



Newsletter

18th February 2022

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Its Half Term next week.
School and Nursery reopen on Monday 28th February.

During the beginning of this half term we have had several outbreaks of Covid and a considerable number of staff who have needed to isolate which has meant a level of disruption again. However, in the past two weeks the cases have dropped considerably and we are getting back on track with 'normal' school life. It has been lovely to do assemblies again and several visits are being planned for next half term and beyond. Volunteers have also started to come back into school to help with reading and other activities which is a great help to learning. We kick off next half term with Book Week (details are being sent out today) which is always lots of fun and exceptionally valuable in promoting positive reading habits.

I hope you have a good half term break!

Communication

We have been reviewing our communication systems and hopefully our new email system is working well – further developments to provide additional information using this system is planned so look out for news of this. Could we please ask that you use the procedures and systems in place when contacting the school as sometimes teachers are receiving a vast quantity of emails which can become unmanageable when they are trying to plan, teach, assess and do all the other essential roles of a teacher.

Here is some guidance on how to get into contact for different reasons:

Absence

If possible:

- Use the dedicated answer phone message system as early as you can in the day and please give as many details as possible so that we do not have to call back to clarify.

If further information is needed:

- Call/Email the school office

Health Update

- Call/Email the school office

Special Requests (e.g. your child is fit for school but can't do specific activities)

- Call/Email the school office

School Dinners

- Call the school office before 9:00 am to make changes or request a meal – please note this may not be possible

Information about an incident that you believe has happened in school

Please note that this should be used **only** if there are significant concerns – please trust that we will manage incidents in line with our First Aid Policy/Behaviour Policy/Bullying Policy etc. and will contact you if we believe the incident is significant enough to do so. Incidents happen on a daily basis and are always managed but we are not able to communicate everything to every parent each time. We will do so if the incident is significant or is part of ongoing concerns.

- **Speak to the class teacher via email/on the door or request a call back by calling the office – please note that it may not be possible for a teacher to call you back if they are teaching through the day but will make contact as soon as they are able**
- **If you are unhappy with the response of the class teacher to the incident please contact the Phase Leader (by email or requesting a call back by calling the office).**

Phase Leaders

Mrs. Haynes – Early Years – jhaynes@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Mr. Pritchard – Key Stage 1 (Years 1/2) – wpritchard@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Mrs. Hares – Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3/4) – mhares@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

Miss. Bradley – Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5/6) – abradley@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk

- **If you do not feel that your concerns have been met by the Phase Leader please contact Mrs. Woakes via email or call the school office**
- **If you are still concerned that policy and procedures have not been followed please follow guidance in the Complaints Policy on the school website.**

Queries about your child's learning

As above

- **If concerns are in regard to a child with SEND needs and you have had initial communication with the class teacher please make contact with Mrs. Bennett (SENDCo)**

Passing on Information (e.g. change in person collecting/child had a difficult night/cancellation of after school club etc.)

- **Contact the school office (telephone or email)**

Please note emails to teachers may not be picked up before school starts so the office is the best place to send information to)

In the case of Rascals – please email using the Rascals email address

Please keep email addresses and telephone numbers updated so we can always contact you if needed.

The door/gate in the morning is not suitable for lengthy discussions or sensitive ones as we want to meet and greet all pupils as they come in. Please arrange a meeting if a longer conversation is needed.

Please look at the website for answers to questions like 'Is it non-uniform day?'

If we feel that the level of communication is unmanageable we may need to refer to the:

Policy for dealing with persistent or vexatious complaints / harassment in schools

on the school website.

We want to ensure that the maximum amount of teacher time is spent planning and delivering high quality learning opportunities. We have nearly 500 children in the school and every one of them (and their parents/carers) are important to us – we need to ensure that everyone has the same dedicated time and care given. Thank you for your help with this.

Book Week 2022



Book Week is one of our favourite weeks of the year, especially as we missed out on joining together last year! This year, we'll be celebrating for the whole week after half term, from Monday 28th February to Friday 4th March.

Bewdley Library Visits for children in Reception – Year 4

Inkpen and Dodd – Monday 28th February
Butterworth and Donaldson – Wednesday 2nd March
Bond, Milne and Potter – Thursday 3rd March
Dahl, Morpurgo and Blyton – Friday 4th March

Book Week Fancy Dress Friday 4th March

(Please note this is not on World Book Day, which is Thursday 4th!)

On the last day of Book Week, children are welcome to come into school dressed as their favourite character or book.

Year 2 will not be having Forest School on this day so will be staying in their costumes throughout the day.

Potato Character Competition Deadline: Friday 4th March

This year, as part of our at-home plans, we're inviting children to re-create a favourite scene or character from a book, using just a potato.

Children can bring their entries into school from Monday 28th February but must be in by 9:30 on Friday 4th March.



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School Newspaper Club

Dear Year 4/5/6, we would like to invite you to our newspaper club. We will be writing articles in groups to do with school events! The first meeting will be held on the Thursday after half term in Blackman class between 12:15 and 12:30. In our first session, we will discuss ideas for articles, such as what our eco committee are doing, school trips and more! You will also have the opportunity to interview other students for our articles.

Meetings will be held by Sophia and Nic from Blackman class.

We hope to see you there! – Nic and Sophia



PE KIT



Please can we remind parent/carers of the correct PE kit for school.

Please send you child to school or for swimming in the correct school PE kit.

This consists of long black joggers, white T-shirt, a dark hoodie or preferably red school hoodie and trainers. Please no cropped tops.



Job Vacancies at Bewdley Primary School

- **School Business Manager**

Full details are on our website – please click on the link below

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=24>

Toast



Toast can now be ordered via Parent Pay. The deadline for ordering is 3pm, Friday 25th February 2022. Unfortunately, orders cannot be placed after this date.



Reception Eye Tests

Monday 14th March

A letter has been sent home with your child with details about your child's vision screening. If you **do not** consent please return the slip to the school office.



Reception Hearing Tests

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th March

A letter has been sent home this week. Please follow the link in the letter to register your child.



Year 3 & 4 Swimming payments

Please remember to pay your contribution towards the cost of swimming for this term via Parent Pay.



Manor Adventure 17th – 19th June

Please remember to pay the balance via parent pay before the trip.



Elmer's Pre-school Nursery

September 2022 intake



Will your child be 3 on or before 31st August 2022?

Applications for places at our Elmer's Pre-school nursery can be found on our website, alternatively please contact Mrs Jones (Nursery Administrator) at nursery@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk who can provide you with a copy.

Deadline for applications is 25th April 2022.

More information about our Elmer's Pre-school nursery can be found on our website.

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New emailing system

You should have received an email from the school office using a new emailing system.

If you have not received this email, check your junk inbox, your first email may have ended up there. Despite hours of trying to resolve this problem we have not been able to. If it has been sent to your junk, you will need to unblock the email or mark as 'Not junk'. Once this is done any future emails should go straight to your inbox.

If you have any problems, please contact the School Office on 01299 403796 or email: office@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk



Bears are loose in the library!

This February half term the library needs your help! Bears have taken over and they will not leave until you complete their challenge!

Step 1: Finish our Treasure Hunt!

Step 2: Borrow 3 books from the library!

Step 3: Give your contact details to a member of staff to enter a rawr-some competition!

