

**Newsletter**  
**12<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
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It was lovely to welcome parents and carers back into school this week to have personal face to face conversations. We are looking forward to the next Parents'/Carers' Evening next week.

We have also enjoyed being able to have assemblies in the hall again and, although we have split Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for these, it feels much more like a school community when we can get together in this way. Fingers crossed we can keep cases down and be able to continue with these and other events.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week 'One Kind Word' which you will have received separate information about. The key messages are about being kind, accepting everyone's differences and what we can do if someone is unkind to us or others.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs. Samsudin today who has left today to be closer to her family. She will be missed by us, particularly the children in Year 2, and we wish her well for the future.

This term the children are being given a new 30 day challenge, leading up to a whole school treat at the end of term. Their challenges are:

- To use the Highway Code in our corridors
- To be kind and respectful to other children and adults during lunchtime
- To always do their best – try their hardest – in their learning
- To remember water (and only water) to drink in class

We have discussed these challenges in assembly and related them to our Ready, Respectful and Safe rules along with healthy eating and drinking. Please support us by encouraging your child and by asking how they are getting on. Some of you will be receiving 'Above and Beyond alerts' where children demonstrate great examples of rising to these challenges.

# BPS Anti-Bullying Week 2021



Next week, Bewdley Primary is taking part in Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word' and the whole school will be working together to remember that kindness is more important today than it has ever been. We'll be reminding the children that small acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

As part of this week, we're taking part in Odd Socks Day on Monday 15th November. All the children need to do is wear odd socks to school (with usual school uniform/PE kit) and we'll do the rest!

As we are collecting for Children in Need at the end of the same week, we won't be asking for donations – just your support. If you're concerned about bullying, head over to the Anti-Bullying Alliance website which has a dedicated page for parents.

Subjects include:

- How can I help my child if they are being bullied?
- My child has been accused of bullying
- I'm worried about cyber-bullying
- Spotting the signs my child is being bullied

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parent>

# Parent's Evening

Thank you to those who attended our Parent's Evening this Thursday for Years 1-6. We have another one next **Tuesday 16th November**. If requested, you should now have received a time for Parents'/Carers' evening next Tuesday. If you haven't yet made a request, it is not too late to do so – please email your child's class teacher. These are In-Person appointments but if you would rather have a telephone conversation with your child's teacher, please email them to arrange an appointment for an alternative time.

To support the organisation of the evening, we would ask that you follow the guidance below:

- Please enter through the main school doors
- Sign in on the class sheet which will be on a table in the entrance area. Please cross out your name when you leave (this is for fire safety reasons so we know is on site at any time)
- Please keep the number of visitors to a minimum (unless prior arrangements have been made). Ideally, you should not bring your children with you
- Please do not arrive early – there are limited waiting areas outside the classrooms
- If the spaces outside the classes are full, there will be chairs in the hall available after 4:15pm where you can wait until your appointment time
- Staff have been asked to stick rigorously to the allotted 10 minutes so that there is not a backlog of parents/carers waiting. Please do not be offended if they tell you that the time has expired. Should there be more things to discuss a separate meeting can be made at another time
- We advise the use of face coverings whilst moving around school or waiting for appointments
- Staff will not wear face coverings but will arrange seating so that appropriate distancing can be maintained. The rooms will be ventilated
- Children's exercise books will be kept in the classroom so the class teacher can refer to these if necessary

Parents should contact their child's teacher by email (see contacts on the next page) and let them know which time slots they'd prefer. Teachers will aim to get back to you with your specific appointment within 2 working days. The slots will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis so please email back quickly if your choices are limited! If you're trying to arrange multiple appointments, please mention it at the time of emailing and we'll do our best to liaise together.

