BEARWOOD
Primary and Nursery School
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Bearwood Bulletin
Wednesday 28th February 2024

REMINDER - Parents Evenings
Parent Evenings are taking place next week on Tuesday 5th March (3:45pm – 7pm) and Thursday 7th March (4:30pm – 7:30pm). Please book a slot to meet with your child's class teacher via MCAS and let the school office know if you are having difficulties booking a slot. Thank you.

REMINDER - Additional INSET day – Friday 24th May
All schools in the Hillary Partnership of Hamwic Education Trust will be closed on Friday 24th May 2024 to facilitate a partnership training event. Therefore, Bearwood Primary and Nursery School will be closed for pupils on this day. Thank you for your on-going support.

REMINDER – Parking on the roads near school
We have had several complaints and photos regarding parking and these show parents parking over driveways and on pavements. Please park safely and be considerate and kind to our residents when dropping off and picking up from school.

REMINDER - Parent Parking Promise – Please help us to keep our community safe
There is still time to sign up to our 'Parent Parking Promise' – please click this link to find out more and to log your information: https://forms.office.com/e/4Zbk7dGe9y

Get ready for Spring!
In this week's communication there is a useful guide for getting 'bike ready' for the Spring. This leaflet offers guidance for how to check your bike, helmet and general bike maintenance.

Date for your diaries - Dr Bike – 19th March
On 19th March, we will have a "Dr Bike" day to ensure that children and staff have a roadworthy bike in time for Spring. These checks and minor repairs will be **free of charge**. All pupils are welcome to bring their bikes in on the day. More information will follow over the next couple of weeks.

Online Safety – Whats App
We are aware that many children have smart phones, and that some have access to WhatsApp. One major concern with WhatsApp is that the recommended age is 13, but many children as young as 6 or 7 are using the service. The maturity of users is a real concern when using the App because once videos, images and voice messages are shared, the users receiving them can then do what they want with them. This has implications

for the future and most children do not have the maturity levels to fully understand what this means for them as they grown into young adults.

Whilst you may feel that WhatsApp is suitable for your child, please be mindful of how they use this app. You may feel that it would be appropriate to monitor their activity, ensuring that they communicate with kindness.

Measles – is your family protected?

You will find included this week, a fact sheet on measles including more information on the symptoms and the MMR vaccination. It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS, whatever your age. You can protect your community - staff, carers and children - by encouraging uptake of the MMR vaccine which can be accessed via GP surgeries.

Safeguarding Team

At Bearwood Primary & Nursery School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We are fully committed to ensuring that consistent effective safeguarding procedures are in place to support families, children and staff in the school community.

If you are worried about a child or need to contact a member of the Safeguarding Team then please call the school office on 01202 590703 or email: school@bearwood.poole.sch.uk

Our Safeguarding Team
Mrs Smith - Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Lyster - SENCO / Pupil Engagement & Welfare Officer / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Goodfellow – Acting Deputy Head / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead