wolf – Whole Class



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

LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 116 points

UKS2 Winners – Grey Wolf 167 points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Robin

UKS2 – Rafael

Performers of the week!

Will commence next week.

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Thursday 26th September – Harvest Festival Assembly
- Friday 27th September – 9am – Prospective Parents' tour
- Friday 4th October – School Photographer – individual photos
- Friday 18th October – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Tuesday 22nd October – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 24th October – BHM Assembly
- Thursday 24th October – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 25th October – International Attire Day
- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November – Autumn half-term
- Monday 4th November - INSET
- Tuesday 5th November – Children Return
- Monday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly
- W/C 11th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- 11th & 12th November – Year Six Bikeability
- Wednesday 13th November – 9am – Reception Parents' Phonics & Reading Workshop
- Thursday 14th November – Diwali Assembly
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need
- W/C 18th November – Maths Week
- Tuesday 26th November – 1:30pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Afternoon
- Wednesday 27th November – 9:30am – Prospective Reception Parents' Morning
- Thursday 28th November – 5pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Evening
- Friday 29th November – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Saturday 30th November – 10am to 12pm – Prospective Reception Parents' Open Morning drop-in
- Wednesday 11th December – EYFS Nativity play to parents
- Thursday 12th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
- Friday 13th December – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Tuesday 17th December – 9:30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Wednesday 18th December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thursday 19th December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Friday 20th December - attendance medals assembly
- Friday 20th December – last day of Autumn term – 2pm finish
- Monday 6th January – INSET
- Tuesday 7th January – children return
- Wednesday 15th January – 9am – Year One parents phonics workshop

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



School success starts
with attendance

Weekly Attendance

Brown Bears – 99%

Fox – 90.1%

Beaver – 95.9%

Red Kite – 99.6% - Winner

Red Squirrel – 97.6%

Dormouse – 96.7%

Badger – 97.9%

Otter – 97.8%

Grey Wolf – 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.

Library Autumn Events

Code Club – at Wokingham Library

Running 2 Saturdays per month Suitable for 9 – 13-year olds

Free of charge

Please contact libraryevents@wokingham.gov.uk for membership information

Wokingham Children's Book Festival

This year's festival will take place on 19 – 20 October. We have 13 authors visiting Wokingham Town Hall and Wokingham Library during this weekend.

The festival is sponsored by 'morearts.'

<https://wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest/>



Lost property

We have a large amount of Lost Property left from last term. Unfortunately, we do not have the space to store these items. Please have a look and any left-over items will be disposed of by Monday.

Lost Property is situated outside the school office.