



Newsletter
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Please note children do not need to wear school uniform next week.

Covid 19 restrictions from Monday 19th July

As you will be aware restrictions nationwide will be changing on Monday 19th July.

As a school we must continue with our current school restrictions as per advice and guidance from Public Health. Therefore, everyone is asked to continue 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. We will continue to have bubbles within school and must continue to close bubbles if necessary.

As soon as this guidance changes, we will let you know.



Change to school uniform

From September children will be allowed to wear black trainers instead of school shoes if they wish. Please note they must be **black** and **not canvas or pumps**.



Trainers can be less expensive than school shoes and are much more practical and comfortable for playing outside.

Children can wear their PE kits on PE days and Forest School clothes on their Forest School days. This means they will not be wearing school shoes everyday, so instead of spending money on school shoes which can be very expensive parents have the option of buying a good pair of trainers for school which can be worn every day.



Hoodies

We have asked our uniform supplier Marks and Spencer to supply hoodies with our school logo on and we will let you know when you are able to order them via the Marks and Spencer website. We hope to have them available to order by September.



School Lunches

We will be welcoming our new caterers to school in September. School Lunches will be provided by the kitchen staff from St Anne's Primary School in Bewdley.

During the summer holidays we will be investing in new equipment for our kitchen to enable some of the food preparation and cooking to be done on site.

Every day there will be main or vegetarian meal and an alternative choice of a filled jacket potato or a sandwich plus a salad bar and fresh bread. The meal price is £2.20. Please share the menu with your child and let them choose their meals. Remember to order you meal via Parent Pay even if you do not have to pay for it by the previous Friday.

Here is the link to our September menu which is on our school website –

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2751&type=pdf>

High School Musical



The Year 6 children absolutely smashed it last night with the most incredible performance of High School Musical. In a year that's been full of unprecedented situations, our first ever open-air production was an overwhelming success and we're so glad the children were able to perform in front of a live audience. Year 6 were enthusiastic, energetic and animated throughout, so congratulations to all of our performers.

Without the commitment, enthusiasm and perseverance of our staff, these kind of events would not be possible so thank you to everyone who went the extra mile to give our leavers this opportunity. We'd also like to thank P-F Productions who came to the rescue and sorted out all the technical requirements to ensure the children could be heard across the field.

Here are a few photos from the dress rehearsal - more can be found on our school website.

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/gallery/?pid=116&gcatid=4&albumid=105>

20 Day Challenge Reward!

As a result of the children absolutely smashing their 20 Day Challenge and earning well over the target of flags, all of the children are invited to join in with our Bouncy Castle Day on Wednesday 21st July!



For your child to take part in this event, we require parental permission beforehand. A text link will be sent for you to do so.



Sunflower competition results



You may remember that when we returned back to school after Easter, each class was given 2 sunflower seeds to plant and nurture. It's fair to say that some fared better than others! Congratulations to Walliams' sunflower, 'Hakuna', which grew to a whopping 172 centimetres but a special mention goes to Dahl's sunflower, 'Sunshine', which was only 10 millimetres shorter. As part of our eco commitments, each class will be looking after plants in their classroom from the start of the autumn term.

Covid update

We have had positive cases of Covid in school and have had to close 2 bubbles this week.

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

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.