

Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Families

We really have had an extremely busy and successful first half of the Spring term. The weather is also beginning to improve. I saw snowdrops whilst walking to the train station the other day - a first sign that Spring is on its way.

Last Friday, our KS1 gymnastics team were awarded bronze medals for coming third in the Pinewood gymnastics tournament. Congratulations - the second time in living memory Bearwood has been in the winning set in a sporting competition with other schools.

We had Safer Internet Day this week. A presentation with useful information on this very important topic has been sent out to parents.

Our Year Two children went on a fabulous trip to Windsor Castle. They were really excited and had a great time. Thank you to the volunteers who came to help.

Our first PTA quiz night took place last night, and was a great success. Well done to everyone who participated.

We are breaking up for our half-term break today, and hope you all have a fantastic time. Next half-term will be as busy.

Please remember, there will be a teacher INSET day on Monday 20th February. Children return to school on Tuesday 21st February.

On Tuesday 21st February at 9am we will have our first Parents' Forum meeting. All parents are welcome to attend. These will be half-termly meetings when you will get to hear about the work the school are doing. Senior leaders and governors will be present. At this first meeting, we will share our statutory assessment results, and our Chair of Governors will share a presentation on academy trusts, and how we are just beginning to look at what it involves. At 9am on Wednesday 22nd February, we will have a Year Two parents' meeting on the KS1 statutory assessments that have to be completed for all Year Two children.

Year One children have a chance to take part in scooter training on Thursday 23rd February. Year One parents will have received information about this, including how to sign your child up for the training.

We have a prospective parents' tour scheduled for 9am on Friday 24th February.

Our Spring term parents' evening is taking place on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March. Do make sure you have signed up for an appointment.

Have a lovely half-term break.

Best wishes

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Value for the term -

Self-Discipline

Self Discipline The road may be hard but the results are priceless.





This week our KS1 children came third in the Gymnastic Competition at Pinewood Gymnastics Club. The event was facilitated by School Games and was fantastic experience for our children.

Well done everybody!

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Beaver - Emilia

- Rabbit Jad
- Otters Rashed
- Grey Wolf Rhys
- Red Squirrel Piper
- Fox Madalitso
- Dormouse Macy
- Pine Marten Navya
- Hedgehog Preesha
- Wolverine Mia

Sports Star Awards

Beaver – Sophia

Rabbit – Matthew

- Otters Toby
- Grey Wolf Heidi
- Red Squirrel Aiden
- Fox Rishita
- Dormouse Luca
- Pine Marten Lola
- Hedgehog Chloe J
- Wolverine Indiana

IMPORTANT dates to remember

- Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb Half-Term
- Mon 20th Feb INSET
- Tues 21st Feb Children Return
- Tues 21st Feb Parents Forum Meeting 9am
- Wed 22nd Feb Year 2 Parents' Meeting on KS1 SATs
- Thurs 23rd Feb Year 1 Scooter Training
- Fri 24th Feb Prospective Parents' Tour
- Mon 27th Feb Year 5/6 Victorian Workshop
- Tues 28th Feb Year 1 Local Walk
- Tues 28th Feb 3.30-6pm Parents' Evening
- Wed 1st March 4.30-7pm Parents' Evening
- Thurs 2nd March World Book Day
- Tues 7th March Tues 14th March Book Fair
- W/C 13th March Science Week
- Thurs 16th March Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and Residential



<u>World Book Day</u>

On **Thursday 2nd March**, we will be celebrating World Book Day at Bearwood. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and to bring in their favourite book to share with their class.

For World Book Day ideas take a look at the following link: <u>World Book Day Dress</u> <u>Up Ideas</u>

A visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform a few weeks ago. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of *Circus Adventure* and using drama,



dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Bearwood Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Wednesday 15th February i.e. just over one week's time.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **EIUY150223** or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.





Thank you to everyone that took part. We hope you enjoyed the Bearwood PTA Quiz Night as much as we did.

A special thank you to Mr Bell Senior and Mr Bell Junior for preparing and delivering the Quiz for us.

A huge shout out to the teachers and staff that stayed extremely late to take part. That really meant a lot to us; thank you for being good sports.

> Looking forward to the next evening event.... Eyes down!

> > Have a very Happy Half Term, Bearwood PTA



School success starts with attendance

Weekly Attendance

Bear Cubs- 84% Brown Bear - 90.6% Beaver - 94.1% Rabbit - 96.7% Otter - 95.7% Grey Wolf - 98.2% Winners Red Squirrel - 96.4% Dormouse - 97.2% Fox - 93.8% Wolverine -94.7% Hedgehog - 93% Pine Marten - 96.6%



Please ensure you call or email <u>each day</u> 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	Ì
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	

<u>Lates</u>

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

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.

<u>Nursery</u> <u>Year 1</u> <u>Year 2</u> <u>Years 3 and 4</u> <u>Years 5 and 6</u> School Gallery





Citizens Advice will be at:

Bearwood Primary School

Thursday 2nd March between 2pm and 3:30pm

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



Wokingham







Thank you to the Emmenes Family for your kind kitchenette donation. We love it so much and it has made many wonderful playdough cakes already!





Our next **Bag2School** collection has been arranged for

Friday 24th February

at9..... am / pm

Any questions - please ask your school collection organiser Becky Barker

www.bag2school.com

