



Bearwood News

Autumn Term

Friday 11th September 2020

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What a busy start to the term it has been. Everyone is settling into their routines really well. Thank you very much for bearing with us during this period of adjustment. Your help and support is much appreciated. We haven't got it right all of the time, but we are trying very hard to improve or change anything that is needed.

Reception Children

We are looking forward to welcoming Reception children in for a full day next week. Reception children do not need to bring lunch. Sandwiches, fruit, a yoghurt and crisps will be provided for children. The sandwiches will be made by our brilliant cook Anne and I do urge you to use this service rather than bring own packed lunches. All allergies and diets will be catered for.

We will **not** be starting after school club for Reception children until Monday 21st September. I apologise for any inconvenience. It will start on this date for one hour until 4.30pm.

Year 1 and Year 2 Children

Please remember Year 1 and Year 2 children do not need to bring their own lunch either. Our cook is providing wonderful packed lunches for these children too.

Just a few things for everyone to remember to help the day run smoothly.

- ◆ The office remains closed to parents, unless by prior arrangement. Please ring or email.
- ◆ All children should bring a clearly labelled water bottle.
- ◆ Those children bringing packed lunch should bring a small lunch box only that fits on the lunch box trolleys.
- ◆ No other bags or belongings should be brought to school.. See reading books below
- ◆ On the day of your child's p.e lesson, they should come to school in their p.e kit to be worn all day.
- ◆ Please do not send children with their own hand sanitiser. This is dangerous if swallowed. We do have many, many had sanitising station around school and children are sanitising their hands on the way into the building, after play, after p.e and before eating and at any other time when necessary.
- ◆ Year Group Bubbles . We are rigorously following all Government guidelines. Your child does not mix with any other child in a different year group. This has taken a lot of meticulous organisation, but by doing this we are hopefully limiting the number of children that would be affected by any positive case.

READING BOOKS

- ◆ Reading Books—We will be sending reading books home on **MONDAYS** and ask that they are returned on **THURSDAYS**. Please return books with the reading journal—but not in a bag.
- ◆ We will then send different reading books that have been quarantined on **THURSDAYS** . Please bring these back on **MONDAYS**. (These will then be quarantined)

Thank you very much for helping to make the end of the day so much better. To all of you who have been extremely patient, we very much appreciate it.

Just a reminder about end of day times.....

- 2.50pm Year 6 and **Year 1 children**
- 2.55pm Year 5 and **Year 2 children**
- 3.00pm Year 4 children
- 3.05pm Year 3 children
- 3.10pm Reception children
- 3.15pm Afternoon Nursery children

Some good news

Congratulations to Miss Reeson who got married during the summer holidays and is now Mrs Vickers.

After school club

After school club will start on Monday 14th September for those children we have confirmed have a place in Years 1 –6.

Children's Illnesses

We know that now children are back at school, they will pick up colds and bugs. We are asking that if a child has any kind of catchable illness that you please keep them at home until they are well. We are advising that you seek medical advice through 111 or your GP. Only children with COVID symptoms should be being considered for a test.

COVID-19

Sandwell's advice goes further than Government guidelines. Here it is.....



UPDATED COVID-19 ADVICE FOR SANDWELL

-  You don't need to continue to shield - but do follow all government advice
-  Do not have non-essential visitors in your home
-  If you have symptoms, self-isolate at home and book a test
-  Continue to keep yourself, your family and others safe





