



# BEARWOOD NEWS

Dear Families

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Our Reception children got to enjoy a very special 'Dark Night Experience!' They came back to school in their pyjamas when it was all dark! Mrs Johnson and Miss McNulty were here to greet the children. They got to look at the stars and enjoyed some hot chocolate before being collected by their parents. The children's faces were absolutely beaming with joy. Thank you to their teachers for creating such a magical experience for them.

Our boys' netball team went to a festival with Mr Bell. They won one match and came tie in two others. Well done, boys.

We had our Maths morning on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents who came and joined in with the investigative maths taking place in your child's classroom. We had an excellent turn out. Miss Parry also presented on how we teach maths at Bearwood. I hope you found it useful and interesting.

The Christmas spirit is really in the air at Bearwood now! Our younger children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas shows, and our choir are sounding absolutely astounding. For our EYFS and KS1 parents, you have a real treat to look forward to when you come to see your children's performances. Our choir will be performing at the Winnersh Craft Fair and Lights tomorrow at 5pm.

Just to add to the joy, our Christmas decorations are now up. Thank you to all the staff for helping to make the school look fit for the season. However, I'm afraid that naughty Elf is out and up to his usual mischief!!

I look forward to seeing you all at the PTA Christmas Fair tomorrow.

Best wishes  
Funmi Alder

Value for the term –

Compassion





A huge thank you to Michael's family who donated this year's' fabulous Christmas Tree!

If anyone is throwing away any Christmas decorations, we would be grateful for any donations.

**Thank you**

# Office Notices

## facebook

We are delighted to announce that Bearwood is finally joining the world of social media with the creation of an official Facebook page!

We hope to support in connecting the Bearwood community, promoting communication and sharing updates and photos of your children's life at Bearwood.

Please do join using the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bearwoodprimaryschool>

### Growth Mindset Awards

Rabbit – Ellis  
Otter – Gabrielle  
Beaver – Isabella  
Red Kite – Emily  
Fox - Toby  
Dormouse – Chace  
Red Squirrel – Lily  
Hedgehog – Cobie  
Pine Marten – Krish

### Sports Star Awards

Rabbit – Wilf  
Otter – Shravaan  
Beaver – Lily  
Red Kite – Bliss  
Fox - Darren  
Dormouse – Maisie  
Red Squirrel – Francesca  
Hedgehog – Yehya  
Pine Marten – Ayaan



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

*LKS2 Winners – Fox Class (341 points)*

*UKS2 Winners – Pine Marten (189 points)*

# IMPORTANT

## dates to remember

- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Fete
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> December – UKS2 Winchester Science Centre Trip
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity Play to Parents
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> December – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> December – pm – Class Christmas Parties
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December – Attendance Medals Assembly
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn Term – 2pm finish
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> January – INSET
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Children Return
- Fri 5<sup>th</sup> January – Ashmolean Museum LKS2 trip
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> January – 9am Year 1 Parents' Phonics Workshop
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Pine Marten Class Assembly
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Hedgehog Class Assembly
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> January – 9am – Prospective Parents' Tour
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> February – 9am – Red Squirrel Class Assembly
- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> February – Year 1+2 Windsor Castle
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day – Parents' Workshop – 9am+5pm
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Dormouse Class Assembly
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February – Spring Half Term
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February – Children Return
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> February – 9am – Fox Class Assembly
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30-6pm – Parents' Evening
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March – 4 to 6:30pm – Parents' Evening
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- W/C 11<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm – Year 6 Parents' Meeting on SATs and residential
- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March – Jewish Passover Assembly
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9am – Prospective Parents Tour
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents

## 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

Every day  
**COUNTS!**



School success starts  
with attendance

## Weekly Attendance

RJ Koda –89.6 %

RM Orsa –99.1 %

Rabbit –98.8 %

Otter –99.3 %

Beaver –93.4%

Red Kite –94.4%

Dormouse –98.1 %

Fox –99.1 %

Red Squirrel –97.8 %

Hedgehog –96.7 %

Pine Marten –100 % Winners 🏆



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.



**REMINDER**

### **Spring Term Clubs 2024**

Don't forget to confirm your child's Spring term club choices by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, by logging on to your Arbor account.

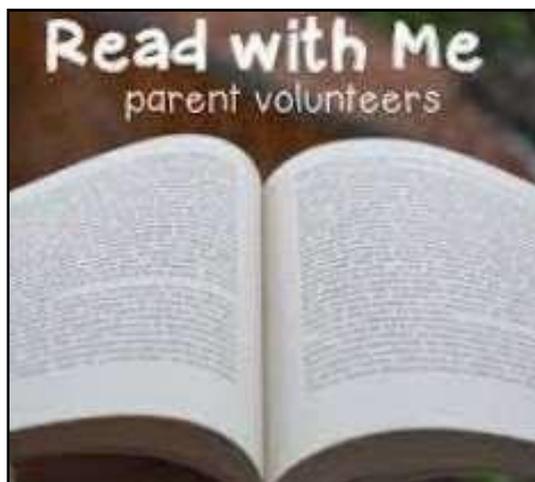


### **Year 1 Pantomime at the Hexagon & Year 2 Pantomime at South Hill Park Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Please be reminded to book your child's place on to the above event by logging on to your Arbor account.



