



Newsletter

11th June 2021

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As we near the end of another unprecedented school year, it is so lovely to be able to announce that we're celebrating in style this year and really ending it with a bang!

We have a whole range of events and opportunities running throughout July and your child's class teacher will give you more information about specific times and plans as we get closer to the date. All of our plans are in accordance with the current Covid guidance, just in case restrictions aren't amended over the next few weeks.

We're kicking off the month with our Walk to Tokyo launch on 1st July; as a school, we're hoping to walk the full 5934 miles to Tokyo before the start of this summer's Olympics!

The 5th of July marks the start of the BPS Carnival Week! We have been so disappointed that we haven't been able to take part in Bewdley Carnival for the last two years so, on Thursday, 8th July we're going to be having our very own parade on the school field! Unfortunately, parents won't be able to watch the fun first-hand but we'll have lots of videos and photos on our Facebook page and website for you to enjoy.

On Friday, 9th July we'll be having transition sessions for all current BPS pupils to find out who their new teacher is, get to know them a little more and spend time with their new classmates. As we haven't been able to meet as a whole school this year, teachers will be popping in to see their new year groups before the 9th, so that the children can meet all of the teachers that they might be having from September.

The plans for this summer's Olympics may still be a little blurry but we still have our Tokyo Olympics Week to look forward to regardless. We have our opening ceremony on Monday 12th July and then a full week of activities including Challenge Walks, Sports Days, Japanese language and art lessons, martial arts displays and a closing ceremony including a whole school parasol dance performance! Again, due to current restrictions, parents will not be able to take part in these events but our Facebook page and website will be full to the brim with photos and videos of the events. The children also have a performance of the Year 6 production, High School Musical, to enjoy this week too.

You might think that after all that we'll be using the last few days of term to start winding down, but that's not how things work at BPS! We have an incredible prize in the pipeline for this half term's 20 Day Challenge and a whole host of other treats, competitions and challenges in the calendar, all before the term ends on Wednesday 21st!

As you can tell, we're very excited about our upcoming plans and we'll be updating parents and carers over the next few weeks with specific dates and requirements for each year group

Sun Protection Policy

I hope you enjoyed the half term break. We were really lucky with the weather and it has continued to be very pleasant this week. With this in mind, we have updated our Sun Protection Policy which can be found on the school website on this link

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2729>



Next week we will be talking to the children about sun safety and would appreciate your support by reinforcing the following:

- **Please send your child in with a hat**
- **Put a 24 hour high factor sun protection on your child before they leave for school**
- **Set a good example by using suntan lotion yourself when out in the sun**
- **Encourage your child to seek shade during the hottest times of the day**
- **Send in a water bottle every day**

Further information can be found in the policy.

School Guidance

Can I please ask that everyone continues to follow the guidance around social distancing, face coverings, getting your child tested if they develop one of the three symptoms and the one way system. Currently, school advice remains unchanged and we are still being asked to follow the guidance. As soon as this guidance changes, we will let you know. There are further reminders in the newsletter this week.

Holidays during school term

With regard to holidays during term time, the government rules remain the same. I appreciate that many of you are desperate for a holiday after such a challenging year and are concerned about availability and costs during the school holidays. However, the children have already had a very disruptive year and we are strongly discouraging term time absence. Absence can only be authorised in very special circumstances otherwise they are recorded as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences of 5 days or more may result in a fine.

New Challenge

The new challenge for the next 20 days is focussing on our 'Ready' rule. We will be rewarding children who show great readiness to learn with a flag and aim to achieve 2000 flags in 20 days to get a whole school reward. I am asking the children to show readiness by getting up early, having breakfast, being well prepared with the right clothing for the day and everything they need – such as a healthy snack and water bottle, being ready to listen to the teacher at the start of every lesson and getting started straight away. We would appreciate your encouragement of this organisation at home – I hope it may make mornings a little less stressful! If your child has been particularly well organised and prepared, please let the class teacher know via email or Tapestry so we can give them a shoutout!

Bewdley Primary School
Start and end times for September 2021

Having found the staggered start and finish times during the last year very effective in reducing the number of cars parked along the road, we have decided to keep this to a certain extent in the new academic year. We hope these times will keep any waiting times between key stages to the minimum and reduce congestion outside the school.



Morning drop off times

8.25am – 8.35am Reception and Key stage 1

The school gates will open at 8.20am. The classroom doors will close at 8.35am. If you arrive after 8.35am you will have missed the register and will need to enter school via the school office to register your child.

8.35am – 8.45am Key Stage 2

The classroom doors and school gate will close at 8.45am. If you arrive after 8.45 am you will have missed the register and will need to enter school via the school office to register your child.

These are our start and collection times from September 2021. We have taken into consideration our increased number of children and the need to stagger times to limit the number of families arriving at the same time. We also want to avoid a clash with the high school times.

We would encourage families to use the drop facility via the school layby wherever possible and for older siblings to take their younger siblings to their class before going to their class entrance. We will make sure that a member of staff continues to monitor the layby and gate.



End of school day times

3.00pm Reception and Key Stage 1

3.10pm Key Stage 2

Our older children are encouraged to arrange a meeting place outside school to reduce the number of parents on the school grounds,



Reminders

Please remember our restrictions to reduce the spread of Covid have not changed.



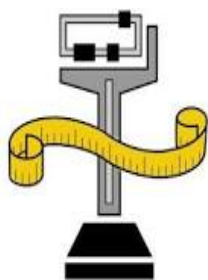
Face Masks

Face masks should still be worn when coming onto our school grounds or waiting outside school.



To reduce bubbles mixing

Keep your children next to you when collecting / waiting for your children. Do not let them run around or ride their scooters or bikes until they have left the school premises, this includes the school lay by.



Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight
Monday 28th June and Tuesday 29th June

A letter with details has already been sent home with your child.



Year 6 Leavers photograph

Tuesday 15th June

Reception to Year 5 - Individual school photographs

Tuesday 22nd June

Can children come to school in school uniform wearing their best smile!

Spelling Shed Results

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

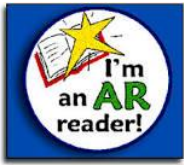
Winning class

Morpurgo

Top Five Spellers

- 1st – Lily from Morpurgo**
- 2nd – Bobby from Bond**
- 3rd – Nonin from Lewis**
- 4th – Archie from Walliams**
- 5th – Theo L from Milne**





Accelerated Reader Results

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

Class of the week

Bond are at the top of the leader board this week with 88% success rate!

This week's most improved class is **Wilson** who have increased their success rate by 30%!

AR Millionaires

Well done to **Lacey S, Jacob P and Jack H** for joining the millionaire's Club for reading more than one million words since September!

AR Double Millionaires

Well done to **Evie L** for joining the double millionaire's Club for reading more than two million words since September!

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ORDER BY
31 JULY
TO ENSURE
DELIVERY
FOR THE
NEW TERM

Good news! Marks & Spencer will be offering a fantastic 20% off all uniform on the M&S Your School Uniform website. This will run from **29th June 2021 to 3rd August 2021**. Follow the link to their website, www.mandsyourschooluniform.com

Personalised uniform just for you
Your school crest and colours
M&S quality and durability you can trust