



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Families

Well, we have had a busy week. We had special NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies. St Catherine's Church delivered a special assembly on Moses. Some of our Year Six children organised and delivered a special Diwali assembly.

Today, we had a very special, solemn Remembrance assembly, with Mrs Shaw playing The Last Post to start our moment's silence, and Fletcher in Year Six playing the Rouse to end it. Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.

We have also had a number of sporting events take place this week. Thank you to Mr Bell for organising these.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. On Monday, children can wear odd socks to school to start the week.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes

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Value for the term –  
Generosity



## Office Notices

### Growth Mindset Awards

Due to our Remembrance Assembly Growth Mindset Awards will be rolled over to next week.



### Sports Star Awards

Due to our Remembrance Assembly Sport Star Awards will be rolled over to next week.

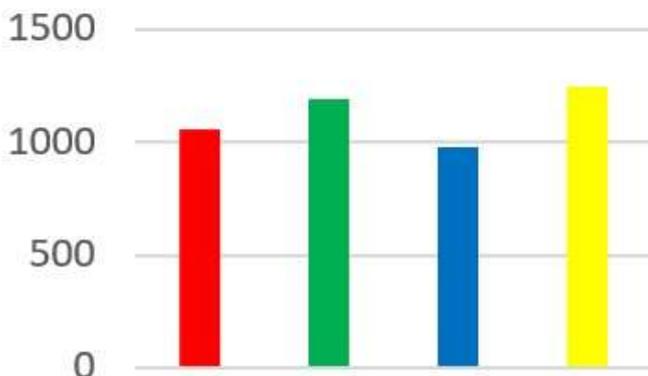
Please ensure your SCOPAY lunch accounts are up to date.

Lunch payments should be made in advance.

Kind regards

**Bearwood Primary School**

### This week's house points



### ODD SOCKS DAY

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Wear your odd socks to school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November for antibullying week.

### LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property will be placed outside Main Reception today. Please ensure that you check to see if you are missing any items. Any unclaimed lost property will be disposed of next week.



### **Prospective Reception September 2023 Parent Tours**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.30pm  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.30am  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm (Information Evening)  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9am (Tour of the school only)

**Please email the school office if you wish to book onto one of our tours.**



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December + Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

*\*in order for us to prepare for our Spring Term admissions.*



### **Christmas Meal and Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Don't forget to preorder your Christmas lunch, by completing the following google form:

<https://forms.gle/fumq8V59tzbJJYvQw8>

Deadline for orders is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.  
Unfortunately, we cannot accept orders after this date.



Do you have any spare time to help us with our school trips? We are looking to increase our list of parent helpers.

Please email the school office.

**Thank you in advance for your support.**



### Football Kit Day

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, England play their first fixture against Iran in the World Cup. On this day, the children are able to come into school wearing either their football kits/football shirts or England colours for a voluntary £1 contribution. The money raised will be going towards funding the Y6 residential trip.



### Year 1 – Pantomime Trip Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Please remember to log on to your Tucasi/Scopay account to give your consent and pay the fee as soon as possible and no later than Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.



Required Documents

### Year 5 & 6

We are still missing some of your generic EV2 permission forms. If you have been chased recently please complete and return as soon as possible.

Thank you.

### Starting Infant, Primary or Junior School

#### Applying for an infant, primary or Junior School September 2023

The application process will open on 13 November 2022. You can apply for an infant, primary or junior school place on the [Citizen's Portal](#).

Please read the [Parents' Guide to Starting Infant Junior or Primary School \(PDF document\)](#) before you apply, as this contains all the information you need to know about applying for a school place.

Applications must be submitted by 15 January 2023.

# Superstar!



Oscar competed in the 'Martial Arts International's Competition' and came 3rd place twice! His medals are for his great work in Hand Drills and Kick Boxing Drills.

Well done Oscar! Keep up the good work!

**If you would like your child to star in next weeks newsletter please email the school office.**



## Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we will be supporting Children in Need. This year children are to dress as someone they find inspiring. This could be anyone from a famous person, doctors, nurses, a footballer or even a family member.

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anti-Bullying Week
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Reception Vision Screening
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – LKS2 to Look-Out Centre
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Hedgehog Class assembly
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Children in Need
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Netball Competition at Maiden Erlegh 1.30pm \*Invite Only
- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Football Kits for a monetary donation
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 1:30pm - prospective Reception parents' afternoon
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 9:30am - prospective Reception parents morning
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Pine Marten Class assembly
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5pm – prospective Reception parents' evening
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 9am – prospective parent tour
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Maths Week
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Red Squirrel Class assembly
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Netball Competition at Waingels College 3.45pm \*Invite Only
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Netball Competition at Maiden Erlegh 1.15pm \*Invite Only
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception + Year 6 Ambitions Photographs
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.30am– EYFS Nativity play to parents
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year One pantomime
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – First Days Childrens Charity Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9:30am – KS1 Christmas play to parents
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2pm – KS1 Christmas play to parents
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – pm – class Christmas parties
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – last day of Autumn term – attendance medals assembly 2pm finish
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery Closed
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children Return
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Nursery Closed

Every day

COUNTS!



