

# Newsletter

## 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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Following the announcement earlier this week, we are so looking forward to welcoming all our children back from 8th March 2021! Plans are being put in place and we will send you detailed guidance about how we will bring the children back safely by Tuesday morning. Of course, it still won't be back to complete normality as we will need to continue to put in place the bubble system, social distancing and staggering of start and finish times so that we can reduce contact between people as much as possible.

As a heads up, in order that you can begin to make arrangements, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will start at 8:15 am and finish at 2:45pm and years 3 – 6 will start at 8:30 am and finish at 3:00pm. Nursery will continue to start and finish at its current times.

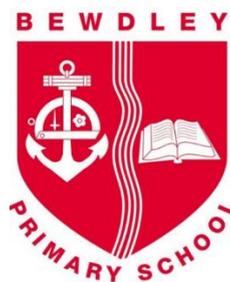
We will be returning to school uniform and are planning to reintroduce hot meals. If you require a school lunch they need to be ordered via Parent Pay by Wednesday 3rd March at the latest. The finer details will be in the guidance. If you require wrap around support through Rascals, you will need to book as soon as possible as this is on a first come first serve basis and places will be limited due to having to keep pupils in consistent small bubbles. Contact us on [rascals@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:rascals@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk) if we can help.

We understand that for many pupils there will be great excitement about a return to school, others may be more anxious. We are mindful of ensuring that we do whatever we can to support our pupils to return to school and begin to get back into the rules, routines and expectations that will be different to those that they have had at home. If you think your child is particularly nervous or unsettled about this, please contact their class teacher and we will do our best to support the transition back over the next week. We will be thinking carefully about how to adapt our curriculum to meet the pupils' needs over the coming weeks.

Although rates of Covid have dropped, they still remain high and it is important that we continue to put in place all the guidance that we have been given. Please make sure that you are wearing face coverings at drop off and pick up, you maintain social distancing between yourself and other adults and do not allow your child to run around. It is not appropriate to stand and chat to others (staff or parents). If you need to speak to a member of staff, please email or call rather than 'catch' them at the gate as this can cause a build-up of people.

If your child is going to be absent from school please telephone or email the school office not the class teacher.

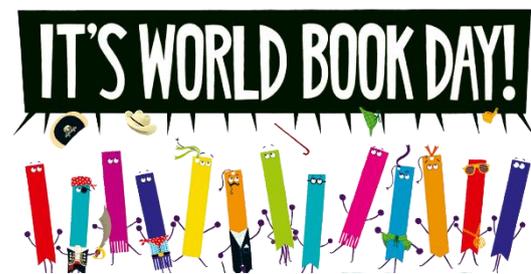
Thank you for your ongoing support!



As you may already know, this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, is World Book Day. But, at Bewdley Primary, we're, not content with just one day so we're kicking off the BPS Book Week on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is Bedtime Stories and we're encouraging children of all ages to sit back, relax and settle down with a good story before they hit the hay! We'll have lots of things going on both at home and in school so look out for all the different activities in your child's year group.



We'll be celebrating bedtime stories old and new on our YouTube channel every evening next week from 5pm. Staff from throughout the school have chosen their favourite picture books to share with you and we'll send you the full schedule to choose from on Monday!



On Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, we'll be celebrating World Book Day with schools around the world!

This year, children in school and at home are invited to spend the day in their pyjamas, if they'd like, to link in with our bedtime story theme! This is instead of the usual fancy dress day but we'll try to find an opportunity to do something similar later in the year when all of the children are in school.



The best thing about World Book Day is, of course, getting free books! This year, you'll be getting your voucher digitally on Monday. The voucher can be redeemed at many supermarkets and bookshops but our friends at Wyre Forest Books will be creating a special display so that you can go and collect your books from them next week! The shop itself isn't open, but they're going to have all the books on display at the entrance so you can go along with your voucher and choose one of the World Book Day books completely free!



Check out the BPS Facebook page on Thursday to enter our World Book Day competition. Will you be able to guess who's behind the mask...??



For Elmer's, we have decided that every day should be PJ day! Each day we will be having 2 bedtime story sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. In these sessions we will cosy on down like its bedtime and share a story. To help us celebrate, we invite all the children to come to Nursery in their favourite pyjamas every day next week. We are also happy for your child to bring a teddy and/ or blanket for the reading sessions. You may even want to bring your dressing gowns for extra comfort!

Children in **Hungry Caterpillars** can come in pyjama's on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

## Spelling Shed Results



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

## Winning class

Dahl

## Top Five Spellers

1st – **Josh D** from Dahl

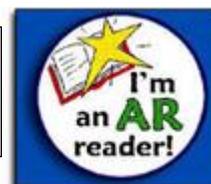
2nd – **Lewis** from Lewis

3rd – **Archie** from Blyton

4th – **Ewan** from Dahl

5th – **Daniel** from Lewis

## Accelerated Reader Results



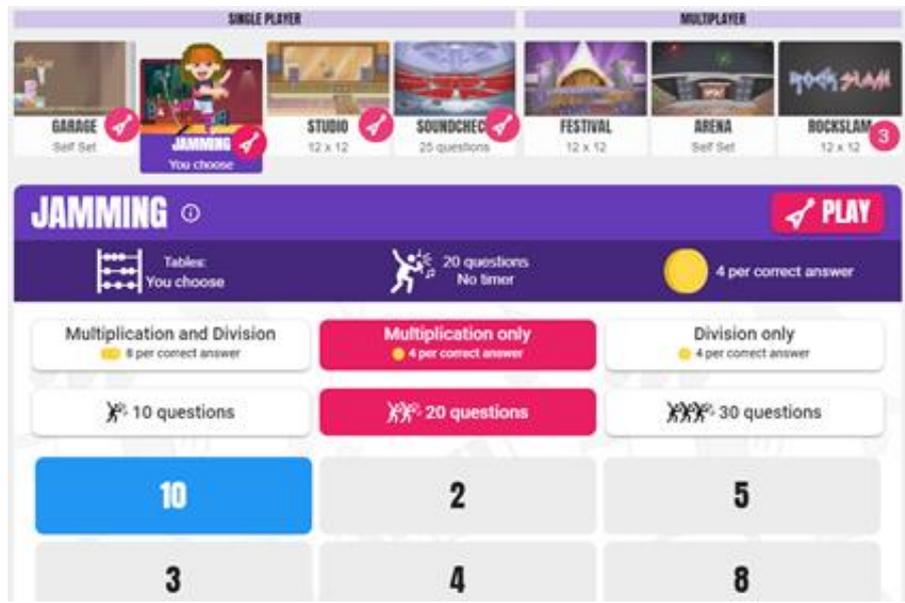
## Class of the week

**Rowling** are at the top of the leader board this week with 92% success rate!

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

## TIMES TABLE ROCK STAR NEWS!

You may have noticed that a brand-new game appeared on TTRS over half term! Jamming is all about choice – you can choose what sorts of questions you want to answer and there is no timer! So, kick back and relax with the most easy-going game on TTRS.



And for our last lockdown tournament, we are giving the girls another chance to show their times table power and beat those boys!

The tournament starts TODAY at 3.30pm until 10 am next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Remember that only points earned between 8 and 8pm count! GOOD LUCK!



**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](mailto:admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk) (Monday—Friday)**

Follow us at @worschildren #readysteadyworcs

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

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

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/readysteadyworcs](http://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.

## 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.**



Get all the latest updates at:  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries)

## 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](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](http://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](mailto:office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk)**

