



# Newsletter

## 18th December 2020



[www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk](http://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk)



Well, we have come to the end of the first term of this academic year and the end of 2020. It will certainly be a year we won't forget! In so many respects, we should be grateful that as a school we have been able to maintain much of the normal routine during the last term – with a few tweaks. In spite of having a few bubbles out at different times, we have been able to avoid any spread of Covid in school – thanks to the staff, pupils and parents all following the guidance that has been put in place. Other than for Covid reasons, attendance this term has been very good – over 97% which is above the national average. Everyone should be very proud of this achievement; the resilience and determination in carrying on in spite of difficult times. As a result of this, and the hard work of the staff and pupils, the vast majority of children are making good progress in their learning and any gaps that had developed during the lockdown period are closing rapidly. This is amazing –well done, everyone!

I am sure that we all wish this Christmas that things will go back to 'normal' next year – fingers crossed!

I hope that you all have a safe and happy Christmas holiday.

We look forward to seeing you on 5th January 2021.

Take Care!

Jane Woakes

**Bewdley Primary School App**  
**(for smartphones and tablets and works directly with our school website)**



Enables push notifications to keep updated with important news from school

Adds dates from the school calendar directly on to your own device

Notifications and links to all letters home and newsletters

**How to use the App**

Step 1 - Search for the FREE School News App from your app store

Step 2 - Once you have the app search for Bewdley Primary School

Step 3 - The app will automatically pull through any news, events, images, and links to the letters and newsletters

**You have a choice of options at the bottom of the app page to keep up to date with all our latest news**

- For all out latest news stories
- All events on the website calendar
- Albums – see all our latest photos
- How to contact the school
- More – links to all our newsletters and letters home (choose the letter you wish to view and hold down to follow the link)

**Coming Soon – Emails and a booking system for parents evening via the school app**

- We are developing the app to enable emails to be sent and to book parent's evenings on line via the app

To help with preparations please ensure the school office have the correct first and second email addresses. To update please send your first and second contact email addresses to

[office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)



**New on our BPS website this week! - [www.bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)**

- **Christmas Challenges**

As part of our countdown to Christmas, each year group were setting a challenge to the other year groups –

Photos from the Christmas challenges can be found at –

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&gcatid=1&albumid=96>

- **Christmas Performances**

Photos from our Christmas performances can be seen at -

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=0&gcatid=1&albumid=97>



- **Our Friday Well Done Celebrations**

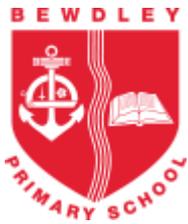
For all the latest details and photographs of our well done awards each Friday

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Well+Done+Awards&pid=172>



### **Christmas Productions and Permissions**

Each of the productions have been released onto YouTube with an 'Unlisted' tag. This means that only people with the link will be able to see the videos and they cannot be searched for publicly. You are, therefore, welcome to send the links to grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins and anybody else who's important to you. However, we do ask that you do not post any of the video on social media.



# BPS 'Eco' Committee



Our School 'Eco' Council are inviting you to take part in a competition to create a new ECO CODE poster. **We have extended the entry date until after Christmas!**

We want a brand-new Eco Code poster that will be displayed around the school to tell everyone what is important to BPS

## What is an ECO CODE?

The Eco-Code is our mission statement. It should demonstrate, in a clear and imaginative way, our school's core values and commitment towards being the best ECO school we can be!

### BPS's Eco Code design needs to contain the following information:

**BPS** shows respect to our environment and appreciates our world.

Encourage plastic-free lunches!

**We** reduce, reuse and recycle our waste.

**Do** switch off lights and turn off taps – be energy wise!

Litter needs to be put in the correct bin.

Eat healthily and get active!

You can all help BPS be the best Eco-friendly school!

## Competition details:

- Create an ECO CODE.
- It can be created either using pen & paper, or on the computer.
- It must include all the points in the box above!
- Either hand it to your teacher or email it to [swoodward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:swoodward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk) before **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**
- The School Eco Council will meet on zoom to select a winner which will be used as our School ECO CODE.

# GOOD LUCK!

### Communication Review

We are currently reviewing and updating all forms of communication and trying to ensure school news is received by everyone. At the moment all correspondence goes to the 1<sup>st</sup> contact on our database. Please can you email the school office with the email of the 2<sup>nd</sup> person who has parental responsibility so that our records can be updated. Please send these emails to [office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)



### Spelling Shed Results

Well done to all those who have been on Spelling Shed this week!

