



BEARWOOD NEWS



Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Families

We have had an extremely busy week!

Last week Friday, we had the absolutely fabulous PTA Christmas Fair - with real donkeys included! It was just brilliant. Thank you to our wonderful PTA who are making a huge contribution to creating a strong community feel.

On Sunday evening, some of our choir performed at the Mayor's Christmas Carol Service. It was really special. Our children were so confident. Thank you to their parents for allowing your children to attend, and to Miss Reed and Mrs Haden for helping the children to learn all the songs and accompanying them.

Our KS1 classes got to experience the magic of pantomime at South Hill Park Arts Centre. They had a brilliant time - oh yes, they did!!

Our EYFS children performed their Nativity play to parents. It was really fantastic - every child shone like a star.

Yesterday, we had our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch. It was extra special this year, with the PTA elves and a PTA reindeer to help out!

Our wonderful PTA came back again today to serve refreshments to parents coming to watch their children perform in the Rock Steady Concert. The concert was even more superb than ever. It was just amazing seeing how much the children have developed in confidence as performers. Great team spirit amongst the bands and an edge of rock attitude was clearly evident.

A final year Reading University student teacher, Millie Downes, has started her school experience in Grey Wolf Class, and will be with us until the end of March. I am sure she will enjoy her time with the Bearwood family.

Next week will be the last week before we break up for the Christmas holidays. We have the KS1 Christmas play; class Christmas parties and our attendance medal assembly to look forward to.

Do have a lovely weekend.

Funmi Alder

Headteacher

Value for the term –

Peacefulness



Superstar!



Rafael in Year 5 has recently showed huge kindness and empathy towards a member of the Bearwood community.

Well done Rafael!

If you wish for your child to star in our newsletter. Please send a photo and a brief description of your child's achievements to the school office.

Thank you

Office Notices

Growth Mindset Awards

Fox – Whole Class

Beaver – Dawson & Ellis

Red Kite – Blake

Red Squirrel – Alondra

Dormouse – Shraddha

Badger – Luca

Otter – Rock Steady Group

Grey Wolf - Saffie

Sports Star Awards

Fox – No awards this week

Beaver – No awards this week

Red Kite – Olly

Red Squirrel – Lucien

Dormouse – Advik

Badger – Bella

Otter – Alex

Grey Wolf – Reya



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

LKS2 Winners – Dormouse 1138 points

UKS2 Winners – Otter 664 points



Scientist of the week!

LKS2 – Chris

UKS2 – Joseph



Performers of the week!

Our performers of the week really got us into the Christmas spirit! Akira, Olivia and Mason sang *All I Want for Christmas* with such enthusiasm. The audience couldn't help but move along to the music with smiles on their faces. Thank you for a great performance Akira, Olivia and Mason. You were brilliant!

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

- 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
- Thursday 16th January – 9am – Grey Wolf Class assembly
- Thursday 23rd January – 9am – Otter Class assembly
- Wednesday 29th January – 9am – Reception parents' Drawing Club (writing) workshop
- Thursday 30th January – 9am – Badger Class assembly
- Friday 31st January – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 5th February – Year Six SATs meeting
- Thursday 6th February – 9am – Dormouse Class assembly
- Tuesday 11th February Safer Internet Day – workshop for parents – 9am and 5pm
- Thursday 13th February – 9am – Red Kite Class assembly
- Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – Spring half-term
- Monday 25th February – children return
- Friday 28th February – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
- W/C 10th March – Science Week
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 25th March – 3:45 to 6:15pm – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27th March – 4:30 to 7pm – Parents' Evening
- Friday 28th March – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Wednesday 2nd April – 9:30am – LKS2 production to parents
- Thursday 3rd April – 2pm – LKS2 production to parents
- Friday 4th April – attendance medals assembly
- Friday 4th April – last day of Spring term – school closed at 2pm
- Tuesday 22nd April – children return
- Thursday 24th April – Jewish Passover assembly
- Friday 25th April – 9am – prospective parents' tour
- Thursday 1st May – Sikh Vaisakhi assembly
- Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday
- W/C 12th May – Year Six SATs
- Thursday 27th May – Muslim Eid assembly

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 –93.2%

Fox –90.6%

Beaver –97.4%

Red Kite – 94.3%

Red Squirrel –97%

Dormouse –98.5% - **Winner**

Badger –96.2%

Otter –94.3%

Grey Wolf –95%



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.

£5 for your school PTA

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school PTA

when you buy any real or artificial Christmas Tree from Sheeplands

Mention your school PTA when you join our Friends Club AND not only will they get £5 per tree, but 5% of your spend will be donated to your PTA all year round. Membership is FREE



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Helping your child who self- harms

Join our online workshop with
**Dr Liesse Greene, Clinical
Psychologist**, to understand more
about self-harm and how it affects
young people age 8+.

Learn coping strategies to help
your young person manage their
self-harm.



**SIGN UP TO JOIN
ONE OF THE BELOW:**

**Tuesday
14th January
09:30-11:00**

**Tuesday
21st January
18:00-19:30**

**To book please
email the Mental
Health Support
Team, stating
name of school
your child/young
person attends
and which session
you would like to
join:**

MHSTadmin@wokingham.gov.uk



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Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox

at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

48 hours after their last episode

Cold and Flu-like illness
(including COVID-19)

they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.

Impetigo

their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics

Measles

4 days after the rash first appeared

Mumps

5 days after the swelling started

Scabies

they've had their first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after they started taking antibiotics

Whooping Cough

48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth

Glandular fever

Head lice

Tonsillitis

Threadworms

Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Wokingham Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Helping your Child with Fears and Worries Online Parent Group Programme A Guided Self-Help Approach



Learn coping strategies to help your child manage anxiety.
Is your child between 5-12 years of age and facing difficulties with anxiety?



This group parent programme will enable you to understand what is causing your child's worries and to carry out evidence based, step-by-step practical strategies that you can use at home to support your child in order for them to overcome problems with anxiety.

The programme aims to support parents to work through the accompanying book *Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries: A self-help guide for parents (2nd Edition)*.



Course Outline

- Introductory assessment phone call
- 5 x 90 minute online group sessions on Wednesdays 26th February, 5th, 12th, 19th March and 2nd April, 9:30 - 11:00am.
- Useful handouts for each session.

**To book a place on the course please return completed
referral form circulated with this flyer to:**

MHSTAdmin@wokingham.gov.uk

by 5th February 2025



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Drop Off From 8:30am

6-12 Year Olds to 3pm

£27.50 Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm

£21.50 Per Day



MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

- **Caversham** | Thameside Primary School
- **Arberfield** | Farley Hill Primary School
- **Malenhead** | St Luke's Primary School
- **Reading** | New Town Primary School
- **Windsor** | Hilltop First School
- **Bracknell** | St Margaret's Primary
- **Woodley** | South Lake Primary School
- **Slough** | Claycots School (Townhall Campus)

FOOTBALL CAMPS

- **Bracknell** | Garth Hill College
- **Woodley** | Woodford Park 3G
- **Caversham** | Thameside Primary School
- **Slough** | Claycots School (Townhall)



Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child
UNDER 5

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.



Child
OVER 5

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under fives is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over fives is subsidised by DEFRA.

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