School success starts  
with attendance

### Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs- 85.3%

Brown Bear – 95.1%

Beaver – 94.3%

Rabbit –93.7%

Otter – 94.2%

Grey Wolf – 96.5%

Red Squirrel – 96.8% Winners 🏆

Dormouse – 96.6%

Fox – 95.7%

Wolverine – 96.2%

Hedgehog – 94.8%

Pine Marten – 95%



Please ensure you call, email or complete a daily absence form each day your child is absent.

You can find our daily absence form on our website:

<https://www.bearwood-pri.wokingham.sch.uk/parents/forms>

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**

## Get help with cost of living

Help is available through the council and its partners if you're struggling with the cost of living.

More people are reaching out than ever before, many who have never had to ask for help.

Rising energy prices and inflation are impacting more and more families locally. Here's some of the help you can get:

- If your child gets means-tested free school meals [apply for the Household Support Fund through First Days Children's Charity](#) (note you can apply for one type of Household Support Fund support)
- If you're struggling with bills or buying food [apply for the Household Support Fund through Age UK Berkshire or Citizens Advice](#) (note you can apply for one type of Household Support Fund support)
- Go to the [cost of living help hub](#) for help and tips open to all
- Go to the [help for families with cost of living](#) advice pages
- See how you can get [help with household bills](#)
- [Register for priority services](#) if you have children aged five or under, you are pregnant or if you or a family member is disabled or has a long term health condition
- See services you can contact directly for [help with essentials like food or warm clothes](#)

If you'd prefer to talk to someone contact One Front Door. This is a service led by Citizens Advice which helps residents find the most appropriate support. Use the [online referral form](#) or call [0808 278 7958](#), Monday to Friday.

And if you're not struggling but have time and want to help others, see if you could volunteer locally to support organisations [helping people struggling with the cost of living](#).



### Osmington Bay Payment Reminder

SCOPAY has now been updated to reflect the overall Osmington payment balance. First installment is due 10<sup>th</sup> December. You can however pay before the installment date should you wish to do so.

Many thanks

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND MY JOURNEY

## MATCH THE FLAG COMPETITION

TO CELEBRATE THE  
FOOTBALL WORLD CUP 2022

DATE

**8-20**

**NOVEMBER**

Download the entry form and  
see if you can match the  
country with their flag

Find out more here:  
[myjourneywokingham.com/events](http://myjourneywokingham.com/events)

Correct entries will be entered into a prize draw to win a  
prize kindly sponsored by Reading Football Club



**WOKINGHAM**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



**Citizens Advice will be at:  
Bearwood Primary School  
Tuesday 6th December  
between 2pm and 3:30pm**

**with our Mobile Advice Unit.  
Providing free, confidential  
advice, information and support.**





Mums' Zone is a programme for new mums. A place to relax, breathe, and meet other mums.

Anyone is welcome - come along and join us with your baby for some gentle exercise, find out about local opportunities, receive wellbeing support and socialise over some healthy snacks!

Postnatal Stretch, Strength and Relax, classes. No experience needed. Open to all new mums



Every Friday during term time. 1pm-3pm. Starts 4th Nov 2022 £2 per session. Location: Rainbow Community and Children's Centre, Rainbow Park, Winnersh, RG41 5SG

For more information and to book:

Email:

[Community.Engagement.Localities@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Engagement.Localities@wokingham.gov.uk)

Alternatively call Shabina Maher on 07714 069408 , or

Zara Odell on 07738847743



DO YOU KNOW  
ABOUT...

**FREE**



UNIVERSAL INFANT  
SCHOOL MEALS?



**EVERY** child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2  
can have a cooked school lunch

**FRESHLY MADE**

**HEALTHY**

**NUTRITIOUS**

at absolutely no cost to you! –  
funded by the Government

Please contact your school for more information!

**caterlink**  
feeding the imagination

Bearwood PTA

**AGM**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Stay informed and get involved.**

Monday 14th November 3:15pm-4:15pm  
Tea, coffee & biscuits

**Bearwood Primary School  
Main Hall**



**Parentkind**  
Member Association



Wear your  
Christmas  
Jumper  
to school

# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This year we are supporting



**FIRST DAYS**  
CHILDREN'S CHARITY

We are raising money for First Days to help them continue their work supporting local children and their families who are experiencing financial hardship

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**



For more information about the charity please scan the QR code:



[www.firstdays.net](http://www.firstdays.net)  
Charity reg number: 115 7855