#### Winning class

Rowling

#### Top Five Spellers

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Matthew from Rowling
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Phoebe from Morpurgo
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jack from Morpurgo
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Dylan from Rowling
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Alexis from Morpurgo

Milne are at the top of the leader board this week with 100% success rate!

This week's most improved class is Rowling who have increased their success rate by 26%!

Well done to the children who have taken quizzes this week and have been successful.



Ted (Butterworth) for all your hard work learning your two times tables and for trying so hard in our times tables challenge.

Thomas (Donaldson) for being a super king in our Christmas play and for working so hard these past weeks.

Jonah (Bond) for being an absolute dream! Your sense of humour, academics and you as a person make me so happy you are in my class.

Ella (Milne) for being a very confident, and enthusiastic, singer and angel in our play

Lola (Wilson) for her marvellous literacy work, writing a wonderful wishing tale!

Tom (Dahl) for being our superstar Gabriel and keeping us all entertained always.

Tilly (Blyton) for maturing into a well-organised, hard-working and joyous role model. (and a great singer/dancer too!)

Lacie (Morpurgo) for being such a kind and caring person. You're a joy!

Charlie (Lewis) for being such a happy and positive member of the class.

Ellie-Mae (Rowling) for super sewing skills and focus in lessons to produce a final product.

Sam (Walliams) for his fabulous contributions to our Christmas production. It made the show complete!

Cassidy (Blackman) for sharing his artistic skills with the whole class by being Blackman's 'artistic advisor' - thank you Cass!



### **Congratulations!!!**

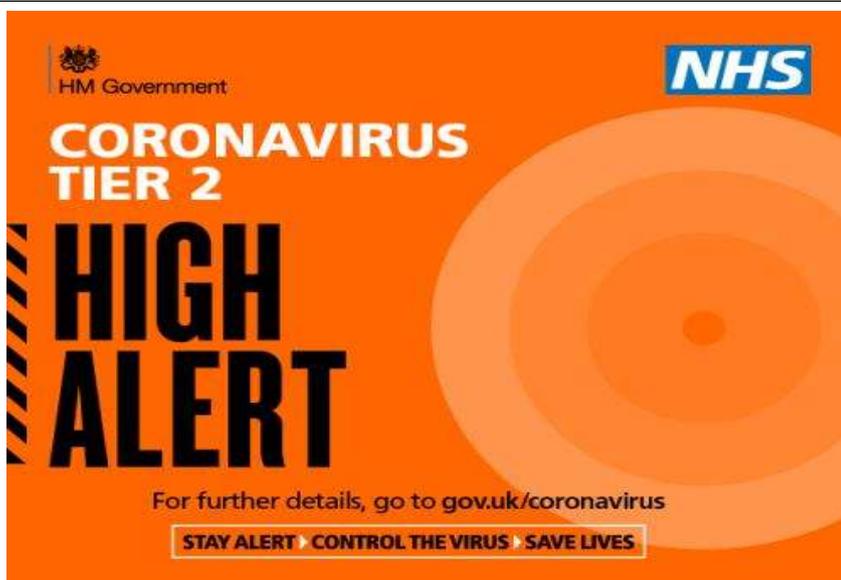
Our Year 2 did really well and finished 3rd overall in the Worcestershire School Games Infant Agility events.

### **Congratulations!!!**

Our Year 3/4 did incredibly well and finished 3rd overall in Worcestershire School Games Primary Pentathlon events.

Many of the Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 children have also been individually awarded a Bronze certificate for their results.

A huge well done to the whole school.