**Please specify which day and time slots you would prefer. Once your child's teacher has received your preferences, they'll email you back with a specific 10-minute time.**

<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>5.00 – 5.30</b>
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<b>8.00 – 8.30</b>

We'll do our best to accommodate everybody's preferences but please bear with us whilst we try to sort it all out! If you have any further questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Year 1 – Donaldson – Mrs Haynes & Mrs Walter	<a href="mailto:ihaynes@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">ihaynes@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:rwalter@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">rwalter@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 1 – Butterworth – Miss Ward	<a href="mailto:eward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">eward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 2 – Bond – Mr Pritchard	<a href="mailto:wpritchard@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">wpritchard@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 2 – Milne – Mr Morris	<a href="mailto:jmorris@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">jmorris@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 3 – Potter – Mrs Page	<a href="mailto:spage@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">spage@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 3 – Dahl – Miss Stevens	<a href="mailto:kstevens@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">kstevens@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 4 – Blyton – Mrs Hares	<a href="mailto:mhares@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">mhares@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 4 – Morpurgo – Mr Fallows	<a href="mailto:wfallows@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">wfallows@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
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Year 5 – Lewis – Miss Jones	<a href="mailto:cjones@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">cjones@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 6 – Blackman – Mrs Woodward	<a href="mailto:swoodward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">swoodward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>
Year 6 – Carroll – Miss Bradley	<a href="mailto:abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk">abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk</a>



## LEGO Club

LEGO club needs more LEGO. If you have any LEGO that is no longer required, and are willing to donate it to school, please leave it with the school office.

# Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

# SPOOKY SPECTACULAR!



BBC

## Children in Need

On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, all children are invited to come into school wearing fancy dress in aid of BBC Children in Need and our theme this year is 'Spooky Spectacular'! Children do not have to dress up if they'd rather not, they can come in normal non-uniform. Please ensure that all costumes and face paints are appropriate for primary school!

To donate to BBC Children in Need, follow this link to our donations page as we continue to strive to be a cashless school. The donations page is linked to ParentPay but they do not make any profit from the transactions.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4425>

# MOVIE NIGHT

### Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Children are invited to a mini-movie night after school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November to watch a collection of short, animated films, with age-appropriate Halloween themes, and includes a drink and snack. Collection is at **4pm** from your child's usual end of the day pick-up point.

Tickets cost £4 and can be booked using ParentPay.

*Please note, this will go towards school funds, not Children in Need.*

**Tickets are not limited but must be booked by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November to avoid disappointment.**



### Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Children are invited to a movie night after school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November to watch *The Witches* and includes a drink and snack. Collection is at **5:15pm** from your child's usual end of the day pick-up point. Children will not be allowed to walk home alone and must be collected by an adult.



Tickets cost £5 and can be booked using ParentPay. *Please note, this will go towards school funds, not Children in Need.*

**Tickets are not limited but must be booked by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November to avoid disappointment.**

# Year 4 And Year 6 (Current Year 5) Residential Trips

We would like to invite you to a parents' information evening on Thursday 25th November in the school hall, to find out more about the Year 4 Manor Adventure and Year 6 Arete trips we have scheduled for next year.

It will be an opportunity for you to come along and hear all about what the trips entail, payments and more!

**Year 6 Arete Trip meeting – 5.30pm**

**Year 4 Manor Adventure meeting – 6.00pm**

Both meetings will be held in the school hall.

We kindly ask that there is no more than one parent per household at the meeting and that masks are worn and social distancing guidance is adhered to wherever possible. Please feel free to bring your child to the meeting so we can all get excited together!



