

**Newsletter**  
**22nd October 2021**  
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**School and Nursery reopen on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

What a half term! We so desperately wanted to get back to normal in September and, whilst we anticipated that it wouldn't quite be completely normal, we did not expect the upheaval we have had and, to be quite honest, this half term has been far tougher than previous ones throughout the pandemic.

At one point we had over 55 children off with Covid. This has dropped but since the third week in up until today we have regularly had equivalent to a class full of children out with Covid and many others being tested or off with other illnesses. We have had many staff who have had Covid as well and several whose illness continued well after the isolation period – two having to go to hospital due to the ongoing effects of the illness. This has resulted in well over 100 days of staffing lost due to Covid.

This has meant a lot of disruption to learning with children in and out, bubble closures and the need to swap staff around in order to keep other bubbles open. Thank you for your patience – we know that it has been very difficult for you and your children. I appreciate the constant phone calls, letters and requests to get a PCR have really tested this patience and I can honestly say that we have been just as frustrated. I would like to say a big thank you to the staff who have had to give up lunchtimes to cover for absence, be moved around at short notice and cover for other staff doing extra hours when asked. There are also staff who have returned from Covid after their isolation period has finished but when they really weren't that well so that we could maintain appropriate staffing levels.

I feel that I keep saying that we hope that next half term will be a little smoother but, so far, this hasn't happened BUT we have to remain hopeful and I am sure after a week's rest we will be raring to go again.

I hope you all have a lovely break, avoid any other illness and manage to have some peace and quiet. We look forward to seeing you at the beginning of November.

### **Parents' Evening**

We are organising Parents' Evening for KS1 and KS2 pupils in the first and second weeks after the half term break. The ideal situation is to have face to face meetings in school but we need to monitor cases at the end of the half term holiday and be advised by the Local Outbreak Response Team. Therefore, at the beginning of the week back we will let you know if the face to face meetings can happen in some form or whether we will have to move to ZOOM or telephone meetings. Please keep an eye out for messages regarding signing up for a slot straight after half term.



## Bewdley Primary Spooky Spectacular themed Children in Need Day and Film night

**More information  
to follow soon.**



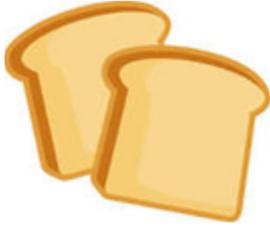
Thank you to everyone who has emailed the school office the results of any PCR tests that children have received. This is really helpful for ourselves and the Local Outbreak Response Team in tracking the cases of covid within school.

If you are currently waiting for results or if your child has a PCR test during the holidays please can you email the result, positive or negative to the school office email, [office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk) . This will help give us a picture of what is happening when we re-open after half term.

Please remember that the symptoms to look out for are;

- High temperature/fever
- Dry persistent cough
- Change/loss in sense of taste/smell
- Abdominal pain/tummy ache
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle ache
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath

In the meantime, we hope you have a safe and enjoyable half term.



# TOAST

(November 1<sup>st</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>)

Orders for a piece of toast for morning break for the next half term can be made from Monday 18th October.

Orders can be made via Parentpay and must be made for the complete half term. The cost for the 7 weeks will be £10.50 (£1.50 per week)

**Orders will be accepted until 11am on Sunday 31st October.** No orders will be accepted after this date. If you require any further information please contact the school office.

## School Applications

If your child is due to start school in Reception during the school year 2022/23, the closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

If your child is due to move to secondary school in September 2022, the closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

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