



BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Staffing News

At the end of this half term, we will see some changes to staffing at Bearwood.

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Johnstone, one of our amazing teaching assistants, who is relocating with her family. We will also be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Pitcher, our super Receptionist and Administrator, who will be leaving for a new venture. Please join us in wishing them both well in their future next steps and look fondly on their time with us. They have both been such great members of the Bearwood family.

I am delighted to inform the whole school community that Miss Mansbridge is expecting her first child – due very soon! She will be starting her maternity leave in the next couple of weeks. As previously shared with parents / carers of Maple 1 class, Miss Bristowe and Mr Vivian are covering Maple 1 class.

As previously shared, Mrs Lyster is also expecting her first child and will also be starting her Maternity Leave at the end of this term. We welcome Mrs Clarke, a very experienced SENCO, to the team who will be covering the SENCO aspects of Mrs Lyster's role during her Maternity Leave. Please join us in wishing both Miss Mansbridge and Mrs Lyster well as they prepare for the arrival of their little ones.

REMINDER – World Book Day - TOMORROW Thursday 7th March.

Children are invited to come dressed as a book character tomorrow - Thursday 7th March. Alternatively, they can come to school in PJs as a “bedtime reader”.

REMINDER - Informing the school of a change of pick up

As per our safeguarding procedures, please ensure that you inform the school office if there is a change of pick up for your child / children especially if they are due to be attending a club that day. The office will then ensure that the class teachers and any club leaders are informed. Thank you.

Bearwood 5 Minute Walking Map

To help encourage active travel and to ease congestion on the roads in the immediate vicinity of the school, the School Council have worked together to create a 5 minute walking map which we have included in our communication today. Please consider using this map to ‘park and stride’. Please park safely and be considerate and kind to the residents in our local area.

SUSTRANS Big Walk and Wheel 11th – 22nd March

Next week sees the start of the SUSTRANS Big Walk and Wheel event – encouraging us to use active travel to get to and from school. In today’s email communication, you will find a letter and a poster which explains more about this event.



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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. This will be taking place during the Sustrans Big Walk and wheel and will be a great opportunity to get your bike roadworthy for the Spring / Summer season.

Date for your diary - Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March

On Red Nose Day, children will be invited to wear something red, in addition to school uniform, in return for a £1 donation on the gate or through our “Just Giving” page. On the day, each class will have a circle time where they can share a joke with their friends. Please support your child in finding a joke for this session.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/bearwood-primary-and-nursery-school-1709572865736?utm_term=mRY9jA8nW



Date for diary – Holly 1 – Thursday 21st March

After school on Thursday 21st March, Holly 1 parents are invited to come in for a briefing on the Phonics Screening, which is a statutory check for all Year 1 children. There will be information on how the screening is carried out and tips on how to support your child at home.

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



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