



Newsletter

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BPS Fest kicks off in style next week with our Carnival Week. All of the year groups will be parading around the school field, on Thursday 8th July, singing and dancing as they go!

We'll ensure that lots of photos and videos appear on our website and Facebook page so that you can see how fabulous all of the

The next day, on Friday, 8th July, all children who are currently at BPS will be joining their new teacher and classmates for some 'getting to know you' activities.



The following week is Tokyo Olympics Week and is probably the busiest of the term, with so much going on! We have a whole range of activities taking place in school that week. Please check below for any specific arrangements for your child's year group. **Further details about the Challenge Walks will be coming to you from your child's class teacher directly, via Tapestry or email.**

For Sports Day, children need to come into school wearing their usual school PE kit (including a white t-shirt). They'll then be given bibs for their house teams in school.

For the Challenge Walks, children should wear weather-appropriate sportswear and sturdy shoes or trainers. They will all need a packed lunch (including a refillable water bottle) in a backpack.

	Date	Event	What to wear and bring
Elmer's Nursery	Monday 12 th July	Challenge Walk	Please wear shoes that are suitable for sports
	Tuesday 13 th July	Sports Day	
Reception	Wednesday 14 th July	Challenge Walk	Weather-appropriate sportswear, refillable water bottle & packed lunch in a rucksack
	Tuesday 13 th July	Sports Day	School PE kit including a white t-shirt and trainers
Year 1	Monday 12 th July	Sports Day	School PE kit including a white t-shirt and trainers
	Thursday 15 th July	Challenge Walk	Weather-appropriate sportswear, refillable water bottle & packed lunch in a rucksack
Year 2	Monday 12 th July	Sports Day	School PE kit including a white t-shirt and trainers
	Thursday 15 th July	Challenge Walk/Rhydd Covert	Weather-appropriate sportswear, refillable water bottle & packed lunch in a rucksack
Year 3	Monday 12 th July	Challenge Walk	Weather-appropriate sportswear, refillable water bottle & packed lunch in a rucksack
	Wednesday 14 th July	Sports Day	School PE kit including a white t-shirt and trainers
Year 4	Wednesday 14 th July	Sports Day	School PE kit including a white t-shirt and trainers
	Thursday 15 th July	Challenge Walk	Weather-appropriate sportswear, refillable water bottle & packed lunch in a rucksack
Year 5	Wednesday 14 th July	Challenge Walk	Weather-appropriate sportswear, refillable water bottle & packed lunch in a rucksack
	Friday 16 th July	Sports Day	School PE kit including a white t-shirt and trainers
Year 6	Wednesday 14 th July	High School Musical Leavers Production – Parents have already been notified of arrangements for this event	
	Friday 16 th July	Sports Day	School PE kit including a white t-shirt and trainers
	Monday 19 th July	Challenge Walk	Weather-appropriate sportswear, refillable water bottle & packed lunch in a rucksack

At Bewdley Primary, we pride ourselves on giving children fabulous opportunities that will ensure their time at primary school is as memorable and enjoyable as possible. At a time when there is lots of uncertainty, we feel particularly lucky that our staff are so dedicated to ensuring these events are able to continue.

We know that the topic of Sports Days and parents' attendance has been in the press and on social media recently and we felt that it was important to explain why the majority of our Summer events are only possible this year due to strict risk assessments being in place which, unfortunately, cannot include parents and carers as spectators. This decision has not been made lightly but having had a positive case in school this week we feel that it is the right thing to do at this time.

DfE guidance is clear that it is the responsibility of schools to risk assess their sports day plans and decide what is feasible within the current restrictions. As you can see from the action-packed timetable above, we aren't able to have one day dedicated to Sports Day and, for those of you familiar with our traditions, we are unable to have a whole-school picnic in the middle of the day.

Our Sports Day has a mixture of events, from the ever-competitive sprint finals to the much-loved leaky water race. To help with the organisation on the day, these are set up as round-robin events and classes or house teams travel around the activities. All of the equipment will need to be cleaned after every use, to ensure that there's no cross over between bubbles. With 15 classes, it would therefore be impossible to be able to do this in one day, hence the split into key stages instead.

Bubbles of 30 spectators are allowed under DfE guidance which would allow for 1 spectator per child. However, to ensure that the bubbles did not clash or mix during the round-robin events, spectators would either need to be sat down throughout or we would, again, need 15 separate sports days.

Some parents have found it difficult to follow the guidance in school or have disagreed with the restrictions that are in place whilst dropping off or collecting their child on a daily basis. We are therefore uncomfortable that the same would occur during these additional events. We also do not feel it would be fair to ask our staff to, therefore, act as Covid marshals or to take unnecessary risks. In addition to this, we would not be able to provide appropriate public toilet facilities whilst adhering to safeguarding guidance too.

We appreciate that it is frustrating, particularly as thousands of spectators are currently flocking to sports fixtures around Europe. However, we are not responsible for the safety and wellbeing of those adults who make the decision to attend these events. We must therefore put the safety of our pupils and staff first.

We have two events which are going ahead with parents and carers attending. The first is our Nursery Graduations which are being held outside and are being split over 4 days. The other is our Year 6 end of year production. Both of these events are for one year group at a time, outdoors, pre-booked, ticketed, seated and with strict social distancing measures in place.

We know that many parents love the annual Sports Day and are disappointed that they won't be a part of it. However, the children are still able to take part in and enjoy these events because of the controls that are in place. We have over 470 children taking part in the carnival on Thursday and Sports Days and Challenge Walks the following week. They will also be watching the Year 6 production, High School Musical, have a whole school reward in the last few days of term and, spoiler alert, have a class party too!

In 2020, the majority of pupils in this country missed out on the traditional end of year events. We are so pleased that we are still able to offer our pupils so many fantastic opportunities to make memories with their friends over the next few weeks. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who continue to support us throughout these tricky times and we are all looking forward to when things can start getting back to 'normal'.

Staff structure for September 2021

In the next two weeks, we will be giving the children the opportunity to meet their new teacher.

There are one or two changes for next year, so I have set out below an overview of the classes and the teachers who will be teaching these classes for your information.

Year Group	Class	Teacher	Phase Leader
Elmer's Nursery	Elmers	Miss. M. Hinton	Mrs. J Haynes
Reception	Inkpen	Mrs. L. Tench/Miss. J. Owen	
Reception	Dodd	Mrs. K. Trow	
Year 1	Donaldson	Mrs. J. Haynes/Mrs. R Walter	Mr. W. Pritchard
Year 1	Inkpen	Miss. B. Ward	
Year 2	Bond	Mr. W. Pritchard	
Year 2	Milne	Mr. J. Morris	
Year 3	Potter (Name change – see below)	Mrs. S. Page/Mrs. R Walter	Mrs. M. Hares
Year 3	Dahl	Miss. K. Stevens	
Year 4	Blyton	Mrs. M. Hares/Mrs. A. Brazier	
Year 4	Morpurgo	Mr. W. Fallows	
Year 5	Lewis	Miss. C. Jones	Miss. A. Bradley
Year 5	Rowling	Miss. C. Evans	
Year 6	Carroll (Name change – see below)	Miss. A. Bradley/Mrs. A. Brazier	
Year 6	Blackman	Mrs. S. Woodward	

As you will see, there are some new names (highlighted) and a few names missing. At the end of the summer term, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Field and Mr. Cottrill. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Field are retiring and looking forward to new adventures away from school life, and Mr. Cottrill is beginning his new challenge at a new school closer to home. All three teachers have worked at BPS for several years and, whilst we are sorry to see them go, we know that they are really looking forward to the opportunities ahead.

We have appointed two new teachers – Miss. Evans in Year 5 and Miss. Owen in Reception. In Reception, we will have three teachers, 4 days a week to ensure a smaller child to teacher ratio. Mrs. Haynes will continue as Early Years Lead but will be teaching in Donaldson 3 days a week with Mrs. Walter continuing to do the other two days.

Wilson is changing their class name to Potter (Beatrix Potter) and Walliams are changing their name to Carroll (Lewis Carroll and Emma Carroll). The reason for this is that we like to promote the class author with the children in that class and use their texts to support the learning as well as ensuring that they are well-known and popular. Jacqueline Wilson is a great author but the vast majority of her books are more suitable for the older pupils in school and are not used with the Year 3 pupils. David Walliams is a really popular author with children but, again, we do not use these texts with the children in Year 6. Mrs. Page has chosen Beatrix Potter to rename the class as she feels that she can use more of these texts at the start of Year 3 and Miss. Bradley regularly reads books by Emma Carroll (Letters from the Lighthouse, Secrets of the Sun King) with Year 6 as well as using extracts from Lewis Carroll (Alice in Wonderland/Jabberwocky). We hope this won't cause too much confusion!!

Covid update

We have had a positive case of Covid in school and have had to close a partial bubble.

Reminder about symptoms, testing and isolation.

It remains very important that children do not attend school if they are unwell, specifically 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. Please remember to let the school know if your child should be attending and is unable to do so.



The following links provide excellent information regarding testing and self isolation.

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2684&type=pdf>

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2683&type=pdf>

Booking a PCR Test

Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) by visiting

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You can order a PCR test kit to be sent to your home or book an appointment at a walk-in or drive-through test site.

If you have symptoms, you and everyone you live with must immediately [self-isolate](#). Do not leave home until you get your test results, except to post a test kit or for a PCR test appointment.

You should not use this service if you've received a positive PCR test result in the last 90 days, unless you develop any new symptoms.

Rapid Lateral Flow Tests

Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms. **The lateral flow tests are used in people who don't have symptoms.** These tests are trying to find people who may have no symptoms but are infectious.

This type of test is very good at identifying people who have lots of the virus, and are infectious on the day, but isn't as good at finding the virus in people who aren't infectious yet (i.e. early in the infection), so they are a kind of spot check test.

The PCR tests are better at finding very small amounts of the virus, especially early in infection, so these are used primarily in people who have symptoms.

Spelling Shed Results

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

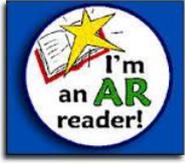
Winning class

Morpurgo



Top Five Spellers

- 1st – **Ben S** from Morpurgo
- 2nd – **Harry** from Milne
- 3rd – **Lucy** from Butterworth
- 4th – **Riley B** from Blyton
- 5th – **Harry** from Bond



Accelerated Reader Results

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

Class of the week

Blackman are at the top of the leader board this week with 77% success rate!

This week's most improved class is **Bond** who have increased their success rate by 3%!