Wokingham Borough Council proposes to temporarily close Bearwood Road in Barkham between 11th December and 15th December 2023 between 9.30 and 16:00. It's needed for SE Water to fix leaking pipes.



### **Parent Volunteers**

Could you spare 1hr a week to read with some of our children?

Please email the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Thank you



One of our main aims this term is to ensure that children know how to eat healthy. As outlined in our School Development Plan, this is being communicated through the work of School Council.

This week the representatives delivered an assembly about their healthy eating flyer and made clear our aims for the project:

- For children to understand the importance of eating a healthy, balanced diet
- To promote healthy packed lunch choices, using the NHS website for top tips: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>
- Ensuring all children know that we are not banning items such as crisps, but providing some alternatives to encourage children to cut down if they can. For example, they may choose some days to eat rice cakes or plain popcorn instead
- If any sweets or cakes are brought into school for birthdays, these will be handed out by the child or parent in the playground at home time.

**WOKINGHAM FOODBANK**  
**HELPING LOCAL**  
**PEOPLE IN NEED**

We are able to provide families in need with vouchers for the Wokingham Food Bank. If you require this support, please do contact the school office.

**JOIN US  
FOR  
FESTIVE  
FUN**



**Bearwood PTA**

# **Bearwood Christmas Fete**

**School Hall, Saturday 2nd December, 12-3pm**

**Free Entry, Crafts, Refreshments, Games, Facepainting and  
a visit from Santa himself!!**

**Come along for some festive fun and support our school.**

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

WINNERSH PARISH COUNCIL

Christmas  
**LIGHTS**  
Switch on  
& Gift Market

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023

4.00PM - 7.00PM

Winnersh Community Centre,  
Bearwood Recreation Ground, Mole Road

*Limited parking available, please walk/cycle*

CAROL SINGING BY LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

SINGING FROM THE BARBERETTES

LOCAL TRADERS GIFT MARKET

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

LIGHTS SWITCH ON BY WBC MAYOR

RAFFLE

ALL PROFITS TO WOKINGHAM FOODBANK

Join us to get into the festive spirit





**WOKINGHAM  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

As part of COP28, Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) are inviting young people in the Borough to create a footprint poster to inspire the community and highlight ways in which we can reduce our carbon footprint to help tackle climate change.

Be as creative as you like, draw around the biggest foot in your household and design a poster to show all the different ways in how we can all play our part!

Entries will be judged by WBC and the libraries team in the following age categories:

Age 4-7 years

Age 8-11 years

Age 12+ years

The winner for each age category will win a £20 book voucher!

Please design your poster on an A4 piece of paper and drop it into your local Wokingham Borough library, with your name, age and parent's email address by:

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

Alternatively, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December pop into Wokingham, Lower Earley or Woodley Libraries where you can create your poster.

Winners will be notified by email.

To find out where your nearest library is located visit:  
[www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)



**The Carbon Footprint**



# Festive bling your bike, scooter or yourself!

**We are getting into a festive mood in the My Journey team.**

We would love you to join in by adding some Christmas decorations to your bikes, scooters or yourselves, when you travel to, or from school.

Please send a picture of your festive creations into [MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk) by the 13th December and be in with a chance of winning a £25 Decathlon voucher.

There will also be prizes for the runners-up!



# Donations wanted!

EYFS are in need of more resources! Do you have any of these that you don't need any more? We'd love them in our Nursery and Reception classes!

- Your **recycling!** Boxes, cardboard, tubes, plastic tubs...we make lots of creations out of them!
- Paper, envelopes, stationary** of all shapes, sizes, colours and condition, we love to draw!
- Craft resources** such as paper plates, pipe cleaners, pom poms, sequins...anything crafty!
- Toys** for 5 year olds (please no board games or puzzles!) such as magnetic tiles, k-nex.
- Do you have any **wooden pallets? Logs? Cable drums? Tyres?** We'd love them too!

Anything we don't use will be added to our sale table! Thank you so much for your donations!

# EYFS garden sale!

**When? Every Thursday**

**Where? in the KS1 playground,  
next to EYFS gate.**

**Why? to help us raise money to  
buy more amazing resources**

We have too many of some things, things that are a little young for us, or some resources that are best in a home environment as they are not easy to share!

We would love for you to stop by and make a purchase to help us reach our goal!

# Multi-Sports Holiday Camps



## Christmas Holidays

**Bearwood Primary School**

**Wokingham, RG41 5BB**

**NEW  
VENUE**



NEARLY 200 5 STAR GOOGLE  
REVIEWS

**4 TO 12 YEARS\***

CHILDREN IN FOUNDATION TO YEAR 7

RANGE OF SPORTS  
AVAILABLE EACH DAY

**WEDNESDAY  
TO THURSDAY**  
20TH - 21ST DEC

**9AM - 3PM**  
DROP OFF FROM 8:30

**£25** PER  
DAY

**£44**  
FULL WEEK

[u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps](http://u-sports.co.uk/berkshire-holiday-camps)

  
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