

Newsletter

5th March 2021

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We have had a lovely few days celebrating Book Week and World Book Day – I hope that you have been able to watch the bedtime stories and take part in the challenges!

We are very excited about all pupils returning to school next week. Congratulations to everyone for getting through this really tough period of time! We have been really impressed by the hard work of pupils working at home and in school. Attendance and punctuality has been excellent.

Please make sure that, before Monday, you have read the guidance that was sent out on Tuesday 2nd March as it contains a lot of important information about the return to school (both for pupils who have been at home and those who have been attending as quite a lot will change).

Here is the link again:

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2669&type=pdf>

We have thought carefully about the activities and arrangements for the next few weeks so that we can ensure that the children have a happy and reassuring start back to school. We understand that it may be difficult to get your child back into the normal school routines but it is important that we do this as quickly as possible. I think it is fair to say that the first week or so may be quite tiring for the children as they come to terms with changes to their routine again. We hope that the weather remains dry so that we can get the children outside as much as possible and we will make sure that the curriculum is varied – we will not be trying to close any gaps in learning at the detriment of the children's health and wellbeing. However, we are planning for further opportunities to provide additional support for pupils after the Easter holidays where this is needed – we will give you further information about this in the coming weeks. We are also hoping to start after school activities and peripatetic music lessons in the Summer Term.

It is important that we follow all the safe practice guidance to keep staff and pupils safe but also to prevent, wherever possible, bubbles having to self-isolate again. The last thing we want is further enforced absence from school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for all the amazing work that you have done with your children over the past few weeks! Put your feet up next week for a bit – if you are able to!!



BPS BOOK WEEK & WORLD BOOK DAY 2021

We hope you have enjoyed this year's BPS Book Week and World Book Day. It was certainly different to our celebrations in the past but no less enthusiastic! Throughout the year, we encourage and promote a love of reading and stories and this is the case from the very youngest children in Hungry Caterpillar's Nursery to the oldest in Year Six. World Book Day is fabulous for bringing children's books into the spotlight but it's the hard work that's put in every single day, both at home and at school, which will ensure that our pupils are lifelong readers. As you may have seen in our social media posts this week, reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator for success in life - more than family circumstances, educational background or income.

Here's a link to our brief guide to supporting children's reading at home and some questions which may help to aid discussion and mirror the 'VIPERS' tools that we use in school from Year 1

upwards. <https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2670&type=pdf>



For those of you who have yet to see our Masked Reader competition, here is the link on our YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/5op2yswzzRk>

For those of you who are ready to be put out of your misery, here are the answers to our Masked Reader competition: <https://youtu.be/L49oQyPGlog>

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading.

Spelling Shed Results



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

Winning class

Lewis

Top Five Spellers

1st – **Lewis** from Lewis

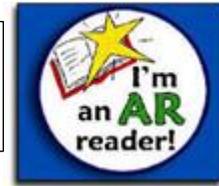
2nd – **Jake** from Dahl

3rd – **Jenson** from Rowling

4th – **Archie** from Blyton

5th – **Daniel** from Lewis

Accelerated Reader Results



Class of the week

Blyton 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.

Rapid flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

On Sunday (28 February), the Government announced that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves for coronavirus twice a week at home.

Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff and adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders can also be tested.

Schools cannot give test kits to parents, carers or household members . Letters containing advice on where to access testing will be made available to parents shortly.



Please remember to contact the school office as soon as possible if your child should be attending and is unable to do so.

It remains very important that children do not attend school if they are unwell, especially if they have a high temperature, a new, persistent cough or have a change in their sense of smell or taste (please note – only one of these symptoms need to be present). If a child does have one of these symptoms they should self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or be tested for coronavirus. It is also important that a child does not attend if a household member has symptoms or is taking a test.

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



Disabled parking

The school area is going to be increasingly busy from Monday, with more children and parents walking children through the school car park to reception and Nursery. In an effort to keep everyone safe can we remind people that the school can only allow blue badge holders known to the school office to use the disabled bays. With only 2 bays it is important that entry is limited. The person who is on duty morning and afternoon at the car park barrier will have a list of people who can enter and will ask people who are not on the list to turn around and park elsewhere. If the parking bays are full you may be asked to park elsewhere if possible or return a short time later. We thank you for your understanding.



EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE

Understanding your child's feelings is a brand new 'taster' online course from the Solihull Approach. This is to support the Mental Health of parents along with the Mental Health and Well-being of children and young people. Please follow the link below to access this course.

<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/parenting-courses>

The free access code is **PARENTSROCK**



Starting Well Wyre Forest: Parenting & Community Team would like to invite you to our top-tips for parents/carers sessions...

Coping with Change

16th March—Coping with change information for under 10 year olds 1—2pm

23rd March—Coping with change information for children age 10 years and over 1—2pm

To receive details on how to join these webinars please contact admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk

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Starting Well Wyre Forest: Parenting & Community Team would like to invite you to our top-tips for parents/carers sessions...

Let's get talking, listening & understanding our children

8th March—Let's get talking, listening & understanding our children – The importance of communicating 11am—12noon

15th March—Let's get talking, listening, understanding our babies/toddlers 11am—12noon

29th March—Let's get talking, listening, understanding our primary age children 11am—12noon

19th April—Let's get talking, listening, understanding our teenagers 11am—12noon

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The Importance of Routines and establishing good sleeping habits

- 12th March—Importance of routines under 10 year olds 10—11am
- 19th March—Importance of routines 10 years and above 10—11am
- 23rd April—Better sleeping habits for under 10 year olds 10—11am
- 30th April—Better sleeping habits for 10 years and over 10—11am

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Sensory Differences

- 9th March—Sensory Differences—Understanding our senses 10—11am
- 23rd March—Sensory Differences—Strategies to support 6-11 year olds 10—11am
- 13th April—Sensory play for 0-5 year olds 1—2pm
- 4th May—Sensory Differences—Strategies to support children 12 years and over 1—2pm

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