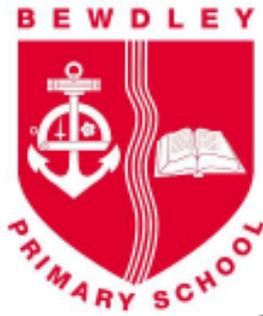
## Times Tables we are learning this week:

**Key Stage 1 – 2 times tables**

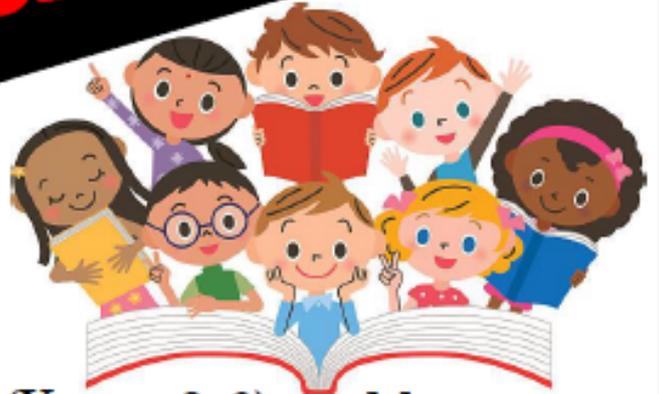
**Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3/4) – 3 times tables**

**Upper Key Stage 2 – 8 times tables**





# Book Reviewers Wanted!



**Are you in Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) and have recently read a book that you think other readers in school *need* to know about? If so, we need you to be part of the first ever BPS Reading Newsletter!**

Your book review needs to be about a paragraph long and must explain to the reader why you're recommending the book. Give some details about the plot but don't give away the ending – no spoilers, please!

We can't promise that everybody's review will make it to the final newsletter but we'll try to include as many as possible. If lots of children review the same book then we'll try to merge them all together! (It might be worth steering clear of the obvious choices like David Walliams, Diary of a Wimpy Kid or Tom Gates, if you don't want to share a book review!)

It's not a competition so if mums and dads want to give children a hand with the review, then that's fine – we're reviewing the book, not the children's writing! It can be a book that you're reading at home as a family or one you've read independently.

We're hoping to get the newsletter out in time for Christmas lists as Father Christmas might be interested in some of the recommendations, so all reviews need to be with Miss Bradley by Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. You can email them to [abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk) or give them to her in Carroll class if that's easier.

# Introducing...



# Freckle

by Renaissance



As part of Bewdley Primary's Covid catch-up plan, Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) have started using an exciting new online learning platform to help with maths skills, called Freckle! Freckle.com is accessible from PCs, mobile phones and tablets, so we're hoping that the majority of our students will be able to access Freckle at home.

There are two main parts to Freckle. For Year 4-6 they're called Practise and The Rucksack and on the Year 3 Freckle platform it is referred to as Maths and Teacher.

The Practise section is pupil led, allowing the children to choose the different areas of Maths they would like to work on. Freckle continuously adapts to each child's individual skills so questions given are targeted and allow children to make progress, as well as recap on prior learning, if necessary. Children are welcome to play on this as often as they would like.

The Rucksack is where the children can access work that has been set by their teacher. This could be for a variety of reasons: to consolidate the area of Maths being taught in lessons; to work on an area identified as needing improvement; or as follow up work to a booster session. The amount of work set by the teacher will therefore greatly vary depending on the individual needs of a child. Your child will be told if they have been set a specific task on Freckle and we will either text or email parents to let them know too.

Freckle allows teachers to closely monitor how children are progressing. We can see how long they are spending on the various activities, questions they are successful at, as well as those that may need extra support in school.

All of the children in Key Stage Two have had a go on Freckle in the last few weeks so know how it works. The feedback has been really positive, particularly as each question comes with options of support, from hearing the question aloud to having a handy hint. There is even the option to work out answers on screen although a paper and pencil will work equally as well!

Your child's login details are attached to this letter. If you have any questions please email Mrs Woodward at [swoodward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.ch.uk](mailto:swoodward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.ch.uk).

This program is part of the ongoing home learning policy at Bewdley Primary. In addition to Freckle, we also encourage the regular use of Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars, as well as daily reading.

Research suggests that the long periods of remote learning over the last 18 months have generally had a negative impact on children's attitudes towards home learning. Because of this, we aim to make the work that we set easy to manage (for both parents and pupils!), and as engaging and as impacting as possible. We thank you in advance for your support in this area.

