



Monday, 16th June, 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

With less than 2 weeks to go, excitement is building for Bewdley Carnival! The children have been learning the songs for the last few weeks and their dance sessions will be starting soon. All children are able to take part in our creative arts week, even if they are not able to attend the carnival on the day itself.

What do they need to wear?

Under the Sea costumes can be as simple or as complicated as you'd like, but please make sure the children can sit down and walk whilst wearing them! Similarly, our songs and dances have quite a few swinging arm movements, so please ensure any props are easy to carry and unlikely to take another child's eye out!

What time do they need to be where?

We're meeting at the old Mercure Heath Hotel on Habberley Road at 10:45am. We're hoping to be one of the last floats in the parade so it should be relatively easy to find us! Please don't arrive any earlier as we can't guarantee that staff will be there to take responsibility for the children. The parade itself starts at 12pm.

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What do I (as a parent) need to do?

You need to **drop your child off at the old Mercure Heath Hotel on Habberley Road at 10:45am**. We do not have the space at the drop-off point for parents to remain as well however there will be many members of school staff there to ensure the safety of the children.

Please ensure you have filled the consent form in by Thursday 26th June to avoid having to stand and do it on the day.

<https://forms.office.com/e/JjwTStcjVj>

We will then meet up with parents again at *approximately 1pm* at **Bewdley Medical Centre car park**. Please be patient when collecting children as it's quite the operation to return everyone safely when there are so many people milling about.

What about food and drinks?

Please make sure your child is fed before they are dropped off! We'll have some snacks and drinks at the drop-off point but please do not send any packed lunches or water bottles. Please ensure they've used the toilet beforehand too as limited toileting facilities are available on the day!

Who is on the float and who will be walking in the parade?

We've made the decision that our youngest children in Reception will be sat on cushions on the float, due to the length of the parade. As part of the consent form, Reception parents will need to give their consent for their child to travel on the lorry. If not, then those children can walk with the remainder of the school. Children on the float will be accompanied by many school staff. All other children will be dancing and singing along to the songs they've been learning in school. Children will be accompanied by school staff at all times.

Can parents and younger siblings join you too?

We have enough school staff to ensure that the children will be safe at all times. Therefore, parents and adults can drop their child off at 10:45, enjoy the parade from the side lines and just meet us at 1pm at Bewdley Medical Centre car park.

Please do not try to walk along with us as it can get really crowded, particularly as we walk through the town!

We would love for you to send us any photos you take of BPS at the parade – we're really hoping it's going to look absolutely brilliant.

If you have any questions about the event, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Miss Bradley on head@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk