

Newsletter

12th February 2021

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Its half term next week
School and Nursery reopen to critical workers and vulnerable children on
Monday 22nd February.

To everyone in the Bewdley Primary School community,

This has been a very unusual half term! It started with a training day then, literally overnight, we went into lockdown and remote schooling for the majority of children. This is the third lockdown we've had within twelve months so maybe we should be getting used to them by now, but this has been a tough and scary few weeks all the same. Although it's not quite time to relax yet, we seem to be through the worst of it so I wanted to just pay tribute to everyone's hard work and dedication.

The school staff have again moved mountains to entirely change how school works at the drop of a hat. Accounting for the needs of different children in different contexts - some in school and some at home - has been especially challenging. I know that this has been a very difficult period of time for parents and children as well. Everyone's situation is different but the isolation of lockdown, the challenge of fitting schooling in with working from home, or being directly on the front line as a key worker will all have had an inevitable strain. Parents and children have carried on regardless and made the best of this time. The normally easy has become very difficult but we have gotten through it day by day, week by week and are hopefully getting close to the other side.

Well done and thank you to everyone. We have at least another couple of weeks to get through after half term but I applaud everybody's hard work and resilience. I hope everyone uses the next week to recharge their batteries a little. The end is in sight!

Stay safe,

Martin Saunders
Chair of governors

Spelling Shed Results



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

Winning class

Blyton

Top Five Spellers

1st – **Archie** from Blyton

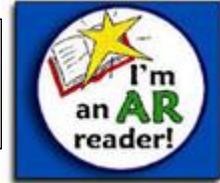
2nd – **Lewis** from Lewis

3rd – **James** from Rowling

4th – **Daniel** from Lewis

5th – **Ellie** from Wilson

Accelerated Reader Results



Class of the week

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

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



Well done everyone – over 100 children took part in this week's challenge!

Congratulations to the boys! (Well done girls, there will be another chance soon!)



The top 5 players from the boys!

Dan P, James G, Josh A, Reuben W, Charlie G

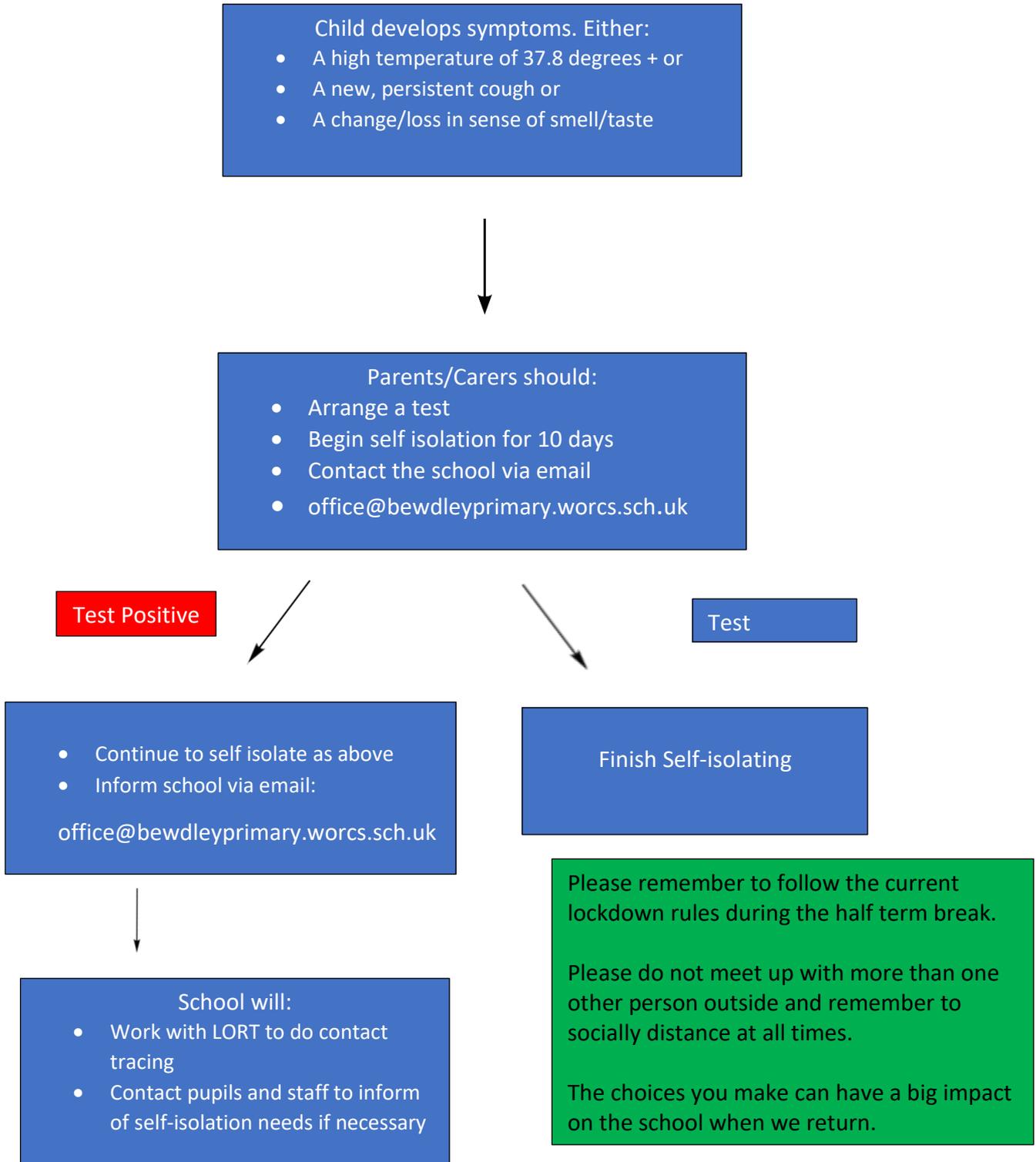
The top 5 players from the girls!

Daisy, Seanah, Ellie W, Imogen W and Georgina

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 symptoms during the weekend of 13th and 14th February. As a school, we will need to know if this happens so that we can do the necessary contact tracing of other staff or pupils who may have come into contact. Below is a flip chart to explain what you need to do.

It is also important that school is informed if your household needs to start isolation at any point during half term so that we know when we can expect your child back in school if they attend as a keyworker or vulnerable child.





To find food and activities for children in your local area visit:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs

Take a look for help getting food, simple recipes and school holiday activity ideas and support.

If you can't find help to feed your child from the Ready, Steady, Worcestershire map, visit [HERE 2 HELP](#) and complete a request for support.

Follow us at [@worschildren](#) [#readysteadyworcs](#)

Remember you can ask your school nurse, health visitor or support worker for help and advice too.



[Supporting your children's remote education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19#what-you-should-expect-for-your-childs-remote-education)

A list of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings is available. We know this is a challenging time for parents, carers and children. Remote ...

www.gov.uk

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19#what-you-should-expect-for-your-childs-remote-education>



Every year group in school have been carrying out a 'Virtual Paralympic Games'. This involved sitting down volley ball, new age kurling, badminton and an obstacle course.

Well done to everyone who took part.





Parking

Whilst we appreciate that it can be very difficult to park in the roads surrounding the school, if all parents could park safely and courteously, when dropping-off or collecting children and avoid causing congestion, this would lower the risk to our children and families. If you do not need to park please use the layby to safely drop off your child/children in the mornings.

The layby remains closed in the afternoon for the safe collection of children especially whilst we all socially distancing

To ensure we create a safe environment outside school, please follow the guidance below

- When arriving by car to school, please leave sufficient time to park safely and legally, alternatively in the morning you can use the layby drop off area.
- Do not park on the double yellow lines, the school keep clear or zig zag markings.
- Do not park half on and half off the road (on the pavement). Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.
- Do not park over dropped pavements at an entrance to a house or garage.

From next week, if you do not park safely you will find a notice on your windscreen made by the children asking you to remember their safety.

Thank you for your co-operation and consideration for making the start and end of the school day safer for all our children.





Children's Book Bundles

Parents and carers of children in Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 can request a bundle of up to 6 books on their child's library ticket to collect from their local library. Whether it's picture books for bedtime stories, easy readers for young children starting their reading journey or non-fiction books for fact-finding missions, library staff will put together a bundle of books based on your requirements.

To order a 'Children's Book Bundle' complete the online form or call the Customer Contact Centre on **01905 822722** (Monday - Friday, 9am – 5pm), this service is available at Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport libraries.

To reserve books you need to be a library member, if you are not already a member, you can join instantly with our **Digital Library Membership**, go to the link below to find out how to get your membership.

Reserve and Collect Service

Customers can still borrow books throughout lockdown using the FREE Reserve and Collect Service. Reserve books online or by telephone and collect from your nearest library. Customers can also continue to download FREE eBooks, eAudioBooks and eMagazines from the digital library.

Customers can request books via the normal online reservation process or by calling the Customer Contact Centre on 01905 822722.



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https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20017/libraries_and_learning/1035/reserve_your_library_books



Free school Meals

Has your work / employment situation changed? You may now be entitled to free school meals for your children. **(If you already receive free school meals you will have received notification about these food vouchers – THIS ADVICE IS FOR NEW FSM CLAIMS)**

During the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak Bewdley Primary School can provide a £15 weekly food voucher to each child who normally receives a free school meal (Please note this is not the Universal Infant Free School Meal provision for Reception and KS1)

Apply online – you can apply on line via the Worcestershire County Council website to see if you are eligible for free school meals – the link is –

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals/2

If this link does not work – log on to the Worcestershire County Council Website - www.worcestershire.gov.uk

Details about the application process when applying online -

If you receive any of these benefits then you may be entitled to Free School Meals:

Universal Credit provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax

1. You **MUST** provide all the information WCC have requested so that they can undertake a benefit check against the relevant benefit departments. **Please list all of your children on this form, even if they attend different schools.** If WCC cannot confirm your entitlement through this process WCC will contact you to provide paper proof of the benefit you receive.

2. If your child/ren are eligible to a free school meal they have the option of not taking this up but **every valid claim will assist your child/ren's school** as it enables them to access the governments pupil premium fund.

3. WCC will send written notification to both you and your child/ren's school with the date provision starts. The date of entitlement starts when WCC receive a valid application and the eligibility is confirmed.

Your claim cannot be backdated and will be reviewed on a regular basis.

If you would like any help / advice from Bewdley Primary School you can email Sally Court or Bev Blank at office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk



Starting well Partnership
EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

Have you got a child aged 0 to 19 years and need to talk to someone?

During this unprecedented time, parents and carers are facing new roles and challenges. Parenting and looking after children at home can be great fun, but it can also be very tough too. Remember you're not alone and our teams are here to support you. If you feel you might need some more support, our teams are on hand to help you.

For more information visit
<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk>

Contact:

Brookside Family Hub—01562 827207 (Monday & Friday)

Half Crown Wood Family Hub— 01299 877920 (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Email: admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk (Monday—Friday)