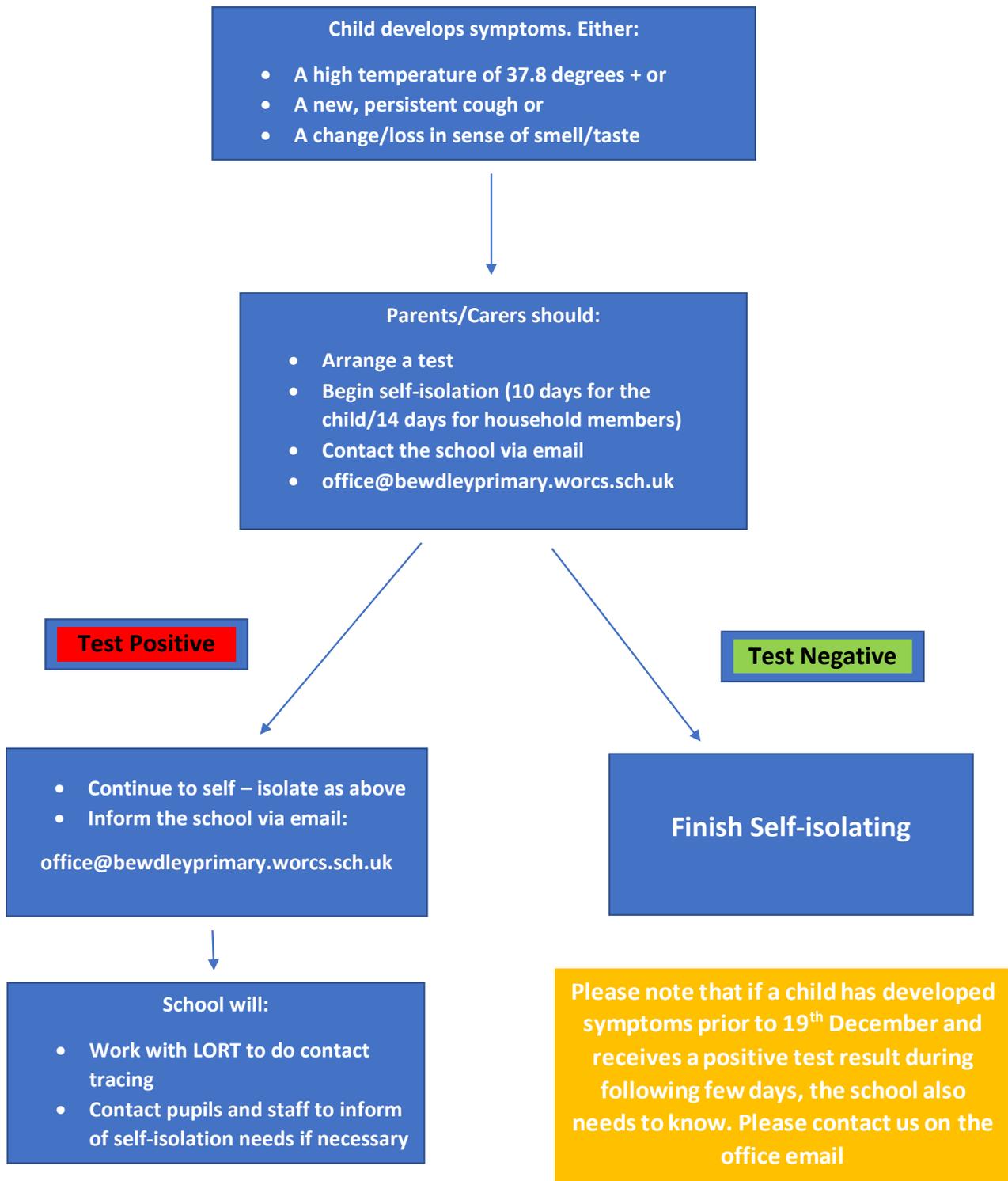
### **Worcestershire remains in Coronavirus Tier 2.**

This is for areas with a higher or rapidly rising level of infections, where some additional restrictions need to be in place.

**For more information and detailed guidance visit:**  
**[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)**

# COVID update for the holidays

We have been advised by the local authority of the actions we need to take if a child or member of staff develops Covid-type symptoms during the weekend of **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December**. As a school, we will need to know if this happens as it may be necessary to do contact tracing of other staff or pupils who have come into contact. Below is a flowchart to explain what you need to do.



## End of the holiday period

There is the possibility that Covid cases will increase after the Christmas period due to increased contact between people during the holiday. In order to prevent cases being brought into school in January, we would be grateful if you could remember the guidance about not sending your child to school if they have any of the three main symptoms or been in contact with anyone with these symptoms.

Thank you and Stay Safe!



### St Anne's Church Nativity

#### **Calling all Shepherds, Angels and Wise Men....**

..... plus their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, guardians, supporters.....

For the past 30 years, St. Anne's Church has held a traditional nativity service on Christmas Eve for young children, parents, carers, grandparents and everyone! Scores of children dress as characters from the nativity scene and act out the events of that first Christmas to the accompaniment of Christmas carols, loudly sung. In this Covid-year, that tradition must be put on hold, but we invite you instead to join us in a re-telling of the familiar story by clicking on the link below:

**<https://www.dropbox.com/s/pn8mmna0npxxolb/The%20Christmas%20Story.mov?dl=0>**

