



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Families

Thank you to all of you who were able to come and engage in maths activities with your children on Wednesday morning as part of our Maths Week. There was a fantastic buzz around the school.

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the children arrived to school to find Christmas had arrived at Bearwood! Our decorations are up - and helping to bring us that seasonal cheer. It was a real delight to see the children's beaming faces.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, our Nursery and Reception children will be performing their Nativity to their parents. I can hear the children rehearsing from my office - you are in for a real treat.

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, we have Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch. We are all looking forward to that!

Best wishes

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Value for the term –  
Generosity

WE ARE A PART OF THE EARTH  
AND IT IS THROUGH HER GREAT  
GENEROSITY THAT WE ARE  
*nurtured* AND *nourished*,  
EATING HER FOOD, DRINKING  
HER WATERS, CLOTHED IN HER  
FABRIC. EVEN AS WE DEplete  
HER, SHE CONTINUES TO GIVE  
AND GIVE. HER *generosity*  
IS A LESSON FOR US ALL.

- Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee


 Ramblings of the Clauy



Image: Paradise by Loonaki

# Office Notices

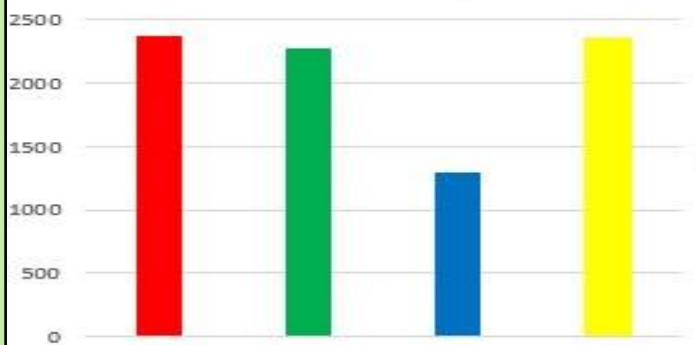
## Growth Mindset Awards

Beaver - Michelle  
Rabbit - Liam  
Otter - Aadya  
Grey Wolf – Milan & Emily  
Red Squirrel – Riley  
Fox – Ella-Grace  
Dormouse – Trevor  
Wolverine – Mustafa  
Hedgehog - Lillie B  
Pine Marten – Asher

## Sports Star Awards

Beaver - Aamodha  
Rabbit - Robyn  
Otter - Meline  
Grey Wolf - Oliver  
Red Squirrel – Piper  
Fox – Cayden  
Dormouse – Bella-Rose  
Wolverine – Poppy K  
Hedgehog – Chloe J  
Pine Marten - Thomas

This week's house points



## KS2 Church Visit

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, UKS2 and the choir will be visiting St Catherine's Church for a Christmas service. Children have been selected to do readings and the choir will perform songs they have been learning. We are sure this will be a lovely experience for the children, getting them into the festive spirit.

Please note that families are not invited to this event.



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Hanley who has joined Otter Class as a trainee teacher for a period of teaching practice. She will be working alongside Mrs Shaw and we are sure she will have a great experience.



### Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs- 74.3%  
 Brown Bear – 93.8%  
 Beaver – 86.3%  
 Rabbit –88.2%  
 Otter – 98.3% Winners 🏆  
 Grey Wolf – 95.2%  
 Red Squirrel – 94.8%  
 Dormouse – 92.9%  
 Fox – 95.6%  
 Wolverine –90.3%  
 Hedgehog – 95.7%  
 Pine Marten – 94%



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**





We are very lucky to have received a monetary contribution again this year towards for our school Christmas Tree.

A huge thank you to Mr Challenger who also was very kind to donate towards our tree last year.

## IMPORTANT dates to remember

- 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 / Nursery Closed
- Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – Children Return / Nursery Closed



