



# Newsletter

## 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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We are into the final half term of the year – how time flies! There are lots of events and activities happening in these last few weeks so please keep an eye out in newsletters and on the website.

This week Year 5 have been presenting their Titanic Exhibition and next week there are trips out for Year 2 and 3 and at the end of the week Year 4 pupils will be going to Manor Adventure for the weekend.

Please could we remind you about the guidance with regard to Requests for Absence during term time as we have had quite a lot of children going on holiday over recent weeks. [Government policy](#) states:

### When your child can miss school

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- They're too ill to go in
- You've got advance permission from the school

### Holidays in term time

You have to get permission from the Head Teacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time.

You can only do this if:

- You make an application to the head teacher in advance (as a parent the child normally lives with)
- There are exceptional circumstances

It is up to the Head Teacher how many days your child can be away from school if leave is granted. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without the school's permission.

It is important to note that leave can only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances' and that you need to 'make an application in advance'.

### **Our school policy says,**

*There is no authorisation given for holidays taken in school time unless deemed to be in exceptional circumstances. Common examples are where parents are members of the armed forces or emergency services where leave is fixed, or where written evidence can be produced from employers stating that holiday leave can only be granted in term time dates. Applications for leave of absence should be made on the form obtained from the school office – this needs to be done at least 3 weeks before the holiday is due to start and holidays should not be booked until authorisation is given. Every application will be considered on its own merits. A decision will be provided in writing. The criteria used is imposed by government legislation.*

It is very unlikely that holiday request will be authorised but we still need to see the application and reasons. Unauthorised absences of more than 5 days may result in a fine being issued – this is for each parent for each child absent.

We understand that family holidays are important but would ask – particularly as children have missed so much school time over the past 2 years – that these are taken in the 13 weeks school holidays. We also sympathise with the frustration of the cost increases in school holiday periods but it is really important that children attend school on every day they are able to.



### Sun Protection

We have had one or two lovely, sunny days and hopefully will get a few more before the end of the term. It is, therefore, important to remind everyone about how we can keep the children safe in the sun. This year we are lucky to have a few more sheltered areas available during playtimes and lunchtimes that children can sit in out of the sun. However, for many they love to run around during these times. In line with our [Sun Protection Policy](#) we would ask that parents provide a suitable hat and sunglasses for use outdoors during sunny days. Additionally, this is our guidance for sunscreen:

- The advice to parents is to apply a high protection (Factor 50/60) sunscreen to children before they leave home and that this should offer adequate protection (unless they go swimming or take showers) for the day
- Where necessary (e.g. medical conditions), parents can complete a medical form advising us of the need for their child to reapply suntan lotion during the day. Where this is the case, the sunscreen must be in a labelled bottle with your child's name and class and must be given to the class teacher on arrival. Children will be expected to apply the sunscreen themselves and will not be allowed to share sunscreen with other children. In cases where children are unable to apply their sunscreen to the necessary level of protection, signed consent must be given to school so application can then be made by a member of staff – this will be the case particularly for children in Early Years. (Appendix A in the policy). Where staff agree to do this, they will do their best to ensure appropriate coverage but cannot be held responsible for any allergic reaction or missed areas on the body

If it is a very hot day, we will also limit the children's time outside. Children have access to water throughout the school day and we will continue to encourage them to drink plenty especially on hot days.

We will talk about staying safe in the sun with the children in assembly next week.

Thank you for your help!



Our residential trip to Arete is fast approaching (if you just count school weeks, that is!) and we are starting to get really excited!

We will be holding a pre-residential information meeting on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm** to give you more detailed information about the trip and to give you the opportunity to ask any questions. Before this date, your child will bring home a paper copy of the forms that will need to be completed and returned to us at the meeting.

Just a reminder that the balance of the trip is due no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to those who have already paid.

#### Dates for the Diary:

Monday 13 June – Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle  
Friday 17 June – Sunday 19 June – Year 4 trip to Manor Adventure  
Friday 17 June – Year 3 trip to Black Country Living Museum  
W/C June 27<sup>th</sup> & W/C 4<sup>th</sup> July – Bikeability  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Blyton class trip to Bewdley Museum  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Morpurgo class trip to Bewdley Museum  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weight checks  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm – Arete Residential meeting  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – PTFA Summer Fair  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Swimming Assembly – by invitation only  
W/C 18<sup>th</sup> July – Commonwealth and Sports Week  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 summer production



#### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Please remember that the last date for orders for leavers hoodies is Friday 17 June. The item must be paid for on Parentpay by this date.

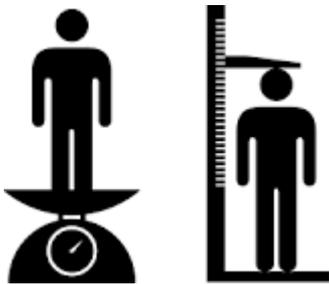


## Employment Opportunities at Bewdley Primary School

Fancy a career with Bewdley Primary?

We currently have some vacancies with Bewdley Primary, from Family Support Worker to Teaching Assistants.

If you would like to see the posts available, please refer to the website



### Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Parents are asked to sign up to the [School Screener Parent Portal](#) prior to the session (link above)



# Freckle at BPS....

by Renaissance

We have been using Freckle in Key Stage Two (Years 3,4,5, and 6) for almost two terms. It has been used as a home learning tool with teachers setting a weekly task in the 'Rucksack' linked to learning that has happened in the classroom. It has also been used as a classroom tool for both extra practise and to set more challenging activities.

Currently we are evaluating its effect on the children's progress and attainment, but we also want to know how parents and carers have found using Freckle at home.

We would really appreciate it if you could you complete this quick survey – click on your child's class:

Blackman <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FJ6CGG3>  
Carroll <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3QHNWB9>  
Lewis <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3Q6685F>  
Rowling <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FQYY8ZL>  
Blyton <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3WVNL9H>  
Morpurgo <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3WM3BZ8>  
Dahl <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3WNNSNG>  
Potter <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3WGFSDK>



## Y2-5 TTRS Tournament results...so far!

### Round 1



### Round 2



### The final round - Round 3 – started on Wednesday!



	Games won	Total points
Bond	★	24
Milne		26
Potter	★	289
Dahl	★ ★	472
Morpurgo		886
Blyton	★ ★	827
Lewis		227
Rowling	★ ★	860

## GOVERNOR NEWS

We hope you all enjoyed the half-term break and are ready for the run up to the long Summer Holidays. We know there is plenty happening at school in those last few weeks. The BPS Governors were pleased to return to face-to-face meetings for the first time since Covid restrictions prevented us having meetings in school. We met on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the new Learning Hub centre – a great facility for the school. Thank you, Mrs Bennett for the use of this – it will probably become our permanent venue as it was so pleasant!

The focus of this meeting was a curriculum one and those Governors who are designated links with each Key Stage presented their reports, following meetings with the Key Stage staff leaders. Miss Bradley thanked those Governors who had assisted with the SATs.

The Governors voted to co-opt a new Governor, Stuart Meese, who will be joining the next meeting in July. Ian Williams was re-appointed as the Local Authority Governor. This position is nominated by the local councillor for the school's area, Ian Hardiman. Ian Williams is a hard-working Governor, always in and around school whenever he can help. You can find out who the Governors are in our section on the school web-page, which also gives the contact details for communication.

The board will be working closely with our new School Manager, Nikki Walker, who will be assisting the Finance and Personnel committee which meets each half-term. She will keep our section on the web-site up-to date and help the board make sure that statutory policies are constantly reviewed and on our web-site. We look forward to working with her in the coming months.

It was lovely to hear about the plans for the Jubilee Concert and those that attended gave glowing reports. As ever, the Governors would like to thank all the staff for their continued hard work.



**We currently have school places available in  
Year 2 and Year 3.**

To apply for a school place please contact  
school admissions on  
01905 844111