



# Bearwood News

*Autumn Term*

*Friday 19th March 2021*

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It was fantastic to take Year 5 swimming this week. On the way out I asked them if they remembered how to swim. "It's been a year Miss," commented one child. How true I thought, but how wonderful that finally we can take baby steps back to normality.

The reason we can do this is because rates of Covid –19 continue to fall, albeit slowly, in our local area because you are all following the lockdown rules.

I can't thank you enough, because it is so important that our children are back at school, having fun, learning and even swimming.

## **Book bags**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may bring in their green book bags to help carry their reading books, as we realise it is harder for small hands to juggle everything. We still ask that older children do not bring in bags, as there is much less room in the classrooms.

**Thank you very much to all our parents who walk to school  
To those who absolutely need to drive, thank you for driving and parking  
courteously.**

To the parents who do not behave courteously and who think it is their right to stop anywhere in the road and honk their horns in a morning impatiently—**please stop**. The noise and nuisance in a morning and at the end of the school day is upsetting our neighbours and is reflecting badly on the school.

The behaviour of a tiny minority of parents is shocking and appalling.

To help the situation we are asking you to park properly away from the school and give yourself time to **walk to the school gates**.

We will also now open the gates for five minutes more from **8.40am** until **8.55am** in the morning to try to alleviate congestion.

## **Breakfast Club**

We are considering resuming Breakfast Club after Easter. Breakfast Club would start at 8.00am and we would be asking you to drop your child off at 8.00am **only**, not at any time between 8.00am and the start of school as previously.

In order to see if this is possible, I need to find out how many parents would be interested in Breakfast Club. If you are interested and would like further details, please email

## **Week beginning Monday 22nd March**

### **School Dinners for Years 1 2 3 4 5 and 6**

School dinners for Years 1 2 3 4 5 and 6 are now being served in the dining room and large hall from the serving trollies by the kitchen staff. Children have a choice of at least two hot options and a variety of potatoes, pasta or rice and vegetables, which they choose at the servery.

### **School Dinners for Reception Children**

Reception children will continue to have one hot option and a sandwich option each day. There will be a variety of desserts.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, if you want a meal from the kitchen, whether you are a paid dinner or not, you must book on Parent Pay.**

**If you do not do this, the kitchen does not know that your child wants a meal. The office has been doing this for many parents, it would be really supportive if parents could please do this. Mrs Klair is here to help.**

	<b>Hot choice for everyone</b>	<b>Second hot choice for Years 1 –6</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Fish fingers, roast potatoes and peas	Jacket potato, cheese and salad
<b>Tuesday</b>	Vegetarian sausage, potatoes and vegetables	Tasty bean burger, mash and vegetable medley
<b>Wednesday</b>	Fish star and savoury vegetable rice	Quorn and sweet potato curry with rice and naan
<b>Thursday</b>	Pizza wedges and sweetcorn	Quorn fingers , wedges and sweetcorn
<b>Friday</b>	Quorn nuggets, chips and vegetables	Vegetarian sausage roll, chips and beans

## Rapid Covid-19 testing for adults who live with school age children



**Back to School**

*Get into the habit of getting yourself tested.*

**Families with children at Sandwell primary schools, secondary schools and colleges can now collect free rapid Covid-19 tests for adults in the household to use at home.**

**\*Collection from testing sites**

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The image features a young girl in a school uniform smiling on the left side. The background is dark blue with white and green text. A red banner contains the slogan 'Get into the habit of getting yourself tested.' The main text is in white and green, and the URL is in white on a red background.

Adults with school aged children can now get free rapid Covid-19 tests to use at home. Sandwell Council is asking adults with children to test themselves every three or four days.

You can pick up boxes of these tests from testing sites in Smethwick, Tipton and West Bromwich now - no need to book, just collect them between 1.30pm and 7pm any day.

Collect your tests from:

- Car park, St Paul s Road, Smethwick, B66 1EG
- Car park in Jubilee Park, Powis Avenue, Tipton, DY4 0RL
- Car park, Temple Street, West Bromwich, B70 9AF