### 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



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

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



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.**





**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.**





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





Bearwood PTA  
presents

# **Bearwood Christmas Fete**

Bearwood Primary School

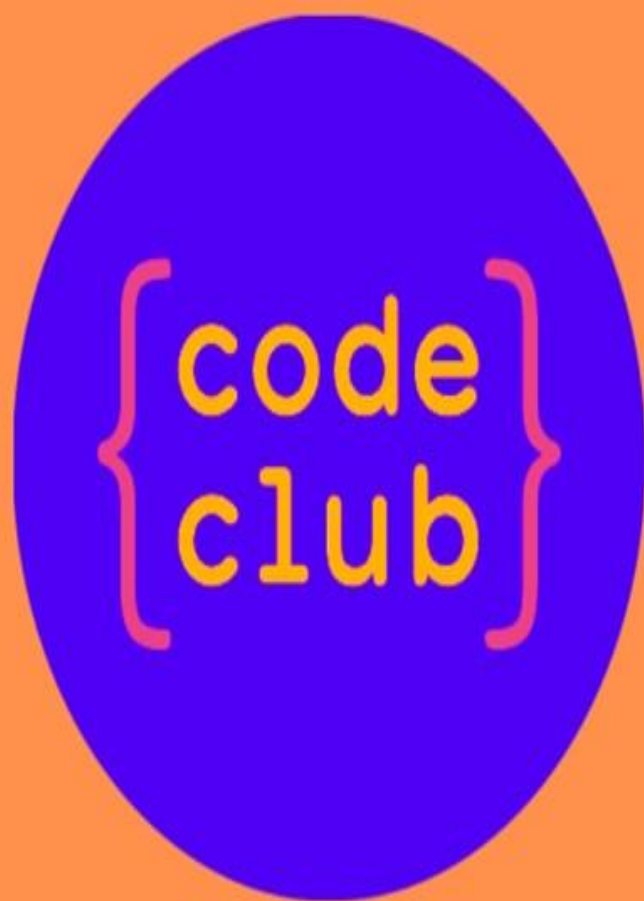
Saturday 10th December

12noon-3pm

Hotdogs, raffle, craft stalls, cakes &  
bakes, Santas Grotto and more!

Come along and support our school





**At Wokingham Library on the first and fourth Saturday of each month Code Club is run for 9-13-year-olds.**

**Code Club aims to introduce coding to young people, helping them progress through projects, to create games, animations, and web pages using Scratch, Python.**

**Limited spaces are available.**

**If you would like to apply please get in touch with us at  
[volunteer@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@wokingham.gov.uk)**

## Getting the home ready for Christmas

- It takes a lot of movement and effort to get ready for Christmas
- Put up decorations together. That's lots of lifting and stretching
- Getting the house tidy. Give everyone their own chores to do
- Share preparing the food or the table for Christmas
- Make sure everyone helps clear away and wash up
- Remember, all this activity has health benefits for everyone

## Shopping before Christmas and after

- Don't use the car unless you need to. Even taking a bus means you have to walk a little more
- Avoid lifts and escalators (or walk up the escalator if you cannot use the stairs)
- Always park furthest away from the entrance to the store or shopping centre
- Shopping online? Stand each time you place an order (or make a return!)

## Making contact with friends & family

- You may not be able to visit friends and family, so make connecting with them active
- Make Christmas calls to friends and family standing up
- Make all online calls standing up
- Remember those on the other end should stand up too!
- Stand to write cards and wrap presents
- Walk to post cards and presents

## Make time for walks

- After the big Christmas meal, it is tempting to sit (or fall asleep) on the sofa in front of the TV.
- This is not good for digestion or glucose absorption (which can lead to diabetes).
- Stand up every 20 minutes and walk around the room or garden. Encourage everyone to join you
- Take a family walk. It's a great time to have a chat and get some fresh air
- Try to commit to at least a walk each day over Christmas (even if it is only around the garden)

## Watching TV can be active too

- Stand up when a programme begins
- Stand up to applaud at the end
- Stand up when the ads come on
- Stand up when a particular actor comes on
- Stand up to watch any sport (or a break in play)
- Stand up to listen to the weather forecast
- Stand up if a game contestant gets a question wrong or if you wish to call out the answer
- Stand at 3pm on Christmas Day for the national anthem (and for the Queen's speech)
- Stand and sing songs or carols together
- Pick a word that you have to stand when it is said (e.g. Christmas). The person who selects the word that appears most (and so gets you to stand the most) is the winner.
- If you are reading instead, stand up when you finish a book chapter or magazine article, complete a quiz or crossword

## Playing games

- Christmas is a time when get out the games. You can add standing too.
- When playing cards, stand up for aces
- Using dice, stand up for rolling a 6 (or a double in dominoes)
- When playing scrabble, stand up when you play a q, x or z
- Playing stand snap when you have to be the first to stand as well as say it
- Stand when you go up a ladder in snakes and ladders
- When taking an opponent in draughts or putting an opponent in check
- Stand when buying a property in Monopoly, or taking a Chance or Community Chest card. See if you can make any board game more active!

## Keeping a Little Active at Christmas

It has been a difficult year so Christmas will be a time to celebrate with friends and family. It is also a time when we sit more, eat more and move less. Yet just a little regular movement can be great a Christmas present for your health!



**WOKINGHAM**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

WOKINGHAM · THE EMMBROOK SCHOOL 3G

**FREE**

**HAF Spaces**

If Eligible For Pupil  
Premium Free  
School Meals

21ST-22ND  
DECEMBER  
**TUESDAY TO  
THURSDAY**

**MULTI-SPORTS**

**£25 PER DAY**

9AM - 3PM CAMP  
8.30AM DROP OFF

**10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**  
MULTI-DAY DISCOUNTS

**4 TO 12 YEARS**  
FOUNDATION  
TO YEAR 7



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